



Kidde Recalls Fire Extinguishers with Plastic Handles Due to Failure to Discharge and Nozzle Detachment: One Death Reported



Recall Summary

Name of product:

Kidde fire extinguishers with plastic handles

Hazard:

The fire extinguishers can become clogged or require excessive force to discharge and can fail to activate during a fire emergency. In addition, the nozzle can detach with enough force to pose an impact hazard.

Remedy:

Replace

Recall date:

November 2, 2017

Recall number:

18-022

Consumer Contact:

Kidde toll-free at 855-271-0773 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ET Saturday and Sunday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on “Product Safety Recall” for more information.

Recall Details

In Conjunction With:



Description:

This recall involves two styles of Kidde fire extinguishers: plastic handle fire extinguishers and push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers.

Plastic handle fire extinguishers: The recall involves 134 models of Kidde fire extinguishers manufactured between January 1, 1973 and August 15, 2017, including models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. The extinguishers were sold in red, white and silver, and are either ABC- or BC-rated. The model number is printed on the fire extinguisher label. For units produced in 2007 and beyond, the date of manufacture is a 10-digit date code printed on the side of the cylinder, near the bottom. Digits five through nine represent the day and year of manufacture in DDDYY format. Date codes for recalled models manufactured from January 2, 2012 through August 15, 2017 are 00212 through 22717. For units produced before 2007, a date code is not printed on the fire extinguisher.

Plastic-handle models produced between January 1, 1973 and October 25, 2015		
2A40BC	Gillette TPS-1 1A10BC	Sams SM 340
6 RAP	Home 10BC	Sanford 1A10BC
6 TAP	Home 1A10BC	Sanford 2A40BC
Ademco 720 1A10BC	Home 2A40BC	Sanford TPS-1 1A10BC
Ademco 722 2A40BC	Home H-10 10BC	Sanford TPS-1 2A40BC
ADT 3A40BC	Home H-110 1A10BC	Sears 2RPS 5BC
All Purpose 2A40BC	Home H-240 2A-40BC	Sears 58033 10BC
Bicentennial RPS-2 10BC	Honeywell 1A10BC	Sears 58043 1A10BC
Bicentennial TPS-2 1A-10BC	Honeywell TPS-1 1A10BC	Sears 5805 2A40BC
Costco 340	J.L. 2A40BC	Sears 958034
FA 340HD	J.L. TPS-1 2A40BC	Sears 958044
FA240HD	Kadet 2RPS-1 5BC	Sears 958054
FC 340Z	Kidde 10BC	Sears 958075
FC Super	Kidde 1A10BC	Sears RPS-1 10BC
FC210R-C8S	Kidde 2A40BC	Sears TPS-1 1A10BC
Fire Away 10BC Spanish	Kidde 40BC	Sears TPS-1 2A40BC
Fire Away 1A10BC Spanish	Kidde RPS-1 10BC	Traveler 10BC
Fire Away 2A40BC Spanish	Kidde RPS-1 40BC	Traveler 1A10BC
Fireaway 10 (F-10)	Kidde TPS-1 1A10BC	Traveler 2A40BC
Fireaway 10BC	Kidde TPS-1 2A40BC	Traveler T-10 10BC
Fireaway 110 (F-110)	KX 2-1/2 TCZ	Traveler T-110 1A10BC
Fireaway 1A10BC	Mariner 10BC	Traveler T-240 2A40BC
Fireaway 240 (F-240)	Mariner 1A10BC	Volunteer 1A10BC

Fireaway 2A40BC	Mariner 2A40BC	Volunteer TPS-V 1A10BC
Force 9 2A40BC	Mariner M-10 10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ
FS 340Z	Mariner M-110 1A10BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-3
Fuller 420 1A10BC	Mariner M-240 2A40BC	XL 2.5 TCZ-4
Fuller Brush 420 1A10BC	Master Protection 2A40BC	XL 2.75 RZ
FX210	Montgomery Ward 10BC	XL 2.75 RZ-3
FX210R	Montgomery Ward 1A-10BC	XL 2-3/4 RZ
FX210W	Montgomery Ward 8627 1A10BC	XL 340HD
FX340GW	Montgomery Ward 8637 10BC	XL 4 TXZ
FX340GW-2	Quell 10BC	XL 5 PK
FX340H	Quell 1A10BC	XL 5 TCZ
FX340SC	Quell RPS-1 10BC	XL 5 TCZ-1
FX340SC-2	Quell TPS-1 1A10BC	XL5 MR
Gillette 1A10BC	Quell ZRPS 5BC	XL 6 RZ

Plastic-handle models with date codes between January 2, 2012 and August 15, 2017		
AUTO FX5 II-1	FC5	M10G
FA10G	FS10	M10GM
FA10T	FS110	M110G
FA110G	FS5	M110GM
FA5-1	FX10K	M5G
FA5G	FX5 II	M5GM
FC10	H110G	RESSP
FC110	H5G	

Push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers: The recall involves eight models of Kidde Pindicator fire extinguishers manufactured between August 11, 1995 and September 22, 2017. The no-gauge push-button extinguishers were sold in red and white, and with a red or black nozzle. These models were sold primarily for kitchen and personal watercraft applications.

Push Button Pindicator Models manufactured between August 11, 1995 and September 22, 2017	
KK2	M5PM
100D	AUTO 5FX
210D	AUTO 5FX-1
M5P	FF 210D-1

Remedy:

Consumers should immediately contact Kidde to request a free replacement fire extinguisher and for instructions on returning the recalled unit, as it may not work properly in a fire emergency.

Note: This recall includes fire extinguisher models that were previously recalled in March 2009 and February 2015. Kidde branded fire extinguishers included in these previously announced recalls should also be replaced. All affected model numbers are listed in the charts above.

Recall information for fire extinguishers used in RVs and motor vehicles can be found at www.NHTSA.gov.

Incidents/Injuries:

The firm is aware of a 2014 death involving a car fire following a crash. Emergency responders could not get the recalled Kidde fire extinguishers to work. There have been approximately 391 reports of failed or limited activation or nozzle detachment, including the fatality, approximately 16 injuries, including smoke inhalation and minor burns, and approximately 91 reports of property damage.

Sold At:

Menards, Montgomery Ward, Sears, The Home Depot, Walmart and other department, home and hardware stores nationwide, and online at Amazon.com, ShopKidde.com and other online retailers for between \$12 and \$50 and for about \$200 for model XL 5MR. These fire extinguishers were also sold with commercial trucks, recreational vehicles, personal watercraft and boats.

Importer(s):

Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Company Inc., of Mebane, N.C.

Manufactured In:

United States and Mexico

Units:

About 37.8 million (in addition, 2.7 million in Canada)
