



U.S. Coast Guard Safety Alert



Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection

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Strike First Fire Extinguishers

Recently the U.S. Coast Guard has become aware of a recall notice for some U.S. Coast Guard approved fire extinguishers made by the Strike First Corporation of America.

Strike First has determined that the valve stem seats in a number of its 2.5 and 5 lb dry chemical fire extinguishers assembled between December 2002 and February 2004 may prevent the extinguisher from discharging properly when the lever is activated. As a result of this condition, Strike First has initiated a fire extinguisher retro-fit program for these units. Retro-fit kits are available free of charge by contacting your Strike First distributor, or by contacting Strike First directly.

The Coast Guard recommends that vessel operators verify the manufacturer of their fire extinguishers, and if applicable, take the action recommended by the manufacturer. For details visit: http://www.strikefirstusa.com/serv_bull_002.htm

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