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UL Warns of Counterfeit UL Listed Automatic Fire Sprinklers

NORTHBROOK, IL, Sept. 21, 2006 - Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) is notifying consumers, distributors and property owners of chrome plated automatic fire sprinklers that bear a counterfeit UL Mark for the United States. Although marked with the word "TYCO," these sprinklers are not manufactured by Tyco Fire Products and have not been evaluated for safety by UL.

Model of Product: Not Provided on Product

Units: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Date of Manufacture: Not Provided on Product

Location: According to Tyco Fire Products, government officials in Delhi, India seized approximately 1,100 of these sprinklers which were illegally imported from China. These sprinklers have only been found in India and Asia to date.

Identification: Pendent Type Automatic Fire Sprinkler

Marking on Frame: TYCO

Marking on the Deflector: SSP, a UL Mark which is UL in a circle, 155°F/68°C

Legitimate UL Listed sprinklers manufactured by Tyco Fire Products are manufactured with a Job G5 glass bulb. There is also a date code molded into the frame. The Sprinkler Identification Number (SIN) is stamped on the deflector. The identification number is TY followed by four digits 0 through 9.

Sprinklers with the counterfeit UL Mark are manufactured without a date code or identification number. They are manufactured with a Job F5 glass bulb.

What you should do: UL recommends that the sprinklers be replaced by qualified service personnel and returned to the place of purchase.

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