

# **Safety Alert Bulletin**

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## **North American Breaker Co Recalls Counterfeit Circuit Breakers Due to Fire Hazard**

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Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 505-5851  
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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: Counterfeit Circuit Breakers labeled as "Square D"

Units: About 50,000

Distributor/Retailer: North American Breaker Co. Inc. (NABCO), of Burbank, Calif.

Hazard: The recalled circuit breakers labeled "Square D" have been determined by Square D to be counterfeit and can fail to trip when they are overloaded, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The counterfeit circuit breakers are black and are labeled as Square D QO-series models 110, 115, 120, 130, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 250, 260, 280, 1515, 1520, 2020, 2125, 315, 340, 350, 360, and 3100. Actual Square D circuit breakers have (a) the amp rating written on the handle in white paint on the front of the breaker; (b) the Square D insignia molded onto the breaker side, and; (c) a yellow chromate mounting clip with half of the top of the clip visible. If your breaker, labeled as Square D, does not match this description, it could be counterfeit.

Sold by: NABCO, electrical distributors, and retailers nationwide from March 2003 through April 2006 for between \$3 and \$85.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should contact NABCO to determine if the breaker they have is counterfeit and to arrange for a free inspection and replacement or refund if necessary.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact NABCO at (866) 505-5851 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT, e-mail the firm at [recall@nabreaker.com](mailto:recall@nabreaker.com), or visit the firm's Web site at [www.nabcocall.com](http://www.nabcocall.com) - this is not a Square D Company recall.

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/prhtml08/08151.html>



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