

California State Fire Marshal Information Bulletin



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Maple Chase Co. Recalls Carbon Monoxide and Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Combo Alarms Due to Alarm Malfunction

On May 15, 2008, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Maple Chase Company, of Plain City, Ohio has announced a voluntary recall (Release #08-267) of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: FireX Branded **10000 Series** Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms and **12000 Series** CO/Smoke Combo Alarms

Units: About 280,000

Manufacturer: Maple Chase Company, of Plain City, Ohio

Hazard: The recalled alarms can sound a “double chirp”/fault alarm in the presence of CO, prior to going into full alarm. Upon hearing a double chirp, the Owner’s Manual instructions recommend a consumer take the alarm out of service, which could expose consumers to hazardous levels of CO and suffer injury or death.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: The recall includes FireX branded 10000 and 12000 series alarms with item numbers: 10000, 12000, 12000C, 12000-6, 12200, 12220, 12400, 12400C manufactured between June 1, 2007 and February 1, 2008. The date code appears on the back of the unit with a four digit year, three digit

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month followed by the day (ex: 2007JUN1 for June 1, 2007). Units with a manufacture date code prior to June 1, 2007 are not included in this recall.

Sold: Commercial electrical distributors and electrical contractors and builders for installation into new home construction. A limited number of units were sold at Menard's nationwide from June 2007 through February 2008 for about \$20 (10000 series) and \$30 (12000 series).

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should contact Maple Chase immediately to receive a free comparable replacement alarm and make arrangements to return their recalled alarms. Consumers should not take the alarms out of service until they receive the replacement alarm.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact **Maple Chase toll-free at (888) 879-3906** between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or go to the firm's Web site at www.firexsafety.com

If you have further questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Ben Ho, CAL-FIRE's Chief of Fire Engineering, at ben.ho@fire.ca.gov or (916) 445-8312.

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