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Consumer Alert: Ingersoll-Rand announces recall of portable air compressors

The Alberta Boilers Safety Association has been made aware of a voluntary recall by Ingersoll-Rand Company of approximately 458,000 portable air compressors. This type of air compressor is typically used for household purposes such as powering pneumatic (air driven) tools.

Internal corrosion to the inner wall of the air receiver tank may cause the air tank to unexpectedly rupture allowing pressurized air to suddenly and forcefully escape, posing risk of injury to the operator and bystanders. Owners of the recalled air compressors are advised to discontinue use immediately.

The recalled compressors have single-phase electric motors up to 3hp or gasoline engines up to 8hp with tank sizes up to 114 litres (30 US gallons). They were sold between 1983 and 1991 under various brand names including Ajax, Charge Air Pro, Energair, Guardian Power, MacTool, Power Force, Rallye, Rand 4000, and Steel Driver.

For information including the serial and model numbers of the affected compressors, or to learn about the refund and replacement options offered by Ingersoll-Rand, visit www.air.ingersoll-rand.com or call Ingersoll-Rand's Recall Hotline at (877) 552-2952.

The number of affected air compressors in Alberta is unknown. No injuries have been reported to date.

For more information on air receiver safety and pressure equipment safety in general, visit the Alberta Boilers Safety Association web site at www.albertaboilers.com.

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