

Rinnai Recalls Wall Furnaces Due to Carbon Monoxide Hazard

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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: Direct-Vent Wall Furnaces, Models RHFE 431 and RHFE 556

Units: About 52,000

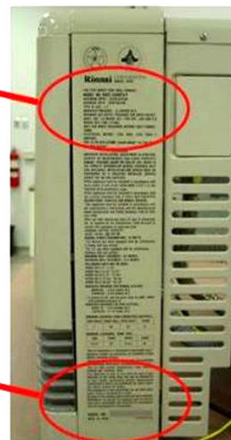
Manufacturer: Rinnai America Corp., of Peachtree City, Ga.

Hazard: A gasket in the unit can fail, posing a risk of poisonous carbon monoxide gas leaking into the home.

Incidents/Injuries: Rinnai has received 11 reports of carbon monoxide leaking from the furnace. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recall involves Rinnai EnergySaver Direct-Vent Wall Furnaces, Models RHFE 431 and RHFE 556. They are either natural gas or LP gas (propane) fueled. The following model numbers are included in the recall.

Model RHFE-431	FAIII-N WTA-N WTA-72B-N	FAIII-P WTA-P WTA-76B-N
Model RHFE-556	FAIII-N WTA-N	FAIII-P WTA-P



The model number is printed on the top of the rating plate located on the right side of the unit. The recall includes only those units manufactured from February 2000 through December 2007. The manufacturing date code is the first four digits of the serial number, written as YY MM, and is located at the bottom of the rating plate.

Sold through: Wholesale distributors nationwide to contractors and dealers from February 2000 through December 2007 for between \$1,600 and \$1,900.

Manufactured in: Japan

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the furnace immediately and contact the firm to arrange for the installation of a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Rinnai toll-free at (866) 746-8344 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.wallfurnacerecall.com.

MEETING CALENDAR

April 10th

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Where Can Our Clients Go For Recall Info?



2008 NEC Changes

A couple of many definitions that were either new or updated in the 2008 National Electric Code.

“Qualified Person”

One who has skills and knowledge related to the construction and operation of the electrical equipment and installations and has received safety training **to recognize and avoid** the hazards involved.

“Kitchen”

An area with a sink and permanent facilities for food preparation and cooking.

“Clothes Closet”

A non-habitable room or space intended primarily for storage of garments and apparel.

10 Questions to Ask a Home Inspector

From Realtor.com

1. What are your qualifications? Are you a member of the American Society of Home Inspectors or National Association of Home Inspectors?
2. Do you have a current license? Inspectors are not required to be licensed in every state.
3. How many inspections of properties such as this do you do each year?
4. Do you have a list of past clients I can contact?
5. Do you carry professional errors and omission insurance? May I have a copy of the policy?
6. Do you provide any guarantees of your work?
7. What specifically will the inspection cover?
8. What type of report will I receive after the inspection?
9. How long will the inspection take and how long will it take to receive the report?
10. How much will the inspection cost?

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SynShield Synthetic Roof Underlayment by Benjamin Obdyke

Source: BUILDER Magazine
Publication date: 2008-01-07

Tear-resistant **SynShield** synthetic roof underlayment can be left uncovered for up to six months, the maker says. It is UV-resistant and comes in rolls 48 inches wide and 250 feet long. Each roll weighs 33 pounds, which is 40 percent lighter than a felt roll, the maker says. SynShield passes Miami-Dade County (Fla.) building-code requirements and has a 30-year limited warranty. 800-346-7655. www.benjaminobdyke.com



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