

Press Release

For Immediate Release

To: ComSuper, Colin Manning, Jim Vandongen, John Raymond, John Southwell, Max Schultz, Robert Farley  
From: NH State Fire Marshal's Office  
CC: FMO Investigators  
Date: June 15, 2011  
Re: Recall due to fire hazard

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**The NH State Fire Marshal, J William Degnan, would like everyone to be aware of the following fire hazard recall update:**

**General Electric, Sharp Recalls GE Air Conditioning and Heating Units Due to Fire Hazard**

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Firm's Recall Hotline: (866) 918-8771  
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772  
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

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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. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: GE Zoneline Air Conditioners and Heaters

Units: About 90,600

Distributor: GE Appliances and Lighting, of Louisville, Ky.

Manufacturer: Sharp Corp., of Osaka, Japan

Hazard: An electrical component in the heating system can fail, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: General Electric and Sharp have received four reports of incidents involving smoke and/or fire with the air conditioning and heating units. In two of the reported incidents, fire extended beyond the air

conditioning and heating unit, resulting in property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves GE Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners (PTAC) and packaged terminal heat pumps manufactured between January 2010 and March 2011, and are most often used in apartment buildings and commercial space. The GE logo is affixed to the control panel door. Serial and model are printed on the rating plate. Consumers will need to remove the front panel to locate the model and serial information. The following models and serials are included in this recall:

Brand: GE

Model Number (Begins with): AZ41, AZ61

Serial Number (Begins with): AT, DT, FT, GT, HT, LT, MT, RT, ST, TT, VT, ZT  
AV, DV, FV

Sold by: General Electric authorized representatives and HVAC distributors nationwide from March 2010 through March 2011 for between \$1,000 and \$1,200.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the air conditioning and heating units in the heat mode and contact General Electric to schedule a free repair.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact General Electric toll-free at (866) 918-8771 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at [www.geappliances.com/products/recall](http://www.geappliances.com/products/recall)

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including a picture of the recalled product, please go to: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11247.html>