

KIDDE FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL STATUS – FEBRUARY 1, 2019

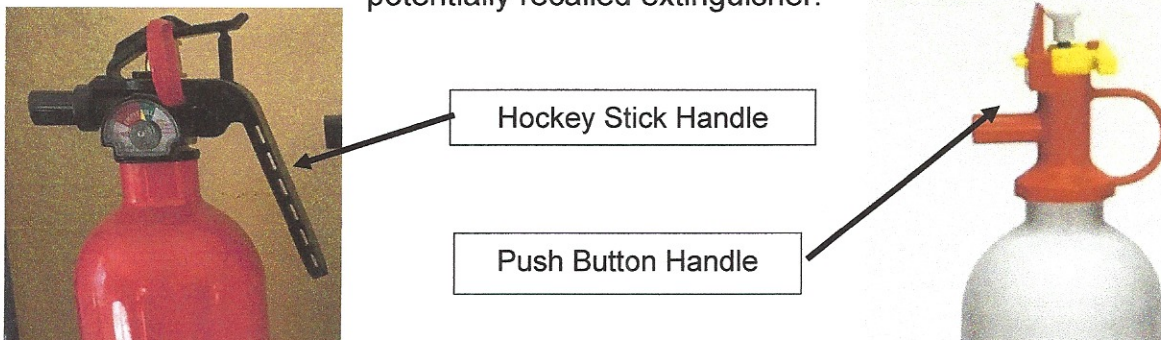
The Kidde Fire Extinguisher recall initiated on November 2, 2017 continues. This recall was initiated by the Consumer Products Safety Commission in cooperation with Kidde Fire Safety. Recalled Fire Extinguishers have been found during January 2019 VSC activity.

Detailed recall information can be found at <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2018/> and at www.kidde.com and click on “Product Safety Recall”.

Vessel Examiner actions with respect to **Kidde Fire Extinguishers** found on board recreational vessels during a Vessel Safety Check are:

- A recalled Fire Extinguisher found on board during a Vessel Safety Check which is otherwise serviceable shall be considered as a serviceable Fire Extinguisher.
 - The owner/operator of the vessel being examined shall be advised that the extinguisher is potentially subject to a safety recall and should be replaced as soon as possible.
 - In addition, the owner/operator of the vessel being examined shall be advised that recalled extinguishers may have a problem being discharged (failed trigger mechanism), but if needed to fight a fire it is safer to use the entire fire suppression agent content during one trigger pull. The possibility of trigger malfunction increases with more than one trigger pull.
 - The recall process, including the replacement Fire Extinguisher and its shipping, are free to the owner.
- A recalled Fire Extinguisher found to be unserviceable for reasons not associated with this recall, shall be removed from the vessel.
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 - The recall process, including the replacement Fire Extinguisher and its shipping, are free to the owner.
- The safety recall does NOT affect normal VSC guidance with respect to extinguisher type/size and numbers of serviceable Fire Extinguishers required on board per the VSC Manual.

The pictures below illustrate the Kidde Fire Extinguisher features that indicate a potentially recalled extinguisher.



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The vessel operator/owner will need the following information to enter into the Kidde.com/recall web site. The web site will confirm whether or not an individual Fire Extinguisher is part of the recall action:

- Model Number – Usually found in the lower right corner of the Fire Extinguisher label; e.g., M5G, M5P, MII0G. Often there are multiple Model Numbers on the same label. Use any one of the Model Numbers found on the label.
- Serial Number – Usually found above the Model Number, in larger type face, and preceded by “NO.” or “SER”.
- Manufacturing date. This is **NOT** the year date embossed on the bottom of the Fire Extinguisher cylinder. This date is embedded in an eleven digit number printed on the side of the Fire Extinguisher cylinder, usually within 3” of the bottom of the cylinder. The form of the number is nnnn33915n; representing that the above example was taken from a Fire Extinguisher manufactured on day 339 of 2015.
 - Some affected Fire Extinguishers will not have the manufacturing date numbers on the cylinder; never put on in a few years or rubbed off through normal wear and tear.
 - The Kidde Recall web site will be able to check recall applicability without the manufacturing date if necessary.

The Vessel Examiner should make the following notations on the VSC Form (ANSC 7012) when a potentially recalled Fire Extinguisher is found on board:

- If one or more serviceable potentially recalled Fire Extinguishers remain on board, note on Requirements Line 5. which potentially recalled serviceable Fire Extinguishers remain on board.
- The information required for the Kidde Recall web site (discussed above) can be notated in the margin of the VSC Form (ANSC 7012).