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**American Flame Recall Hotline: (888) 672-8929**  
**CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772**  
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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 the affected products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov))

**Name of Product:** Fireplace Gas Valve, American Flame AF-4000 series, found in residential fireplaces made by 12 Manufacturers under various fireplace brand names (see below).

**Units:** About 12,000

**Manufacturer:** American Flame, Inc., Fort Wayne IN

**Hazard:** Some of the valves were incorrectly manufactured; allowing gas to continue to flow into the pilot light area after the switch was moved to the "off" position posing a fire or explosion hazard to consumers. When in the off position, these valves can remain partially open allowing a small amount of gas to continue to flow. The pilot flame may remain visible when the gas is flowing, despite the switch being "off".

**Incidents/Injuries:** American Flame has received one laboratory and one field report of valve failure and continuous gas flow. No injuries or fires have been reported.

**Description:** The recall involves American Flame AF-4000 series Fireplace Gas Valve found in residential fireplaces made by 12 Manufactures under various fireplace brand names (see below). The valves were installed in some but not all fireplaces with the recalled gas valves:

- 1) Pacific Energy | 2975 Allenby Road | Duncan, BC Canada V9L6V8
- 2) Travis Industries | 48001 Harbor Point Blvd. | SW Mukilteo, WA 98275
- 3) CFM Corporation | 475 Admiral Blvd. | Mississauga, ON Canada L5T2N1
- 4) Canadian Heating Products | 27342 Gloucester Way | Langley, BC Canada V4W4A1
- 5) Portland Willamette | 6800 NE 59<sup>th</sup> Place | Portland, OR 97218
- 6) Rasmussen | 12028 E Philadelphia Street | Whittier, CA 90601
- 7) Chimeneas de Columbia | Autopista Norte KM 19 | Bogota, Columbia

- 8) Twin Eagles | 13231 East 166<sup>th</sup> Street | Cerritos, CA 9079)
- 9) FDM | #5-5498 Production Blvd. | Surrey, BC Canada V3S8P5
- 10) Inca Metals | 2771 Viscount Way | Richmond, BC V6V2X4
- 11) Even Temp | P.O. Box 127 | Waco, NE 68460
- 12) Valley Comfort | 1290 Commercial Way | Penticton, BC Canada V2A3H5

The gas valve model number is located on the CSA label on the bottom of each gas valve with the model number. The model number shows the Manufacture, (1, 2, or 4) Series number, (1 or 0) for Vented or Ventfree, (0 to 4) type of HI to LO device, (0 to 4) for the porting of inlet and outlet.

Above this label are (4) four numbers that are the date code, represented by the first two positions are the year and the second two are the week of manufacturing. The recall dates are 0622 to 0718.

**Sold at:** Fireplace retailers and distributors nationwide from September of 2006 to July of 2007.

**Manufactured in:** Taiwan

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the affected fireplaces and contact their dealer for a visit by a qualified service technician, who will perform a simple on/off test and will replace the valve if the gas continues to leak after the switch, is “off.”

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, call American Flame at (888) 672-8929 from 9 to 5 EST to determine if your fireplace is included in this recall and to arrange for a free valve replacement. Consumers can also visit the firm's website at [www.skytechsystem.com/recallprocedure](http://www.skytechsystem.com/recallprocedure) for additional information.

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 \$800 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. 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 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](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).