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First Alert® Smoke Alarms and Combination Smoke/CO Alarms Recalled for Rapidly Draining Battery Power

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.

Name of Product: First Alert® ONELINK™ Battery-Powered Smoke and Combination Smoke/Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms

Units: About 145,890 (About 52,400 were sold to consumers)

Manufacturer: BRK Brands Inc., a subsidiary of First Alert Inc., of Aurora, Ill.

Hazard: These alarms can drain the power from batteries rapidly, causing premature low battery power. Consumers will be alerted to the low battery power and the need to replace the battery by a chirping of the unit. If the batteries on the smoke/CO alarm are not replaced before the battery power terminates, the alarm will not detect smoke in the event of a possible fire and the presence of carbon monoxide.

Incidents/Injuries: CPSC and First Alert Inc./BRK Brands Inc. have received about 329 reports of premature low battery power in these alarms. There have been no reports of injuries, incidents or alarms failing to detect smoke or carbon monoxide.

Description: The recall involves ONELINK™ battery-powered smoke and combination smoke/CO alarms. "First Alert" and "ONELINK™" are printed on the front of the alarm. The model number and date code are printed on the back of the alarm. Model number SA500 or SCO500 with a date code prior to March 3, 2006 are included in this recall.

Sold at: Department, home and hardware stores nationwide from June 2005 through March 2006 for between \$45 and \$75.

Manufactured In: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should contact First Alert Inc./BRK Brands Inc. immediately to receive a replacement alarm. Until a new alarm is received, consumers should test the batteries in the alarm weekly by pressing the "test" button. If the alarm signals a low battery alert, consumers should immediately replace the batteries. Consumers should not remove their alarms until they have received a replacement alarm.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact First Alert Inc./BRK Brands Inc. at (800) 323-9005 between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at www.firstalert.com



First Alert

SMOKE ALARM



SMOKE



POWER

DO NOT PAINT



First Alert

SMOKE AND CARBON
MONOXIDE ALARM



ONELINKTM



CO

MOVE TO
FRESH AIR



SMOKE

POWER

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To contact Consumer Affairs call 1(800) 323-9005 • www.firstalert.com

WARNING! CARBON MONOXIDE CANNOT BE SEEN OR SMELLED BUT CAN KILL YOU. IF ALARM SIGNAL SOUNDS:
1) OPERATE TEST / SILENCE BUTTON.
2) CALL YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES (FIRE DEPARTMENT OR 911).
3) IMMEDIATELY MOVE TO FRESH AIR – OUTDOORS OR BY AN OPEN DOOR/WINDOW.
• ALARM WILL NOT OPERATE IF BATTERIES ARE DEAD, DISCONNECTED OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED. REFER TO USER'S MANUAL FOR COMPLETE BATTERY REPLACEMENT LIST, INSTALLATION, OPERATING AND SAFETY INFORMATION / INSTRUCTIONS. USE ONLY BATTERIES SPECIFIED. USE OF OTHER BATTERIES MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON PRODUCT OPERATION. CONSTANT USE AT HIGH OR LOW TEMPERATURE OR HIGH HUMIDITY MAY REDUCE BATTERY LIFE.

MAINTENANCE, AND TESTING:

- Gently vacuum or use clean compressed air to remove accumulated dust monthly.
- Never use water, cleaners or solvents, since they may damage the unit.
- Press the test button after installation, weekly and after cleaning to check all Alarm functions.

First Alert[®]

Model No. SCO500

**SMOKE SENSITIVITY: 1.40 to 3.59 %/FT. OBS.
ALARM POWERED WITH 2 AA BATTERIES**

MADE IN MEXICO

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.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.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.

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