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Schneider Electric Recalls Xantrex GT Series Grid Tie Solar Inverters Due to Injury Hazard

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. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Xantrex Grid Tie Solar Inverters

Units: About 25,000

Manufacturer: Xantrex Technology Inc. (a subsidiary of Schneider Electric), of Livermore,

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Hazard: A component of the inverter can degrade, causing out gassing within the wiring compartment of the inverter. When arcing occurs, gasses could build and force the compartment cover to be blown off. If the cover is blown off with sufficient force it can injure the user or person, or cause damage to property in close proximity to the inverter.

Incidents/Injuries: Schneider Electric has received five reports of wiring compartment covers being blown off. No injuries or property damage have been reported.

Description: The recalled inverter converts solar photovoltaic voltages into utility grid voltages; allowing the owner to feed power into the electrical grid. The recalled units were manufactured between September 2005 and August 2010. These products were sold under the Xantrex, Sunpower, and General Electric brands. The brand name is printed on the front of the unit.

Affected part numbers, printed on the top of the unit, include the following:

864-0117	864-0128	864-0139	864-1006	864-1011	864-1019
864-0118	864-0130	864-0140	864-1006-02	864-1012	864-1021
864-0119	864-0131	864-1001	864-1007	864-1013	864-1022
864-0124	864-0132	864-1001-02	864-1008	864-1014	864-1032
864-0125	864-0133	864-1002	864-1009	864-1015	864-1032-02
864-0126	864-0135	864-1004	864-1009-02	864-1016	
864-0127	864-0136	864-1005	864-1010	864-1018	
X-864-0117	X-864-0128	X-864-0139	X-864-1007	X-864-1014	X-864-1032
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Sold through: Solar distributors and system integrators nationwide and in Canada from

September 2005 through January 2011 for between about \$2500 and \$4000.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately contact their authorized dealer to set up an appointment to get a free repair of the inverter.

Consumer Contact: For more information, contact Xantrex Technology at (800) 714-7176

between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

Xantrex GT Series Inverter





Part Number

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 injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$800 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals – contributed to a significant decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or re-sell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772, teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this press release and recall information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx.

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