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Sears Canada Advised of a Potential Safety Hazard Relating to Certain Maytag[®], Amana[®] and Performa by Maytag[®] Dishwashers

Toronto, ON – June 04, 2010 - Sears Canada has been advised by Maytag Corporation of a potential safety hazard relating to certain dishwashers sold under the brand names Maytag[®], Amana[®] and Performa by Maytag[®]. It has been discovered that an electrical failure in the dishwasher's heating element can pose a fire hazard.

Some of the dishwashers were sold through Sears Canada retail stores, online at www.sears.ca, and through the Sears Canada catalogue between February 2006 and April 2010. The affected model numbers and corresponding Sears item numbers are as follows:

Sears Item Number	Amana [®] Model Number
96512	ADB1500AWW
96513	ADB1500AWS
96519	ADB1500AWB
96522	ADB2500AWW
96523	ADB2500AWS
96529	ADB2500AWB

Sears Item Number	Maytag [®] Model Number
97342	MDB4650AWW
97343	MDB4650AWS
97349	MDB4650AWB
97352	MDB5600AWW
97353	MDB5600AWS
97358	MDB5600AWQ
97359	MDB5600AWB
97362	MDB6600AWW
97363	MDB6600AWS
97368	MDB6600AWQ
97369	MDB6600AWB
97372	MDB7600AWW

97373	MDB7600AWS
97378	MDB7600AWQ
97379	MDB7600AWB
97382	MDB8600AWW
97383	MDB8600AWS
97388	MDB8600AWQ
97389	MDB8600AWB
97392	MDB9600AWW
97393	MDB9600AWS
97398	MDB9600AWQ
97399	MDB9600AWB
97462	MDC4650AWW
97469	MDC4650AWB
97472	MDB7650AWW
97473	MDB7650AWS
97478	MDB7650AWQ
97479	MDB7650AWB
97532	MDB4651AWW
97533	MDB4651AWS
97539	MDB4651AWB
97542	MDB5601AWW
97543	MDB5601AWS
97549	MDB5601AWB
97552	MDB6601AWW
97553	MDB6601AWS
97554	MDB6601AWQ
97559	MDB6601AWB
97562	MDB7601AWW
97563	MDB7601AWS
97569	MDB7601AWB
97612	MDB9601AWW
97613	MDB9601AWS
97619	MDB9601AWB
97832	MDB6701AWW
97833	MDB6701AWS
97839	MDB6701AWB
97842	MDB6759AWW
97843	MDB6759AWS
97849	MDB6759AWB

Sears Item Number	Performa by Maytag® Model Number
97512	PDBL390AWW
97519	PDBL390AWB

The model and serial numbers can be found inside the dishwasher door panel on the upper left side.

Neither Health Canada nor Sears Canada has received reports of incidents or injuries related to the use of this product.

Customers with the affected dishwashers will have the option of either scheduling a free in-home repair with Sears Canada or receiving a rebate from Maytag towards the purchase of a new model:

- (1) Sears Canada will be contacting potentially affected customers to arrange for a free repair of their dishwasher. Sears customers who have not been in contact with Sears are asked to call our 24-hour line at 1-866-691-9948 to schedule an in-home repair.
- (2) Alternatively, if customers wish to participate in the rebate program they can contact Maytag at 1-800-544-5513 or visit the company's website at www.repair.maytag.com to receive a rebate by mail following the purchase of certain new Maytag brand stainless-steel tub dishwashers. The rebate is \$150 for the purchase of a new dishwasher model MDB 7609 or \$250 for the purchase of new dishwasher models MDB 8959 or MDB 7809.

In the interest of consumer safety, Sears Canada urges customers who own an affected dishwasher to cease use immediately and remove the fuse, or shut off the circuit breaker, for the dishwasher to disconnect it from its electrical supply. Sears Canada will be posting signs in all of its retail stores to advise customers of this safety hazard. Sears Canada is bringing this matter to the public's attention in the interest of consumer safety and apologizes to its customers for any inconvenience.

Sears Canada is a multi-channel retailer with a network of 197 corporate stores, 204 dealer stores, 35 home improvement showrooms, over 1,800 catalogue merchandise pick-up locations, 108 Sears Travel offices and a nationwide home maintenance, repair, and installation network. The Company also publishes Canada's most extensive general merchandise catalogue and offers shopping online at www.sears.ca.