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CPSC, Goodman Company, L.P. Announce Recall of Amana, Package Terminal Air Conditioners/Heat Pumps

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below.

Name of product: Package Terminal Air Conditioner/Heat Pump (PTAC)

Units: About 875,000

Manufacturer: Goodman Company, L.P., of Houston, Texas

Hazard: Fire hazard resulting from this chain of events: filter becomes clogged due to lack of maintenance, severely restricting airflow and resulting in elevated internal temperature; this may cause two safety switches to stop working during the product's expected life; if the blower wheel then stops when the product is operated in the heating mode, a fire hazard can develop.

Incidents/Injuries: Goodman received 29 confirmed reports of units overheating, including eight instances where the PTAC ignited and, in some cases, caused minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Description: These PTACs are owned mainly by commercial and institutional organizations and are used in the lodging industry, apartments, hospitals, nursing homes and assisted living facilities, schools, and government buildings. A small number of the recalled units are owned by individual homeowners. The PTACs are beige in color and are intended for through-the-wall installation. Goodman manufactured all of the recalled units, which were sold under the Amana and Goodman names. The recalled PTACs consist of Amana brand units manufactured from January 1996 through March 2003 that use electric heaters rated at 3.5 kilowatts (kW) or greater.

Brand Name	Serial and Model Numbers
Amana	Serial numbers begin with 96, 97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 02, 0301, 0302, or 0303 Model numbers begin with: PTH073A35; PTH074A35; PTH093A35; PTH093A50; PTH094A35; PTH094A50; PTH123A35; PTH123A50; PTH124A35; PTH124A50; PTH153A35; PTH153A50; PTH154A35; PTH154A50; PTC073A35; PTC074A35; PTC093A35; PTC093A50;

	PTC094A35; PTC094A50; PTC123A35; PTC123A50; PTC124A35; PTC124A50; PTC153A35; PTC153A50; PTC154A35; PTC154A50
Goodman, Janitrol, GMC	Serial numbers begin with A96, A97, A98, A99, A00, A01, A02 Model numbers begin with: PTHC0701G; PTHC0702G; PTHC0901G; PTHC0901J; PTHC0902G; PTHC0902J; PTHC1201G; PTHC1201J; PTHC1202G; PTHC1202J; PTHC1501G; PTHC1501J; PTHC1502G; PTHC1502J; PTEC0701G; PTEC0702G; PTEC0901G; PTEC0901J; PTEC0902G; PTEC0902J; PTEC1201G; PTEC1201J; PTEC1202G; PTEC1202J; PTEC1501G; PTEC1501J; PTEC1502G; PTEC1502J

The serial and model numbers are below the operating controls under the front cover assembly. To check the serial and model numbers, remove the front cover by pulling it from the bottom straight out until the clips release, then lifting it up. For some units, it is first necessary to remove two ¼” screws (in the filter compartment) that secure the front cover.

Sold to: Amana, Goodman, Janitrol sold the PTACs to hotels/motels, hospitals, assisted living facilities, schools, and apartment complexes. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning distributors and resellers sold the units to commercial customers and, in some cases, homeowners. The recalled units were sold throughout the U.S. and parts of Canada between January 1996 and March 2003.

Manufactured in: U.S.A.

Remedy: Free thermal safety limit switch. Commercial and institutional owners will install the replacement switch themselves. Individual homeowners can get a free repair. Contact the Goodman Hotline to receive the free replacement thermal safety switch. Inspect and clean the air conditioner/heat pump filters immediately to remove any imminent hazard. Continue to clean these filters every 30 days in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations which can be found at www.regcen.com/PTAC

Owner Contact: Call the Goodman Hotline at (800) 729-6122 between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Owners can submit a PTAC Recall Information Form at Goodman’s Web site www.regcen.com/PTAC