

Recall Safety Notice

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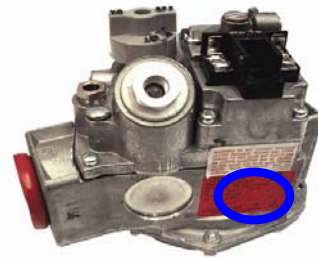
Robertshaw Controls Company Announces Voluntary Recall of 7000 Series Gas Valve



Standard



Low Capacity



High Capacity

These are examples only. There are many different models. These should be used only as a guide. Date code locations are circled in blue above.

Product: 7000 Series Gas Valve: Robertshaw Controls Company, located in Long Beach California, is recalling approximately 425,000 7000 Series gas valves.

The voluntary recall applies to certain 7000 Series gas valves produced between February 2003 and September 2004. The 7000 Series valves being recalled have production dates beginning with code 0306 and ending with 0436. Model numbers 7010 and above are not included in the recall. Model numbers, which include the letters "D" or "GV," also are not included in the recall. Model numbers, which include the letters "MV" are not included except for those "MV" models, which also include the letters "LP" and model numbers 7000AMV; 7000BMV; 7000BMV-S7CL; 7000MVLC; 7000MVRCLC. Finally, in addition to these specific "MV" model numbers, "MV" valves with the indicated date codes that have been converted to Liquid Propane ("LP") gas use, are also included in the recall.

The 7000 Series Gas Valves that are being recalled are installed in gas appliances including: residential space heaters, wall heaters, boilers, fire places, pool heaters, infrared heaters and furnaces, and commercial heating applications such as commercial cooking appliances, fryers, commercial water heaters and poultry brooders. The four-digit date codes

are on a label affixed to the side of the housing. The date code on the label is next to a small diamond shape with the letter X inside it.

Hazard: If the pilot light in products that use the valve goes out, the valves could stick in an open position, permitting gas to continue to flow. This could result in a gas explosion and fire, which could potentially result in severe personal injury and/or property damage.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received two reports of flash fires, involving two reports of injuries. The injuries involved first and second degree burns.

What to do: Consumers should call Robertshaw's toll free number at 1(800) 232-9389 or visit www.robertshaw.com to determine if their product is involved in the recall and to obtain a free repair or, if necessary, a replacement.

Affected Manufacturers and Appliances/Products: A list of manufacturers and models that contain recalled 7000 valves is available at www.robertshaw.com. This information is also available via the recall hotline at 1(800) 232-9389.

Safety Precautions: As with any gas appliance, if you smell gas near the appliance or in the building, immediately leave the area and call your gas company or a certified gas technician to investigate the cause. If you do not smell gas, check the pilot lights on your gas appliances. If any pilot lights are out, do not attempt to relight. Have the appliance examined by a qualified technician. If the pilot is functioning normally (or if the gas supply to the appliance is shut off), you will need to determine if your gas appliance has a valve that is being recalled.