

VOLUNTARY RECALL NOTICE REGARDING AKRON BRASS MANUAL CORD REELS

March 31, 2009

Akron Brass Company has identified a potential safety hazard associated with their Manual / Portable Cord Reels manufactured prior to October 17, 2008. These Manual / Portable Cord Reels are manufactured at our Washington, IL facility which was formerly GFE Manufacturing. In 2004, Akron Brass acquired GFE which has produced these manual cord reels since 2003. Units manufactured after October 17, 2008 are grounded and are not affected by this recall.

Manual / Portable Cord Reels (part number preceded with ECR-) manufactured prior to October 17, 2008 have the remote potential for an electric shock hazard due to an ungrounded metal frame. 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 one of the bolts within the wheel hub securing the metal frame. Please refer to the following diagram. Although the potential is remote, we are taking the precaution of recalling all Manual / Portable Cord Reels manufactured prior to October 17, 2008 be returned to Akron Brass for retrofit. *This notice does not pertain to any electric reels (part number preceded by ERWC-) which are mounted to apparatus or non-live cord reels (part number preceded by NCR-).*

All fire departments have been sent a safety recall notice on April 3, 2009. If you have any of the subject Manual / Portable Cord Reels, 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.