

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Honeywell Recalls Gas Valves Used in Decorative Fireplaces and Stoves Due To Burn Hazard

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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: Gas Valves Used in Decorative Fireplaces and Stoves

Units: About 4,000

Manufacturer: Honeywell International Inc., of Morristown, N.J.

Hazard: The activation knob on the valve can be left in a position between OFF and PILOT, which can cause the pilot gas to leak and accumulate prior to burner ignition. This can pose the risk of thermal burns to consumers when they light the pilot of the fireplace or stove.

Incidents/Injuries: Honeywell has received one report of gas accumulating and combusting when the consumer lit the fireplace, resulting in a minor injury when the hair in the back of the consumer's hand was singed.

Description and Models: This recall involves gas valves used in liquid-propane-fueled decorative fireplaces and Franklin-type stoves. These stoves and fireplaces have direct pressure relief vents via a spring-loaded door. Fireplaces and stoves with a side or rear vent are not included in this recall. The recalled valves were installed in these fireplaces and stoves.

Sold at: Honeywell sold the gas valves exclusively to original equipment manufacturers for use in fireplaces and stoves from April 2004 through August 2007. Those manufacturers sold fireplaces and stoves at retailers nationwide.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the product immediately and contact Honeywell for information on how to receive a free inspection and replacement valve.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Honeywell at (800) 939-4836 between 9 a.m. and 5p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at www.nvp-hearth.honeywell.com

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml08/08003.html>



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