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## **UL Warns of Potential Electric Shock Hazard with Ceiling Fan**

**NORTHBROOK, Ill., USA, Jan. 9., 2004** - Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) is notifying consumers that ceiling fans sold under the brand name "Turn of the Century Apollo Series," model number 355-6645, bear unauthorized UL Marks, do not meet UL requirements and, due to assembly without the proper electrical insulation, may pose an electric shock hazard to users. The products were distributed by Vaxcel International Co., Ltd.

UL encourages consumers to stop using this ceiling fan immediately and return it to the place of purchase.

This information is in addition to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recall, dated Sept. 25, 2003, where ceiling fans with the brand name "Aire Tek" and Model 355-6645 were recalled by the distributor, Vaxcel International Co., Ltd. To view the original CPSC recall, visit [www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml103/03193.html](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml103/03193.html).

**Name of product:** "Turn of Century Apollo Series," Model 355-6645. The product may also be sold under the name "Aire Tek," Model 355-6645.

**Units:** 1200

**Manufacturer:** Vaxcel International Trading Co., Ltd. of Taipei, Taiwan.

**Date of manufacturer:** January 2002 to August 2002.

**Hazard:** The ceiling fan was assembled without the proper wire insulation sleeving, posing an electric shock hazard to users.

**Identification:**

*On the ceiling fan:* A label located on the central housing of the ceiling fan displays the File Number "E215078," the UL Listing Mark and model number "355-6645."

*On the packaging:* The box for the ceiling fan displays the brand name "Turn of the Century." The description "Apollo Series" can be found in the lower left hand corner. "Model 355-6645" is displayed in the top right corner of the box. The UL Listing Mark also appears on the box.

**Sold at:** Menards stores

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**What you should do:** If you believe that you may have a ceiling fan identified in this notice, return it to the place of purchase. If the ceiling fan is already installed in your home, stop using it immediately to avoid the risk of an electric shock. Contact a qualified electrician to verify the markings and remove the fan.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Vaxcel International Co., Ltd. at +1-800-482-9235 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.



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**Original News Release – September 25, 2003****NEWS from CPSC  
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Company Phone Number: (800) 482-9235  
CPSC Consumer Hotline: (800) 638-2772  
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

**CPSC, Vaxcel International Co. Ltd. Announce Recall of Ceiling Fan**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Ceiling Fans

**Units:** 1,200

**Distributor:** Vaxcel International Co. Ltd., of Glendale Heights, Ill.

**Hazard:** About 80 of these units were improperly assembled with a metal sleeve that could cause exposed wiring. If this occurs, consumers are at an increased risk of receiving an electrical shock during installation or removal.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** These dual-motor, 36-inch ceiling fan were sold in chrome, stone white, brush nickel, polished brass, antique brass, or weathered patina finishes. Model number 355-6645 is printed on a label located on the central housing of the ceiling fan. The brand name of the fan, "Aire Tek" is written on the packaging only.

**Sold at:** Independent retail lighting stores nationwide between January 2002 and May 2002 for between \$350 and \$450.

**Manufactured in:** Taiwan.

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact Vaxcel to determine if their unit is defective. A free, replacement ceiling fan will be provided to consumers with defective units. To avoid the risk of shock while removing a recalled fan, consumers are encouraged to use a professional electrician. Vaxcel will reimburse consumers up to \$75 for charges incurred

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in removing recalled fans.

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**August 13, 2004 - CPSC, Vaxcel International Co. Ltd. Announce Second Recall of Ceiling Fans****NEWS from CPSC****U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

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**Firm's Hotline: (800) 482-9235**

CPSC Consumer Hotline: (800) 638-2772

CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Ceiling Fans with Light**Units:** 1,200**Manufacturer:** Vaxcel International Co. Ltd., of Glendale Heights, Ill.

**Hazard:** These ceiling fans were assembled without the proper wire insulation sleeving, which could result in exposed wiring. Consumers could receive an electrical shock during installation or removal.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.

**Description:** These down-rod-mount, dual-motor, 36-inch ceiling fans were sold in chrome, stone white, brush nickel, polished brass, antique brass, or weathered patina finishes. Model number 355-6645 is printed on the box and on a label located on the central housing of the ceiling fan. The brand names of the fans are "Aire Tek" and "Turn-of-the-Century Apollo Series" which is written on the packaging only. A label located on the central housing of the ceiling fan displays the File Number "E215078," the UL Listing Mark, and the model number 355-6645. Vaxcel had previously recalled the same model fan sold under the "Aire Tek" brand name.

**Sold at:** Menard stores nationwide between January 2002 and May 2002 for between \$350 and \$450.

**Manufactured in:** Taiwan

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact Vaxcel to verify if they have one of the recalled ceiling fans and to receive a free replacement ceiling fan if they do. To avoid the risk of shock while checking or removing a recalled fan, consumers should turn off the power source to the fan. Consumers are encouraged to use a professional electrician. Vaxcel will

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reimburse consumers up to \$75 for charges incurred in removing recalled fans.

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