

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Venmar Ventilation Inc Recalls Heat Recovery Ventilators Due to Fire Hazard

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Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 441-4645

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of product: Heat Recovery Ventilators

Units: About 75,000

Manufacturer: Venmar Ventilation Inc., of Quebec, Canada

Manufactured in: Canada

Hazard: The motors in these units can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Venmar Ventilation has received four reports of ventilator motors overheating resulting in fires causing extensive property damage. One incident in Michigan reportedly resulted in about \$1 million in damages.

Description: Heat Recovery Ventilators are designed to exchange air between the inside and outside of a home in order to provide fresh air. The recall covers units made from 1991 through 2001, and have the following brand names and model numbers:

Brand: Models

Venmar: AEXX, EARC, 1XX, 30X, 40X, 40XXX

Venmar: AVS 1.X, 2.X, 30XX, 55XX

Flair: 30, 30XX, 55, 55XX, 85115

vane: 10, 1XX, 100X, 20, 20XX, 30XX, 90

Conformax: 300, 350, 400

NuTone: NUTR130

Carrier Bryant: VXXXXXXXXX, ERVXXXXXXXXX or HRVXXXXXXXXX

Payne Day & Night: VXXXXXXXXX

Heil: HEILXXXXX

York: 5263554XXXX

Sears Brand: OPTIMUM

Guardian by Broan: 100X, 200X

Rheem, Ruud, Protech, Weatherking: 84-ERV100, 84-ERV200, 84-HRV100, 84-HRV200

The model numbers are written on a silver or black label on the outside of panel. The “X” digit used in the model numbers can be either a letter or a number.

Sold by: Heating, plumbing and building supply distributors nationwide from January 1991 through December 2001 for between \$700 and \$2,500.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately turn off and unplug their ventilators, and contact Venmar to receive instructions on how to participate in the recall. Venmar will provide a free safety device that will shut off the ventilator if the motor overheats.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Venmar Ventilation toll-free at (866) 441-4645 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm’s Web site at <http://www.venmar.ca>

To see this recall on CPSC’s web site, including pictures of the recalled product, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml07/07143.html>



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