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Certain 30 And 40 Gallon A.O. Smith LP And Natural Gas Water Heaters Voluntarily Recalled

WASHINGTON, DC--In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), A.O. Smith Water Products Company of Irving, TX, is voluntarily recalling and replacing approximately 29,000 flue baffles installed in water heaters manufactured and distributed by its McBee, SC facility between April 16, 1991 and July 9, 1991. The affected water heaters are limited to A.O. Smith natural and liquefied petroleum gas 30 and 40 gallon heaters. Only FSG and PGX models with serial numbers beginning with MD91, ME91, MF91, or MG91 are subject to this recall. A.O. Smith electric water heaters have no flue baffle and therefore are not subject to this recall.

Affected models have oversized flue baffles that may produce unacceptably high levels of carbon monoxide, high levels of heat at the bottom of the unit, and result in less efficient operation of the water heater. A.O. Smith has received no reports or claims of injury resulting from the flue baffle.

CPSC was informed of this potentially unsafe flue baffle by A.O. Smith which, in the course of its random testing, discovered that high levels of carbon monoxide were being generated by units fitted with the improperly sized baffles. The company has already replaced the flue baffles in approximately 13,000 affected water heaters.

The affected water heaters were distributed east of the Mississippi River by plumbing wholesalers and distributors. A.O. Smith FSG and PGX model water heaters which were purchased prior to April 1991 or after July 1991 do not contain oversized baffles and are not subject to the recall. Consumers who own one of the affected water heaters and have not already received recall information from the company should contact A.O. Smith Water Products Company toll-free at 1-800-538-9642 to arrange for the free replacement of the flue baffle.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is announcing this recall as part of its mission to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injury and death associated with consumer products.

[Send the link for this page to a friend!](#) The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

A.O. Smith Recalls Gas Water Heaters Due to Fire and Carbon Monoxide Hazards

Details: 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. Name of Product: Natural and Propane Gas Water Heaters Units: About 1,500 Manufacturer: A.O. Smith Water Products Co., of Ashland City, Tenn. Hazard: The water heater's flue gas temperatures can exceed safe limits and produce excessive temperatures in the venting unit, posing a fire hazard. Also, the water heater's exhaust can leak into the surrounding room, posing a carbon monoxide hazard. Incidents/Injuries: None reported. Description: This recall involves 75 gallon natural and propane gas water heaters. "A.O. Smith" or "State" is printed on the side of the unit. A.O. Smith and State model and serial numbers included in this recall are listed in the chart below. Model and serial numbers are printed on the water heater's rating plate. Brand Name - Model Number A.O. Smith - FCG-75 300 and FCG-75 301 State - GS6 75 XRR S and GS6 75 CRR S Serial Number Ranges L07A071460 through L07A144966 or M07A009387 through M07A072884 Sold by: Independent contractors and plumbers nationwide from November 2007 through January 2008 for between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Manufactured in: United States Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled water heater and contact A.O. Smith to arrange for a free repair. Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact A.O. Smith toll-free at (866) 880-4661 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. CT, or visit the firm's Web site at www.hotwater.com