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DRAIN COVER RECALL NOTICE

Product Recall: Certain Pentair Pool and In-Ground Spa Drain Covers

Effective immediately, Pentair Water Pool and Spa, Inc. ("Pentair"), in cooperation with other manufacturers and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), is issuing a voluntary recall on certain pool and in-ground spa drain covers manufactured or distributed by Pentair after June 1, 2009. The specific drain covers subject to the recall were determined by the CPSC to have been incorrectly rated for protection against body entrapment by independent third party laboratories. This recall applies only to the drain covers listed below:

SQUARE DRAINS

<u>Model #</u>	<u>Description</u>
500400	VGBA FRAME&GRT 9x9 WHT
500401	VGBA FRAME&GRT 9x9
500410	VGBA 2.5" SPIGOT BTM PORT PVC SUMP&GRT 9x9 WHT
500420	VGBA 9x3x2 PORT SUMP FRAME&GRT WHT FBRGLS
500421	VGBA 9x3x2 PORT SUMP FRAME&GRT BLK FBRGLS
500430	VGBA 4"SLP BTM PORT PVC SUMP&GRT 9x9 WHT
500431	VGBA 4"SLP BTM PORT PVC SUMP&GRT 9x9 BLK
500500	VGBA FRAME&GRT 12x12 WHT
500501	VGBA FRAME&GRT 12x12 BLK
500510	VGBA 4"SLP BTM PVC SUMP&GRT 12x12 WHT
500511	VGBA 4"SLP BTM PVC SUMP&GRT 12x12 BLK
500520	VGBA 12x4x2 PORT SUMP FRAME&GRT WHT FBRGLS
500521	VGBA 12x4x2 PORT SUMP FRAME&GRT BLK FBRGLS
500530	VGBA 6"SLP BTM PVC SUMP&GRT 12x12 WHT
500540	VGBA 12x6x2 PORT SUMP FRAME &GRT WHT FBRGLS
500600	VGBA FRAME&GRT 18x18 WHT
500601	VGBA FRAME&GRT 18x18 BLK
500610	VGBA 18x8x2 PORT SUMP FRAME&GRT WHT FBRGLS

EQUALIZERS

<u>Model #</u>	<u>Description</u>
500300	VGBA FLAT EQ SUCT FTG 2" SLIP WHT ABS W/1.5"RDCR
500301	VGBA FLAT EQ SUCT FTG 2" SLIP BLK ABS W/1.5"RDCR
500302	VGBA FLAT EQ SUCT FTG 2" SLIP GRY ABS W/1.5"RDC

Pentair has not received any reports of injuries related to any drain covers subject to the recall. Other pool and in-ground spa drain cover manufacturers are also participating in this voluntary recall and will provide separate notices for their products.

Distributors, dealers and retailers are hereby advised to immediately stop selling the subject drain covers. Pentair is requesting that your company immediately return any recalled drain covers that you may have in your inventory to Pentair for full refund. Call the Pentair's Recall Hotline at 1-888-711-7495 for specific details for the return authorization.

It is important that you also assist us in notifying all of your affected customers (dealers, retailers and installers) of this important drain cover recall. Accordingly, we request that you immediately provide the attached "Notice to Builders, Installers and Pool Service Professionals" to your customers.

If you are contacted by a pool owner or operator with questions about a pool or in-ground spa drain cover, you should instruct them to contact the Pentair Recall Hotline at 1-888-711-7495, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM Eastern time except holidays and weekends. In addition, pool owners

and operators may also receive information on the drain cover recall by visiting the Pentair Drain Cover Recall Website <http://www.pentairpool.com/draincoverrecall>.

Retrofit or replacement of installed covers are not required in pools with multiple drain systems or gravity drainage systems (other than kiddie/wading pools and in-ground spas) or for covers installed before December 19, 2008. Consumers should **NOT** remove or disturb their drain covers themselves, and should **NEVER** use a pool where there is a missing or broken drain cover. Drain covers should only be removed by pool installers or other professionals when they are in possession of, and are ready to install, a replacement or approved retrofit. Swimming pools and spas should **NEVER** be operated without all drain covers securely in place. Consumers will not incur costs for reasonable replacement/retrofit of recalled drain covers that are installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

Your company should maintain all information, if any, provided to you regarding pool/spa type, flow rating and existing drain cover model for each pool or in-ground spa covered by the recall and to make this information available to the CPSC upon request. The CPSC is monitoring this recall and may request this information from you.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We regret any inconvenience that this voluntary recall may cause. We sincerely value our relationship with your company.