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Maytag Recalls Refrigerators Due to Fire Hazard

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Maytag Corporation has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product.

Name of Product: The recall involves certain Maytag®, Jenn-Air®, Amana®, Admiral®, Magic Chef®, Performa by Maytag® and Crosley® brand side-by-side and top freezer refrigerators.

Units: The number of affected units in Ontario is approximately 65,000, and in Canada, approximately 193,500.

Manufacturer/Importer: Maytag Corporation

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: Two incidents and no injuries have been reported in Canada. Outside of Canada, Maytag has received 41 reports of refrigerator relay ignition, including 16 reports of property damage ranging from smoke to extensive kitchen damage.

Description / Models:

The recall involves certain Maytag®, Jenn-Air®, Amana®, Admiral®, Magic Chef®, Performa by Maytag® and Crosley® brand side-by-side and top freezer refrigerators. Refrigerators with freezers on the bottom are NOT affected by this recall. 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. Consumers should contact Maytag to determine if their refrigerator is included in this recall.

	Serial Numbers ENDING with	AND Model Numbers BEGINNING with
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

Sold by: Department and appliance stores and by homebuilders nationwide.

When was distributed: January 2001 through January 2004.

Manufactured in: United States

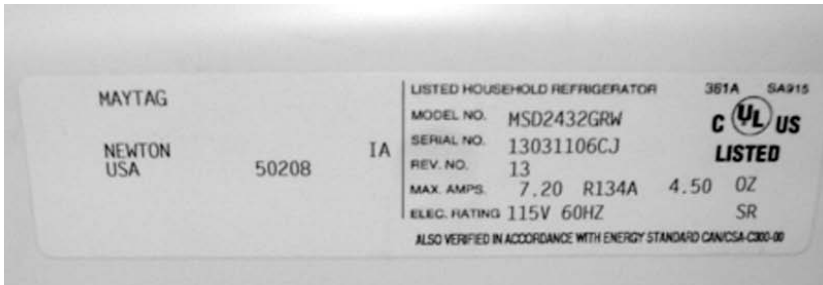
Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact Maytag to determine if their refrigerator is included in the recall and to schedule a free in-home repair. Consumers should not return the refrigerator to the retailer where it was purchased.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Maytag Corporation toll-free at **1-866-533-9817** anytime, or visit the firm’s Web site at www.repair.maytag.com.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by UL as indicated by the cULus mark. For more information about the product certification process please visit: www.UL.com.

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Representative Models:



Model/Serial Label