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Maytag Recalls Refrigerators Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product.

Name of product: Maytag®, Jenn-Air®, Amana®, Admiral®, Magic Chef®, Performa by Maytag® and Crosley® brand refrigerators

Units: About 1.6 million

Manufacturer: Maytag Corp., of Newton, Iowa

Hazard: An electrical failure in the relay, the component that turns on the refrigerator's compressor, can cause overheating and pose a serious fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Maytag has received 41 reports of refrigerator relay ignition, including 16 reports of property damage ranging from smoke damage to extensive kitchen damage.

Description: The recall includes certain Maytag®, Jenn-Air®, Amana®, Admiral®, Magic Chef®, Performa by Maytag® and Crosley® brand side by side and top freezer refrigerators. The affected refrigerators were manufactured in black, bisque, white and stainless steel. They have model and serial numbers printed on a label located on the top middle or left upper side of the refrigerator liner and have the following model and serial number combinations:

| | Serial Numbers ENDING with | AND Model Numbers BEGINNING with |
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| Side by Side Refrigerators | AA, AC, AE, AG, AJ, AL, AN, AP, AR, AT, AV, AX, CA, CC, CE, CG, CJ, CL, ZB, ZD, ZF, ZH, ZK, ZM, ZQ, ZS, ZU, ZW, ZY, ZZ | ARS, CS, JC, JS, MS, MZ, PS |
| Top Freezer Refrigerators | AA, AC, AE, AG, AJ, AL, AN, AP, AR, AT, AV, AX, ZK, ZM, ZQ, ZS, ZU, ZW, ZY, ZZ | AT, CT, MT, PT |

Refrigerators with freezers on the bottom are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Department and appliance stores and by homebuilders nationwide from January 2001 through January 2004 for between about \$350 and \$1600.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Maytag to determine if their refrigerator is included in the recall and to schedule a free in-home repair. Consumers should not return the refrigerator to the retailer where it was purchased.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Maytag toll-free at (866) 533-9817 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.repair.maytag.com

Representative Models:



Figure 1: Side by Side model



Figure 2: Top Freezer model



Figure 3: Model/Serial Label

Video Feed Satellite Coordinates (C-Band)

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Time: 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ET

Satellite: Galaxy 17 @ 91deg West

Transponder: 12C Analog

C-Band

Downlink Freq: 3940 MHz

Downlink Polarity: Vertical

Bandwidth: 36MHz

Downlink Audio: 6.2 & 6.8 MHz

Video Feed Satellite Coordinates (KU-Band)

Wednesday, March 11, 2009

Time: 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ET

Satellite: Galaxy 17 @ 91deg West

Transponder: 19K – slot: 3 digital

Downlink Freq: 12077MHz

Downlink Polarity: Horizontal

Downlink Audio: Channel 1 & 2

Bandwidth: 6 MHz

Symbol Rate: 3.9787 MS/S