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**CPSC, W.C. Wood Company Inc. Announce Recall of Upright Freezers and Single Door Refrigerators**

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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.

**Units:** About 112,000

**Name of Product:** Automatic Defrost Upright Freezers and All-Refrigerators

**Manufacturer:** W.C. Wood Company Inc., of Ottawa, Ohio

**Incidents/Injuries:** W.C. Woods has received 45 reports of incidents of the defrost heater coil becoming exposed. Nine of those incidents resulted in an electrical short. The others melted and burned the unit's interior plastic liner. No injuries have been reported.

**Hazard:** The defrost heater coil can become exposed inside the units, which poses a potential shock hazard to consumers. In some cases the exposed heater wire can also melt, or burn the unit's interior plastic food liner freezers. They were sold under the brand names Amana, Crosley, Danby, Maytag, Whirlpool and Wood's, which is written on the front of the unit. The manufacturer label with the model number and date of manufacture is located on the inside of the cabinet. A list of model numbers and dates of manufacture included in the recall is listed below.

**Description:** The recalled single door freezers and refrigerators are 15, 17 and 20-cubic foot Automatic Defrost Upright Freezers and 17-cubic foot Automatic Defrost All-Refrigerators that can be converted into

Brand	Model Numbers	Date of Manufacture
Amana	AFU1567*, AFU1767*, AFU2067*	200209 (September 2002)  through  200402 (February 2004)
Crosley	FFCR17*, WCF15*, WCF17*, WCF20*	
Danby	DUF1700*, DFF1708*	
Maytag	MQU1556*, MQU2057*	
Whirlpool	EV150NXM*, EV170NYL*, EV171NYM*, EV200NXK*, EV201NXM*, EL7ATTRK*, EL7ATTRM*, EL7JWKLM*, EL7JWKRM*	
Wood's	F15*, F17*, F20*, F42*, F47*, F55*, WFF15*, WFF17*, WFF20*, RFA17*, RFC17*, R47F*	

\* there are additional letters or numbers following the model numbers above

**Sold at:** Home improvement and appliance stores from September 2002 through February 2005 for between \$400 and \$1,000.

**Manufactured in:** Canada and United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should contact W.C. Wood Co. to arrange for a free in-home repair.

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**Consumer Contact:** Contact W.C. Wood toll-free at (866) 493-3314 or visit the firm's Web site at [www.freezer-repair.com](http://www.freezer-repair.com)



Automatic Defrost Upright Freezer



Automatic Defrost All-Refrigerator