

Portable Air Compressors being Recalled due to Tank Corrosion

Ingersoll-Rand is recalling 458,000 of its portable air compressors after receiving reports of sudden tank failure. Internal corrosion to the inner wall of the air receiver tank can cause the air tank to unexpectedly rupture, according to the company, allowing pressurized air to suddenly and forcefully escape, posing a danger to users.

The recalled portable compressors have single-phase electric motors up to 3 hp or gasoline engines up to 8 hp, with tank sizes up to 30 gallons. The compressors were marketed under various brand names, including Ajax, Charge Air Pro, Energair, Guardian Power, MacTool, Power Force, Rallye, Rand 4000, and Steel Driver.

The affected compressors have serial numbers beginning with the prefix "C" or "DC". The model numbers begin with the following prefixes - 1B, 1D, 1E, 1I, 2B, 2D, 2E, 3B, 3D, 3E, 4B, 4E, 5E, 5G, 15E, 23HP, 75, 75E, 250E, AB, AIR, AJ, C, CAP, CB, CL, CO, CP, CR, CS, CT, EA, GC, GP, HP, HPC, IR, IRC, LTD, MT, OI, PF, RA, RL, RP, RY, SC, SDS, SE, THP and WB. Model and serial numbers are located on a plate or sticker attached to the outside housing of the air compressor. On some oil-less models, the model and serial numbers are affixed to an internal floor baffle beneath a removable plastic cabinet.

The compressors were sold at hardware and construction supply stores nationwide from 1983 through 1991 for between \$150 and \$400.

Ingersoll-Rand is instructing consumers to stop using the air compressors immediately and call the company at (877) 552-2952 for instructions on returning the product. Consumers will be given the option of being sent a check for \$100.00 or receiving a \$200.00 credit towards the purchase of a new DD2T2 air compressor.