



CPSC, Maytag Corp. Announce Recall of Jenn-Air Cooktops

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov 5, 2005 - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced voluntary recalls of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of product: Jenn-Air Downdraft Cooktops - Model JGD8348CDP

Units: About 1,170

Manufacturer: Maytag Corp., of Newton, Iowa.

Hazard: The recalled cooktops have switches located too close to the gas tubing leading to the grill burner. Electrical arcing can cause this tubing to leak gas and ignite, resulting in a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Maytag has received four reports of cooktops catching fire during use as a result of a gas leak. There have been no reports of injuries.

Description:

The recall included only built-in Jenn-Air model JGD8348CDP downdraft gas cooktops. They have serial numbers xxxxxxxxEA through xxxxxxxxER. The cooktops were manufactured by Maytag between January 1 and September 17, 2004. The model name and serial number are printed on a label on the vent fan housing, which is visible in the cabinet under the cooktop.

Sold at: Appliance stores nationwide from January 2004 through September 2004 for about \$2,200.

Manufactured in: U.S.

Remedy:

Customers who have purchased a Jenn-Air model JGD8348CDP should contact Maytag to schedule a free, in-home repair. Consumers should stop using the grill or burners activated by the two left hand controls until the rework is completed. The center and right hand burners can be used.

Consumer Contact: Contact Maytag Corp. at 1-888-330-3810 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday, or visit Maytag's website at www.maytag.com.



Jenn-Air Downdraft Cooktop



Vent Fan Housing Rating Plate

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. 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.. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.