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Sears Canada Advised of a Potential Safety Hazard relating to Maytag® Refrigerator

Toronto, ON – March 10, 2009 - Sears Canada has been advised by Maytag Corporation that it is voluntarily issuing a safety notice regarding a number of Maytag refrigerator models. It has been discovered that an electrical failure in the relay, the component that turns on the refrigerator's compressor, can cause overheating and pose a serious fire hazard. In Canada, Maytag Corporation has received reports of two incidents without injuries.

Some of the affected refrigerators were sold at Sears Canada retail stores from January 2001 to January 2004. The potential models affected are listed below and include certain side by side and top freezer Maytag refrigerators only. The model and serial numbers are printed on a label located on the top middle or left upper side of the refrigerator liner.

Side by Side Models:

Sears Number	MODEL
32375	JCB2388GRB
32374	JCB2388GRQ
32372	JCB2388GRW
32385	JCB2388GTB
32382	JCB2388GTW
32373	JCB2389GRS
32325	JCD2389DEB
32315	JCD2389GEB
32314	JCD2389GEQ
32313	JCD2389GES
32312	JCD2389GEW
32365	JCD2389GTB
32362	JCD2389GTW
32415	JSD2488GEB
32412	JSD2488GEW
32715	JSD2789GEB
32713	JSD2789GES
32712	JSD2789GEW
30154	MSB2154GRQ

30152	MSB2154GRW
30314	MSB2354GRQ
30312	MSB2354GRW
30444	MSD2434GEQ
30442	MSD2434GEW
30224	MSD2454GRQ
30432	MSD2454GRW
30465	MSD2456GEB
30464	MSD2456GEQ
30462	MSD2456GEW
30495	MSD2458GEB
30494	MSD2458GEQ
30492	MSD2458GEW
30665	MSD2656GEB
30664	MSD2656GEQ
30662	MSD2656GEW
30793	MSD2756GES
30795	MSD2758GEB
30794	MSD2758GEQ
30792	MSD2758GEW
30735	MZD2766GEB
30734	MZD2766GEQ
30733	MZD2766GES
30732	MZD2766GEW
30745	MZD2768GEB
30744	MZD2768GEQ
30742	MZD2768GEW
30104	PSB2151GRQ
30102	PSB2151GRW
30304	PSB2352GRQ
30302	PSB2352GRW
30424	PSD2450GRQ
30422	PSD2450GRW

Top Freezer Models:

80995	MTB1956GEB
80994	MTB1956GEQ
80992	MTB1956GEW
80195	MTB2156GEB
80194	MTB2156GEQ
80193	MTB2156GES
80192	MTB2156GEW
80495	MTB2456GEB
80494	MTB2456GEQ
80492	MTB2456GEW
80695	MTB2656GEB
80694	MTB2656GEQ
80692	MTB2656GEW
80564	PTB1551GRQ

80562	PTB1551GRW
80574	PTB1553GRQ
80572	PTB1553GRW
80744	PTB1753GRQ
80772	PTB1753GRW
80914	PTB1952GRQ
80912	PTB1952GRW
80974	PTB1953GRQ
80972	PTB1953GRW
80985	PTB1954GRB
80984	PTB1954GRQ
80982	PTB1954GRW
80124	PTB2153GRQ
80122	PTB2153GRW
80185	PTB2154GRB
80184	PTB2154GRQ
80182	PTB2154GRW

Sears Canada is contacting its potentially affected customers to arrange for their refrigerator to be repaired. To repair these refrigerators, a part has to be replaced and this work will be done in the customers' homes. However, customers who have determined that they have an affected model and have not yet been contacted by Sears are encouraged to call 1-800-4-MY-HOME or 1-800-469-4663 to schedule an in-home repair.

The model numbers listed above are only those sold at Sears Canada. For a complete listing of affected refrigerator models not sold at Sears please visit www.repair.maytag.com or the Health Canada website www.healthcanada.ca under consumer product safety notices.

In the interest of consumer safety, Sears Canada will be posting notice of this safety hazard in all of its retail stores to advise customers of this safety issue. Sears Canada is bringing this matter to the public's attention in the interest of consumer safety and apologizes for any inconvenience.

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