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Square D Recalls Safety Switches Due to Shock or Electrocution 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: General Duty Safety Switches.

Units: About 27,600

Manufacturer: Square D Co., of Palatine, Ill.

Hazard: The safety switch can continue to supply electricity even after being placed in the "OFF" position. This poses the risk of an electric shock or electrocution hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: No incidents or injuries have been reported.

Description: The recall includes General Duty 30 and 60 ampere, 240 volt, 1 phase and 3 phase NEMA 3R safety switches. The switches are typically used to control the flow of electricity to outdoor motorized units that are hardwired to a household or business' electrical system such as outdoor air conditioning and heating (HVAC) equipment. The switches contain "ON" and "OFF" positions. The "OFF" position is designed to cut the flow of electricity to an outdoor motorized unit to protect the person who is servicing the unit. The recalled switches have the following date codes and catalog number printed on bottom of the wiring label inside the front cover or on bottom of the package label.

Date Codes	Catalog Numbers
06371 through 06446	D211NRB
	D211NRBBP
	D211NRBCP
	D221NRB
	D221NRBCP
	D321NRB
	D321NRBCP
	DU221RB

	DU222RB
	DU321RB
	DU322RB

Sold at: Electrical distributors and retailers from September 2006 through November 2006 for between \$120 and \$300.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should return the uninstalled safety switches to the retailer or distributor where purchased for a free replacement unit. Installed safety switches will be replaced free of charge by contacting the firm.

Customer Contact: Contact Square D toll-free at (877) 202-9046 between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.us.squared.com



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products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. 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, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.