

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17E-062

Manufacturer Name : Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc.

Submission Date : NOV 01, 2017

NHTSA Recall No. : 17E-062

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Population :

Manufacturer Name : Walter Kidde Portable Equipment Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 2,500,000

Address : 1016 Corporate Park Drive

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Mebane NC 27302

Company phone : 919-563-5911

Equipment Information :

Brand / Trade 1 : Kidde

Model : 134 models of Plastic Handle Fire Extinguishers ("Plastic Handle Extinguishers")

Part No. : See information box

Size : Multiple size handheld

Function : fire extinguish

Descriptive Information : The voluntary recall will include all fire-extinguisher products identified as presenting a potential hazard.

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.

See the list of model numbers attached.

Production Dates : JAN 01, 1973 - AUG 15, 2017

Brand / Trade 2 : Kidde

Model : 8 models of Push-Button Pindicator Fire Extinguishers ("Pindicator Extinguishers")

Part No. : See information box

Size : Multiple size handheld

Function : Fire Extinguish

Descriptive Information : The Pindicator units do not have a gauge. The units have red and white cylinders with a red or black nozzle/handle, and were sold primarily for kitchen,

recreational vehicle, boating, and personal watercraft applications.

The Pindicator units contain sodium bicarbonate (BC-rated) dry chemical, and are sold in several sizes and fire ratings, from a 2BC-rated fire extinguisher to a 5BC-rated extinguisher. The Kidde logo, model number and serial number are on the nameplate for each unit.

See the list of model numbers attached.

Production Dates : AUG 11, 1995 - SEP 22, 2017

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The fire extinguishers may become clogged or require excessive force to activate. In certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If a fire extinguisher does not function properly, it is possible that someone could be injured or killed in a fire.

Description of the Cause : There are two failure modes for the Plastic Handle extinguishers. First, the fire extinguisher may become clogged (preventing complete discharge) or require excessive force to activate. This may occur when the user depresses and quickly releases the lever. This typically occurs if a user depresses the lever for less than 1 second, emitting a small amount of powder or air, and releases the lever. Second, in certain models the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and fail to discharge.

For the Pindicator Extinguishers, excessive force may be required to activate the extinguisher.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None known.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Kidde Matamoros S. de R.L. de C.V.

Address : Ave. Horizonte Entre Carr. Lauro

Villar y Chapulte 109 Ciudad Industrial Matamoros FOREIGN STATES TM 87494

Country : Mexico

Chronology :

Kidde issued a stop-sale notice to OEM customers on October 5, 2017, for Plastic Handle Extinguishers and Pindicator Extinguishers sold for use in certain types of motor vehicles (RVs and trucks). Kidde proposes to conduct a voluntary recall in coordination with NHTSA and the relevant OEMs, and in tandem with a CPSC recall of residential extinguishers and a Coast Guard recall of personal watercraft extinguishers of the same type. This recall would include some extinguishers provided as replacement units in connection with a February 2015 recall. Kidde, through counsel, e-mailed a report to NHTSA on October 13, 2017.

On May 9, 2017, Kidde received a report that for the Plastic Handle Extinguisher, “the valve can only be used once, meaning you can only press the trigger once because it freezes if you let go.” Following this report, Kidde’s engineers, in addition to independent third-party technical experts retained by Kidde, investigated other post-recall consumer reports of Plastic Handle Extinguishers failing to discharge or failing to fully discharge, as well as reports of nozzle detachment.

After investigating the Plastic Handle Extinguisher issues described above, Kidde recently began a review of the quality, design, and safety of its other fire-extinguisher lines. As part of this review, Kidde determined that the Plastic Handle Extinguishers and Pindicator Extinguishers utilized in motor vehicle products suffered from problems of failure to discharge or limited discharge.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Kidde proposes to conduct a voluntary recall of affected product in coordination with NHTSA and affected OEMs. As a remedy, Kidde proposes providing replacement units free of charge.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The replacement extinguishers will contain a metal, rather than a plastic, valve. Additional information regarding the Metal Disposable Valve (MDV) replacement units will be supplied upon request.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Kidde estimates that it will announce a voluntary recall in coordination with regulatory authorities on November 2, 2017.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : BOB GUNN ASSOCIATES
Address : 10030336
2820 COUNTY ROAD 6 W ELKHART IN 46514-8296
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : FLEETWOOD FOLDING TRAILER
Address : PO BOX 111
SOMERSET PA 15501
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : LAVANTURE PRODUCTS CO INC
Address : 10034539
PO BOX 2088 ELKHART IN 46515-2088
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : FLEETWOOD
Address : 3050 MYERS ST
PO BOX 7638 RIVERSIDE CA 92513
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : R & L GUNN DIST
Address : 53034 FAITH AVE
ELKHART IN 46514
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : MHC KENWORTH/SPRINGFIELD
Address : 3301 E KEARNEY ST
SPRINGFIELD MO 65803-5042
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : PACCAR PARTS
Address : 750 HOUSER WAY NORTH
RENTON WA 98057
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : DAIMLERCHRYSLER COMM BUSE

Address : 350 HAZELHURST RD
MISSISSAUGA 00 L5J 4T8

Country : CA

Company Phone : NR

Name : NAVISTAR INTERNATIONAL

Address : CALLER SERVICE 59009
KNOXVILLE TN 37952

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : RYDER FLEET PRODUCTS.COM, INC

Address : 665 RACO DR BLDG 21
SUITE B LAWRENCEVILLE GA 30046-7602

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : VOLVO HEAVY TRUCK CORP

Address : PO BOX 26240
GREENSBORO NC 27402

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : NEW LIFE TRANSPORT PARTS

Address : PO BOX 9426
GRAND RAPIDS MI 49509-0426

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : TA OPERATING LLC DBA OPEN ROAD DISTRIBUT

Address : DBA OPEN ROAD DISTRIBUT
LA VERGNE TN 37086-3606

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : COFFMAN TRUCK SALES INC.

Address : PO BOX 151
AURORA IL 60507-0151

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : DAS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.
Address : 724 LAWN ROAD
PALMYRA PA 17078-9741
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : JACK YOUNG CO INC
Address : PO BOX 1090
BRANFORD CA 06405
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : LAVANTURE PRODUCTS CO INC
Address : PO BOX 2088
ELKHART IN 46515-2088
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : FEDERATED CO-MAN WAREHOUSE, LLC
Address : PO BOX 2248
STAUNTON VA 24402-2248
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : TEMPLE PRODUCTS OF CALIF
Address : 13530 5TH ST
CHINO CA 91710-5113
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : THE COAST DIST SYSTEM INC
Address : P.O. BOX 1449
MORGAN HILL CA 95038-1449
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : TRUCK*PRO DISTRIBUTION
Address : 4100 EAST SHELBY DR
MEMPHIS TN 38118
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : HD AMERICA
Address : #N/A
 #N/A #N/A
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : HDA TRUCK PRIDE
Address : 13730 SHORELINE CT EAST
 EARTH CITY MO 63045
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : JLG INDUSTRIES
Address : 1 J L G DR
 MCCONNELLSBURG PA 17233-9533
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : MACK TRUCKS INC
Address : PO BOX 26255
 GREENSBORO NC 27402
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : MALADY TRUCK PARTS INC
Address : 11901 BURKE ST
 SANTA FE SPRINGS CA 90670
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : MARINI DIESEL INC
Address : 4901 VASQUEZ BLVD
 DENVER CO 80216
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : BORN FREE MOTOR COACH
Address : 1505 13TH STREET NORTH
 HUMBOLDT IA 50548
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : KEYSTONE SPRING SERV INC
Address : 112 35TH STREET
PITTSBURGH PA 15201
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : TW ATLANTA
Address : 1925 SHILOH RD
KENNESAW GA 30144
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : CATCO PARTS SERVICE (VIPAR)
Address : 60 WEST SYCAMORE STREET
SAINT PAUL MN 55117
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : TUCKER ROCKY / NEMPCO
Address : NR
FORT WORTH TX 76177-3722
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : TRAILS WEST MFTG OF IDAHO
Address : PO BOX 67
PRESTON ID 83263-1024
Country : US
Company Phone : NR

Name : FLEETPRIDE
Address : #N/A
#N/A #N/A 00
Country : NR
Company Phone : NR

Name : DAIMLERCHRYSLER COMM BUSE
Address : 350 HAZELHURST RD
MISSISSAUGA 00 L5J 4T8
Country : CA
Company Phone : NR

Name : LIST OF ADDTL MANUFACTURES ATTACHED

Address : NR

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Country : NR

Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported