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Thomson Canada and CSA International announce voluntary recall of GE Spacemaker Radio Cassette Players

Toronto, Ontario - In cooperation with CSA International, Thomson Consumer Electronics Canada Inc. of Mississauga, Ontario, is voluntarily recalling about 23,000 GE Spacemaker Radio Cassette Players. The unit has an appliance outlet that can overheat, presenting a potential fire hazard to consumers.

Thomson Canada's corporate parent, Thomson Consumer Electronics of Indianapolis, Indiana, has received three reports of appliance outlets on the units overheating and catching fire, causing minor property damage. No injuries have been reported. There have been no reports of any incidents in Canada.

Only units with model number 7-4285 are involved in this recall. The model number is located on the top of the unit and may or may not be followed by a letter. The unit is designed for under-the-counter installation, and consists of an AM/FM stereo cassette player, a light and a programmable appliance outlet, which allows for a timer to control the power to the outlet. The appliance outlet is located on the left side of the unit. "GE Spacemaker...AM/FM Stereo Cassette Player...Programmable Appliance Outlet" is printed on the front of the unit. The control panel is black and is located on the front of the unit between the two speakers.

Department, electronic and discount stores across Canada sold the units from January 1992 through December 1995 in the \$69 to \$89 price range.

Consumers should unplug the unit and stop using it immediately and call Thomson at 1-800-464-7022 any time for instructions on receiving a free replacement unit. Consumers can also visit the company's web site at www.home-electronics.net/recall or write Thomson Consumer Electronics Inc., Spacemaker Recall, INH 950, P.O. Box 6127, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206-6217, for more information.

No Spacemaker models, other than the one noted above, are involved in this recall.

