

Safety Alert Bulletin

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Scott Electric Co. Inc. Recalls Counterfeit Circuit Breakers Due To Fire Hazard

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Firm's Recall Hotline: (877) 222-0473

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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 "Square D" Circuit Breakers

Units: About 30,000

Distributor/Retailer: Scott Electric Co. Inc., of Greensburg, Pa.

Manufactured in: China

Hazard: The recalled circuit breakers labeled "Square D" are counterfeit and might not trip when they are overloaded, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Scott Electric Co. is not aware of any incidents or injuries associated with these counterfeit circuit breakers.

Description: The counterfeit circuit breakers include Square D QO-series models 115, 120, 130, 160, 215, 230, 260, 1515, and 1520. Actual Square D circuit breakers have (a) the amp rating written on the handle in white paint on the front of the breaker; (b) on the side of the breaker, where wire terminal screw is located, the arc shoot opening should have squared corners with the bottom edge of the opening angled up; (c) the mounting clip should be yellow chromate with half of the top of the clip visible; and (d) the Square D insignia should be molded onto the breaker. If your Square D breaker does not match this description, it could be counterfeit.

Sold through: Scott Electric Co. distributor locations throughout Pennsylvania and Texas from May 2005 through May 2006 for between \$4 and \$25.

Remedy: Consumers should contact Scott Electric Co. to arrange for a free inspection and if necessary, replacement or refund.

Consumer Contact: To arrange for a free inspection or for additional information, contact Scott Electric toll-free at (877) 222-0473 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or log on to:

<http://www.scottelectricusa.com>

- consumers and contractors can also obtain additional information by e-mailing Scott Electric at:

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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/prhtml07/07036.html>



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