

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps Recalled by Carrier Due to Fire 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: Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners (PTAC) and Heat Pumps (PTHP)

Units: About 185,000

Manufacturer: Carrier Corp., of Farmington, Conn.

Hazard: An electric heater in the unit can break, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Carrier has received five reports of electric heater failures, resulting in fires contained to the unit. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Carrier-brand packaged terminal air conditioners (PTAC) and packaged terminal heat pumps (PTHP) manufactured between 2001 and 2005. Model numbers included in the recall are 52C, 52P, and unbranded model 84 units sold through the Bryant and FAST channels. Serial and model numbers are located on the rating/data plate on the right front of the unit, underneath the removable front panel. A complete list of the serial numbers involved in this recall can be found at www.carrierptacrecall.com. The units were sold with 208/230 and 265 volts, and have capacities of 7,000, 9,000, 12,000, and 15,000 BTUs.

Sold by: HVAC dealers and factory-direct sales from January 2002 through December 2006 for between \$425 and \$675.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the heating mode of the recalled units until they are inspected in accordance with Carrier's inspection instructions, which can be found at www.carrierptarecall.com. Consumers should contact Carrier to receive a free repair.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Carrier at (800) 761-8492 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.carrierptarecall.com

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including a picture of the recalled product, please go to:
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml08/08073.html>



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