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Intermatic Recalls In-Wall Timers Due to Shock Hazard

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: Intermatic Model ST01 and El600 In-wall Electronic Timers

Units: About 240,000

Manufacturer: Intermatic Inc., of Spring Grove, III.

Hazard: When consumers trying to replace the timer's battery place a metal object through the battery tray slot, the object can reach internal metal contacts, posing a shock hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received twelve reports of consumers receiving a minor shock while changing the timer's battery.

Description: This recall involves the Intermatic in-wall electronic timers with model numbers ST01, ST01C, ST01AC, ST01AC70, ST01C70, ST01CL, El600C, El600LAC, El600LAC8, El600WC, and El600WC8. This product is a lamp and appliance timer and typically takes the place of a standard wall switch. The timer is white, off-white, or almond and measures 2 1/2 inches high by 1 3/4 inches wide. Model numbers can be found on the packaging and on the instruction. In-Wall timers are included in this recall if (1) the brand name "Intermatic" is molded on the front of the timer cover door, (2) the timer has only four keypad buttons, and (3) there is no 3-digit date code (e.g. "04C") stamped on the inside of the timer cover door. Timers with a 3-digit date code (e.g. "04C") stamped on the inside of the timer cover door are not included in this recall.

Sold at: Retailers and electrical distributors nationwide from March 2007 through June 2009 for between \$25 and \$45.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should not attempt to change the in-wall timer's battery until they receive the repair kit. Consumers should contact Intermatic to obtain a free repair kit with installation instructions.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, call Intermatic toll-free at (877) 417-4316 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at www.intermatic.com







CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx

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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. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx.