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### GE and Professional Series Brand Dehumidifiers Recalled Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of Product:** GE and Professional Series Brand Dehumidifiers**Units:** About 198,000**Importer:** GEA Products L.P., of Louisville, Ky., and CEM Global LLC (Professional Series) of China**Manufacturer:** GD Midea Air Conditioning Equipment Ltd., of China**Hazard:** A component in the dehumidifier's compressor can short circuit, posing a fire hazard to consumers.**Incidents/Injuries:** Midea and GE have received a total of 14 reports of incidents involving smoke and fumes emitting from the unit and eight reports of fires. In six of the reported fire incidents, property damage extended beyond the unit. No injuries have been reported.**Description:** This recall involves 30-pint and 40-pint portable dehumidifiers manufactured between November 2006 and August 2007, and during April 2008. The dehumidifiers are white with a front-loading water bucket. "GE" or "Professional Series" and digital controls are located on top of the dehumidifier. Model and serial numbers are located on the back of the dehumidifiers. Model and serial numbers included in the recall are:

Brand	Model Number Begins With:	Serial Number Begins With:
GE	AHK30LK, AHW30LK, AHM30LK, AHK40LK, AHH40LK, and AHM40LK	VL1, ZL1, AM1, DM1, FM1, GM1, HM1, LM1, MM1, RM1
CEM "Professional Series"	PS78303	from C10102336010841 4100001 to C10102336010841 5103037

**Sold at:** Walmart, Sam's Club, Home Depot, Menards and other retail stores nationwide from February 2007 through June 2009 for between \$140 and \$180.**Manufactured in:** China**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled dehumidifiers and contact Midea to determine if their product is included in the recall. Consumers with recalled dehumidifiers will return their product to an authorized service center for a free repair. Consumers should not return the recalled dehumidifiers to the place of purchase.**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Midea toll-free at (877) 593-8721 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at [www.recallverification.com](http://www.recallverification.com)**LOCATION OF BRAND NAME ("GE" or "Professional Series") SHOWN HERE:**



**RATING LABEL WITH MODEL AND SERIAL NUMBER SHOWN HERE:**



	CAPACITY		30 pts / 24hr		
	WATTS INPUT	390	EF	1.50	
	VOLTS	115	AMPERES	3.8	
	PHASE	1	Hz	60	
MODEL NO.		<b>AHM30LKG1</b>			
USE 15 AMP TIME DELAY FUSE OR CIRCUIT BREAKER	DESIGN PSIG	HI	380	LO	150
	DATE OF MFG	2006.11	R-22	6.70 oz	
	SERIAL NO	<b>VL550026</b>			
MOTOR-COMPRESSOR THERMALLY PROTECTED			MADE IN CHINA		
		VERIFIED EEV 104436 Energy Performance Performance Énergie VÉRIFIÉ			
<a href="http://www.ge.com">www.ge.com</a>					
CAUTION-RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK. DISCONNECT POWER BEFORE SERVICING UNIT. PRECAUCIÓN: RIESGO DE CHOQUE ELÉCTRICO. DESCONECTE LA ELECTRICIDAD ANTES DE HACERLE MANTENIMIENTO A LA UNIDAD.					

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CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.saferproducts.gov/CPSRMSPublic/Incidents/ReportIncident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed

significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

