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Gardner Bender Recalls Electrical Splice Due to Risk of Shock and Fire

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Gardner Bender has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Electrical Wire Splices (also known as Butt Splice Connectors)

Units: Approximately 5,000 packages sold in Canada.

Importer: Gardner Bender

Hazard: When crimped as instructed, the splice can fail to hold the wires adequately together, posing a shock and fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Gardner Bender has received two reports of recalled butt splices failing to hold wires together. No injuries have been reported.

Description/Models: The recalled butt splices are used to connect size 12-10 AWG electrical wires together end-to-end. The splices are small cylinders covered with yellow vinyl insulation, about 2.5 cm long and 8 mm in diameter. “12-10” is stamped in ink on the side of the

splices. They were sold in packages of 50 under Gardner Bender model number 10-126 for \$4.00 to \$6.00 per package.

Sold by: Electrical distributors, hardware stores and home centers.

When was distributed: June 2005 through April 2008.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using products that contain the recalled butt splices and contact the firm for a free replacement splices.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Gardner Bender Customer Service toll free at 800-624-4320 extension. 5451 between 8 am and 5 pm Central Time Monday through Friday, or visit the firm’s web site at www.gardnerbender.com.

Remarks: The recalled Electrical Wire Splices are certified to Canadian Standards by CSA. For more information about CSA product certification process please visit: CSA’s website at www.csa.ca.

