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Maytag® and Samsung™ Brand Front Loading Washing Machines Recalled Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with CSA, Maytag, Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. and Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. announce a voluntary recall of the following consumer products. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Maytag and Samsung Brand Front Loading Washing Machines.

Units: About 25,000 Maytag-brand and 1000 Samsung-brand units in Canada.

Distributor: Maytag International and Samsung Electronics Canada Inc. of Mississauga Ontario.

Manufacturer: Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., of South Korea.

Hazard: Water leakage onto the electrical connections to the washing machine’s thermal sensor could cause an electrical short and ignite a circuit board, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Maytag has received five reports of incidents involving ignition in the circuit board in the U.S. Samsung has received one report of an incident in the U.S. involving ignition in the circuit board. There have been no incidents reported in Canada. No injuries, fires or property damage outside the washing machine have been reported.

Description: The recall involves Maytag washers with model numbers beginning with MAH9700 or MAH8700. Maytag models with a serial number ending in the last two letters identified below are subject to the recall:

2005	GA	GC	GE	GG	GJ	GL	GN	GP	GR	GT	GV	GX
2006	JA	JC	JE	JG	JJ	JL	JN					

Sample Maytag Serial Number: 10123456GN

The following Canadian Samsung models are affected by the recall: WF316HAC/XAC, WF316LAS/XAC and WF316LAW/XAC with the six-digit number 100001 through 799999 prior to a letter at the end of the serial number.

Sample Samsung Serial Number: 230854AL300026B

Sold at: Major department and appliance stores nationwide. Affected Maytag models were sold from April 2005 through August 2006 for between \$1,300 and \$1,500 CAD. Affected Samsung models were sold between May 2006 through October 2006 for \$1499.99 CAD.

Manufactured in: South Korea.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact the Consumer Contact (listed below) for information on how to receive a free repair. Consumers should not return the washing machine to the retailer where it was purchased.

Consumer Contact: For more information, Maytag consumers can call (800) 868-5109 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to Maytag’s Web site at www.washerrecall.com. Samsung consumers can call (800) 515-7902 anytime, or visit the company’s website at www.samsung.com/washerrecall.

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