

INTERNATIONAL AND AMERICAN FLAME ANNOUNCE A VOLUNTARY RECALL OF LACE GAS VALVES APB-07-08

In cooperation with CSA International, American Flame, Inc., of Fort Wayne, Indiana is voluntarily recalling approximately 12,000 fireplace gas valves in North America. The valves can continue to allow gas flow through the pilot when the valve has been switched to "OFF" posing a fire or explosion hazard. Consumers should stop using the fireplaces with the affected valves immediately and turn off the gas supply.

American Flame has received two reports of incidents involving valve failure and continuous gas flow. No injuries or fires have been reported.

The recall involves American Flame AF-4000 series fireplace gas valves installed in residential fireplaces made by twelve manufacturers under the following brand names: Pacific Energy, Travis Industries, CFM Corporations, Canadian Heating Products, Portland-Willamette, Rasmussen, Chimeneas de Columbia, Twin Eagles, FDM, Inca Metals (Savannah Heating), Even Temp, and Valley Comfort. The valves were installed in some but not all fireplaces. Date codes included in the recall include 0622 through 0718. The gas valve model number is located on the bottom of each gas valve. The date code is located above the label.

The products involved were sold by fireplace retailers and distributors nationwide from September 2006 through July 2007. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled fireplaces and contact their dealer for a free repair. The repair involves replacing the fireplace's valve if it leaks in the "OFF" position when tested by a qualified service technician. For more information, consumers should contact American Flame toll-free at (888) 672-8929 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, to determine if their fireplace is included in the recall and to arrange for a free repair.

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