

Safety Bulletin

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Recall of faulty Bulbeck 4.5 and 9 kg fire extinguishers

A recent departmental Safety Newsflash warned of the failure of hand-held fire extinguishers in a New South Wales coal mine.

More information has since been received from Bulbeck Fire Industries (BFI).

The fire extinguishers concerned are manufactured in Malaysia and are SAI Global (Australian Standards) 'five ticks' approved.

BFI states that some of the units, with serial numbers as per the Product Safety Recall Notice (see right), may have a spindle that is too long and so may fail when the extinguisher is subjected to 'extreme vibration, heat and an aggressive environment'.

Further information can be obtained on the ACCC (Australian Competition & Consumer Commission) website: www.recalls.gov.au


All mines should check their inventory and withdraw any affected stock.

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Please ensure all relevant people in your organisation receive a copy of this Safety Bulletin. Any such advice supplied to site should reach those who require it, and it should also be placed on the mine noticeboards.

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Product Safety Recall


BFI announce a voluntary safety recall of BFI and BFI-HP 4.5kg and 9kg DCP extinguishers fitted with M45 external nut type valves.

The partial recall only affects those extinguishers that have been subject to extreme vibration, heat and aggressive environment - conditions apply.


BFI believes through in house testing that a proportion of these extinguishers are fitted with valve stems longer than standard, and may result in operational wear to the spindle top. This applies to extinguishers that have been subjected to the above environmental conditions.


The recall effects extinguishers purchased between February 2009 and June 2010 with external nut valves, and with the following serial numbers:

Extinguisher Model	From Serial No.	To Serial No.	Extinguisher Model	From Serial No.	To Serial No.
FP45ABE	CR680930	CR682129	FP90ABE	CR683230	CR684059
	CR684060	CR685259		SA035001	SA035830
	SA110012	SA111211		SA108103	SA108932
	SA116842	SA118047		SA118043	SA118872
	SA495196	SA495315		SA244751	SA245580
	SA504222	SA505421		SA494318	SA495195
	SA727180	SA728499		SA503392	SA504221
	SA761291	SA761380		SA506823	SA507652
	SA786140	SA786859		SA726175	SA727179
	SA962982	SA964181		SA758441	SA759312
	SB044562	SB045761		SA764397	SA785724
				SA964182	SA965011
		SB053099	SB053430		



External Nut Detail





Serial No. Location

BFI advises relevant customers to return only product that has been subjected to the above operational conditions to the company of purchase, or directly to BFI for a new replacement extinguisher. For further information, please contact BFI on (02) 4927 6632 or at bfi@bulbeck.com.au