

Defective Square D Circuit Breakers – Fire Hazard

On March 18, 2014, the Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC) published a recall for approximately 28,400 Square D circuit breakers. The breakers fail to trip when an electrical overload occurs, posing the risk of fire, burns and electric shock.

Circuit breakers are used in an electrical system to prevent damage to wiring and equipment due to overheating

There have been no incidents or injuries reported as of the recall date.

The defective breakers were manufactured in Mexico by Schneider Electric USA, Inc. of Palatine, IL. They were sold through authorized Schneider distributors nationwide, including the following:

- ⇒ Border States Electric Supply
- ⇒ Crescent Electric Supply Co.
- ⇒ Dealers Electric Supply Co.
- ⇒ Graybar Electric Co.
- ⇒ Rexel
- ⇒ W. W. Grainger

The breakers were sold from May 2013 to June 2013 for \$200 to \$9,260 each.

Policyholders should immediately have their circuit breakers inspected by a licensed electrician to determine whether or not they have any of the recalled breakers. If any are found, they should be replaced immediately by a licensed electrician. The manufacturer will replace all uninstalled breakers. Installed breakers will be replaced at no charge to the policyholder, with an allowance of up to \$300 per site to cover labor costs. The CPSC states: "Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product."

This recall involves Square D models FA, FH, FI and FY one-, two- and three-pole circuit breakers rated 15 to 100 amps and model KI two- and three-pole circuit breakers rated 110 to 250 amps. The F model breakers were manufactured from May 8, 2013 to June 10, 2013 and have date codes 13193 through 13241. The K models were manufactured from May 2, 2013 to June 21, 2013 and have date codes 13184 through 13255. The date codes are YYWWD format (example: 13184 = year 2013, week 18, day 4/Thursday of the work week). The circuit breakers have a yellow label with the words "Square D" or the Square D logo. Model information can be found on the faceplate. Complete recall information can be found by entering Recall Number 14-134 at CPSC.gov.

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FA/FH – 1, 2 & 3 Pole



FI – 2&3 Poles and FY – 1 Pole



**KI – 2&3 Poles I-Line
and KI – 2 & 3 Poles**



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