



Product Alert

July 19, 2012

Type of Notification: Performance Related Concern

FM Approvals has been made aware of a corrosion issue related to the grease used in the following model hydrants that can make the hydrants difficult or impossible to operate.

Company (As Listed in the Approval Guide):

American Valve and Hydrant Mfg Co

Alternate Company Names:

American Darling Valve, American Flow Control

Address:

3525 Hollywood Avenue,
Beaumont, TX 77701, Texas 77701, USA

Contact information:

American Flow Control Customer Service phone number:
800-326-7082

Company Identity:

Waterous Co.

Address:

125 Hardman Ave So,
South Saint Paul, Minnesota 55075-1191, USA

Contact information:

Waterous Customer Service phone number: 866-683-3911

Parent Company:

American Cast Iron Pipe Company (ACIPCO)

Product Identity:

Dry barrel hydrants

Description:

Fire hydrants intended for use where ambient temperature may fall below freezing.

Make/Model:

American Valve and Hydrant Mfg Co models B-84-B, B-62-B, B-50-B, MK-73;
Waterous model WB67-250

Model Years Affected:

American Valve and Hydrant Mfg Co models - 1999 through 2003
Waterous Co - 1999 through 2004

FM Approval status:

All models were FM Approved throughout the affected manufacture years. The only model not currently FM Approved is the American Valve and Hydrant Mfg Co model B-50-B, which was delisted on April 28, 2005 at the request of the manufacturer.

Hazard involved:

The affected hydrants were manufactured with grease containing an acetate additive with the potential to corrode the operating rods of the affected hydrants. The corrosion can result in the hydrant being difficult or impossible to operate.

The actual postings for the Safety notice can be found using the following weblinks:

American Valve and Hydrant Mfg Co models web address: http://www.american-usa.com/product_alerts/darling/general-information

Waterous Co. model web address: http://www.american-usa.com/product_alerts/waterous/general-information

If you suspect you are in possession of any of the dry barrel hydrants listed above and bearing the FM Approvals certification marking, please bring that to the attention of:

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