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CPSC, Chemetronics Caribe Inc. Announce Recall of Heat Detectors

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Chemetronics Caribe Inc. of Luquillo, Puerto Rico, is recalling 12,000 STARGARD AT Series dual contact heat detectors. Heat detectors monitor room temperature to provide an alarm in the event of fire. The recalled heat detectors can fail to operate properly, not detecting the presence of fire.

Chemetronics Caribe has received one report that a heat detector failed to operate in a field test, but no injuries have been reported as a result of their use.

The heat detectors are components of a fire detection alarm system. They are primarily a commercial product and not sold for home use. The Series 400 STARGARD AT dual contact heat detectors are round, white plastic disks about 4 1/2 inches in diameter. At the center of the device is a three-level round metal disk. "STARGARD AT" is written in small, gray type beside the metal disk, along with the company name. The recalled heat detectors have one of the following date codes stamped on their side:

"0594" through "1294"

"W1-Y95" through "W52-Y95"

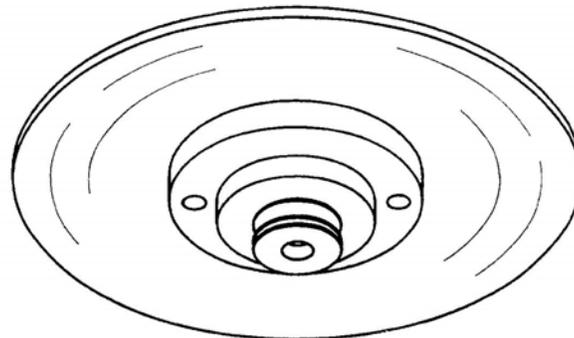
"W1-Y96" through "W52-Y96"

"W1-Y97" through "W22-Y97."

Distributors of fire detection equipment sold these heat detectors nationwide from May 1994 through May 1997.

Consumers should stop using these heat detectors immediately and call Chemetronics Caribe at (800) 496-8383 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. EDT Monday through Friday for free replacement of the heat detectors and installation arrangements.

STARGARD A Series and other Chemetronics products are not affected by this recall.



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To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.