

DURACRAFT ANNOUNCES RECALL OF PORTABLE BASEBOARD HEATERS

Southborough, Massachusetts, United States, August 27, 1997 - Duracraft is recalling about 50,000 portable baseboard heaters produced in 1995 and sold in the US and Canada.

Approximately 3,000 units were sold in Canada. The fan of the model CZ-520 could become stuck causing it to overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Duracraft has received 20 reports of these units overheating, producing smoke or causing fire, and resulting in minor property damage. Duracraft is not aware of any injuries involving the heater.

The model CZ-520 Space Saver™ Baseboard Heater's exterior housing is constructed of white thermoplastic and a black steel grill, and has two heating control knobs on the right side - a power switch and a regulating thermostat. The electric heater measures 22 inches long, 6 inches wide and 4 1/4 inches high, and tilts to various angles on its hinged stand. The word "Duracraft" is written in gray on the top, right side of the unit. The model number CZ-520, is located under the words "Made in China" on a silver sticker on the bottom of the heater. This model heater was manufactured in 1995. Only date codes that begin with "95" are involved in this recall. The date code can be found on a small white sticker on the bottom of the heater with "DATE" written on it.

Major department stores and home centers sold the heaters from September 1995 through March 1996 for about \$60 (US).

Consumers should stop using these heaters immediately, even if it seems to be functioning properly. Consumers should call Duracraft toll-free at 800-431-2165 any time for information on receiving a free replacement heater, or write to Duracraft at 250 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA, USA 01772.