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### Gas Vent Dampers Recalled by Effikal Due to Carbon Monoxide 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:** Automatic Gas Vent Dampers

**Units:** About 45,000

**Manufacturer:** Effikal LLC, of Orion, Mich.

**Hazard:** The automatic gas vent damper could fail, and if the blocked vent switch does not activate, the vent could leak carbon monoxide (CO). This poses a risk of CO poisoning to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** The recall involves Effikal RVGP-PC Gas Vent Damper size 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 which are installed with the gas boiler systems listed below. The vent damper date code is located on a sticker under the motor assembly cap on the plastic base. Serial numbers are located on a label on the side of the damper's cap. All sizes and models of the RVGP-PC have the same motor assembly with black Effikal caps and black plastic bases.

Manufacturer	Atmospheric Gas Boiler Models	Vent Damper Date Codes	Vent Damper Serial Numbers
Allied Engineering	MG, MS and SG Series	0728 through 0809	3588428 through 3687571
Burnham	Series 2b, Series 8h, and Independence except Independence PV	0728-0738	3588428-3647820
Crown	AWI, CWI and BSI Series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Hydro Therm	R/MR, VGA, VS and HW Series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Laars	JV Series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Lochinvar	CBN Solution Series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
RBI	Spectrum Series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Smith	GB and HW Series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
New Yorker	CG and CGS Series	0728-0738	3588428-3647827
Peerless	MI, 63 and GM series	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Raypak	Series XV-42—180 Series V-181—260 and 182—261 Series VII-133	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Union Steam	GWA and GSA	0728-0809	3588428-3687571
Weil-McLain	CGa, EG, and PFG Series	0728-0738	3588428-3647830

**Sold by:** Plumbing and heating wholesale distributors to plumbers and contractors nationwide from August 2007 through July 2008 for between \$1,000 and \$4,000 for the boilers. Gas vent dampers were sold as part of the gas boiler systems.

**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the boilers, weather permitting, and contact their installer to confirm they have a recalled vent damper and to receive a free vent damper replacement.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Effikal toll-free at (866) 790-3739, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.effikal.com](http://www.effikal.com)





### Effikal Automatic Gas Vent Dampers

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