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**VOLUNTARY SAFETY RECALL NOTICE REGARDING
AKRON BRASS MANUAL CORD REELS**

April 3, 2009

Dear Chief,

Akron Brass Company (formerly GFE Manufacturing) Manual / Portable Cord Reels (part number preceded with ECR-) manufactured prior to October 17, 2008 have a remote potential for an electrical shock hazard due to an ungrounded metal frame. Units made after October 17, 2008 are grounded and are not affected by this recall.

The hazard can be created if the incoming power cord hot wire that is connected to the slip ring (a device that transfers electricity between rotating parts) were to come loose and touch the metal frame. The hazard might also occur if the neutral wire supplying the extension cord were to come loose and touch one of the bolts within the reel hub securing the metal frame. Please refer to the following Diagram. Although this potential hazard is remote due to the quality of the overall unit, we are taking the precaution of recalling all Manual / Portable Cord Reels manufactured prior to October 17, 2008 with a part number preceded with ECR-. These should be returned to Akron Brass for retrofit. This notice does Not pertain to any electric reels (with a part number preceded with ERWC-) which are mounted to apparatus or non-live cord reels (with a part number preceded with NCR-).

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

If your department has a Manual / Portable Cord Reel manufactured by Akron Brass or GFE Manufacturing prior to October 17, 2008 with a part number preceded with ECR-, please contact Akron Brass immediately by logging onto www.akronbrass.com/recall for complete recall information and return shipping instructions. Or you may phone Customer Service at 800-228-1161 Ext.3555.

Do not attempt to retrofit the unit. Retrofit must be completed by our trained factory technicians.

It is recommended by Akron Brass that you check all brands of manual cord reels to ensure that they are properly grounded to eliminate any potential danger of an electrical shock hazard.

For 90 years, Akron Brass Company has taken pride in offering to the Fire Service the very best in fire fighting equipment by delivering industry leading products and exceptional service. In providing the very best fire fighting equipment, our #1 priority is the safety of our customers. Therefore, when faced with this potential safety issue, we concluded that prompt action to advise you and implement this recall program was the right course of action.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt attention to this important matter. Please be assured of our continued commitment of manufacturing and service excellence in all we do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Hudak'.

Tom Hudak
President



CORD REEL IDENTIFICATION

Voluntary Safety Recall Notice on Akron Brass Manual Cord Reels

Only the following Manual Cord Reel models, manufactured **BEFORE October 17, 2008**, are affected by this voluntary safety recall:

ECR-10, ECR-15 & ECR-18

ECR-10-GB, ECR-15-GB & ECR-18-GB

ECR-10-4XXX, ECR-15-4XXX, ECR-18-4XXX (Beta lights - All Watts)

Affected reels can be identified by either a Pigtail exiting the reels axle (Fig. 1) or by a Gang Box mounted to the Axle (Fig. 2 & 3).

Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Manual Cord Reels manufactured **AFTER October 17, 2008** can be identified by a white voltage rating label, similar to the one pictured below, attached to one of the side discs depending on the model. These reels have grounded metal frames and are **NOT** affected by this recall.



This notice **does NOT** pertain to any electric reels (ERWC-) which are mounted to apparatus or non-live cord reels (NCR-). Non-live cord reels do not have a pigtail exiting the axle (Fig. 4) or the gang box will be mounted on the disc (Fig. 5).

Fig. 4



Fig. 5

