Recall Date: November 2, 2017

Recall Number: 18-022

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

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 chart below.

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

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

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

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 <u>March 2009</u> and <u>February 2015</u>. 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 | | |
| Bicentenial RPS-2 10BC | Honeywell 1A10BC | Sears 58043 1A10BC | | |
| Bicentenial 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 | | |
| | | Volunteer TPS-V | | |
| Fireaway 2A40BC | Mariner 2A40BC | 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 | | |
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| 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 | |

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

Manufactured in: United States and Mexico

Photos

Kidde plastic handle fire extinguishers



Kidde push-button Pindicator fire extinguishers



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CPSC Consumer Information Hotline

Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall: 800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054)

Times: 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. ET; Messages can be left anytime

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Media Contact

Please use the phone numbers below for all media requests.

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