



GAS VENT DAMPERS RECALLED BY EFFIKAL DUE TO CARBON MONOXIDE HAZARD

Release #09-008

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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: Automatic Gas Vent Dampers

Units: About 45,000

Manufacturer: Effikal LLC, of Orion, Mich.

Hazard: The automatic gas vent damper could fail, and if the blocked vent switch does not activate, the vent could leak carbon monoxide (CO). This poses a risk of CO poisoning to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall involves Effikal RVGP-PC Gas Vent Damper size 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 which are installed with the gas boiler systems listed below. The vent damper date code is located on a sticker under the motor assembly cap on the plastic base. Serial numbers are located on a label on the side of the damper's cap. All sizes and models of the RVGP-PC have the same motor assembly with black Effikal caps and black plastic bases.

Manufacturer | Atmospheric Gas Boiler Models | Vent Damper Date Codes | Vent Damper Serial Numbers

Allied Engineering | MG, MS and SG Series | 0728 through 0809 | 3588428 through 3687571

Burnham | Series 2b, Series 8h, and Independence except Independence PV | 0728-0738 | 3588428-3647820

Crown | AWI, CWI and BSI Series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Hydro Therm | R/MR, VGA, VS and HW Series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Laars | JV Series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Lochinvar | CBN Solution Series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

RBI | Spectrum Series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Smith | GB and HW Series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

New Yorker | CG and CGS Series | 0728-0738 | 3588428-3647827

Peerless | MI, 63 and GM series | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Raypak | Series XV-42-180, Series V-181-260 and 182-261, Series VII-133 | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Union Steam | GWA and GSA | 0728-0809 | 3588428-3687571

Weil-McLain | CGa, EG, and PFG Series | 0728-0738 | 3588428-3647830

WilliamsonThermoflo | GWA and GSA s | 0728-0738 | 3588428-3647831

Sold by: Plumbing and heating wholesale distributors to plumbers and contractors nationwide from August 2007 through July 2008 for between \$1,000 and \$4,000 for the boilers. Gas vent dampers were sold as part of the gas boiler systems.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: : Consumers should immediately stop using the boilers, weather permitting, and contact their installer to confirm they have a recalled vent damper and to receive a free vent damper replacement.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Effikal toll-free at (866) 790-3739, or visit the firm's Web site at www.effikal.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/prhtml09/09008.html>



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