

# NEWS from CPSC



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## Rheem Recalls to Repair Oil-Fired Furnaces Due to Fire 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.

**Name of Product:** Rheem, Ruud and United Refrigeration Oil-Fired Furnaces

**Units:** About 14,000

**Manufacturer:** Air Conditioning Division of Rheem Manufacturing Co., of Fort Smith, Ark.

**Hazard:** If the furnace is not properly wired, the oil burner can continue to operate when the blower shuts off, posing a fire hazard to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Rheem has received one report in which the furnace was incorrectly wired. No injuries or property damage have been reported.

**Description:** This recall involves oil-fired furnaces sold under the Rheem, Ruud and United Refrigeration brands. Only the models beginning with the model numbers listed in the chart below and with date codes ending in 0106 through 5206, 0107 through 5207, or 0108 through 4808 are included in this recall. The model number and date code (designated by the four digits following an "M" in the middle of the serial number) are printed on the unit's rating plate, which is on the left wall of the furnace's interior just above the burner. The rating plate can be found by opening the unit's burner access door, which has slotted openings.

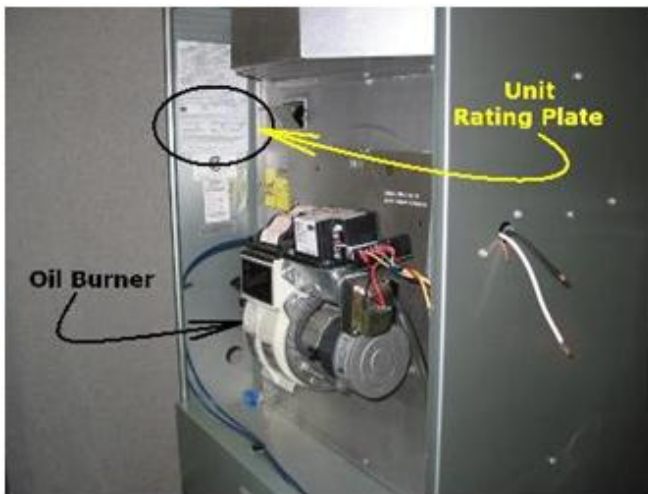
Model #	Brand & Description
ROBF	Rheem Classic/Ruud Achiever High Efficiency Upflow Oil Furnace
ROPF	Rheem Classic/Ruud Achiever High Efficiency Downflow/Horizontal Oil Furnace
TZOUP	United Refrigeration "Thermal Zone" Upflow Oil Furnace
TZODH	United Refrigeration "Thermal Zone" Downflow/ Horizontal Oil Furnace

**Sold by:** Contractors nationwide to consumers from January 2006 through December 2008 as part of installed systems for between \$1,500 and \$10,000.

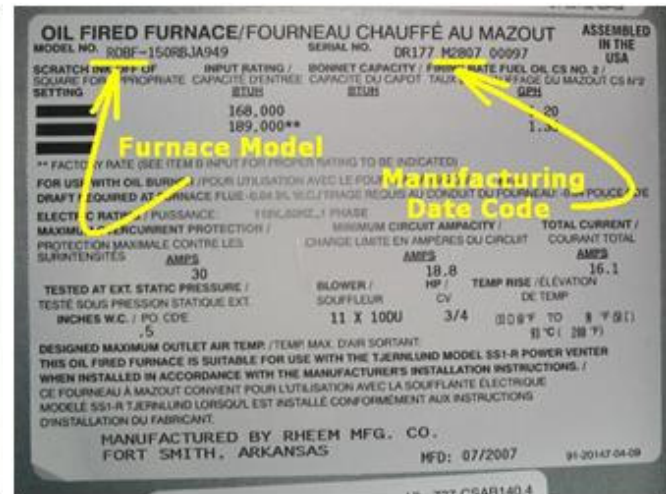
**Manufactured in:** United States

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately contact the contractor who installed the oil furnace to arrange for a free inspection and repair, if necessary.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Rheem at (800) 577-3960 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.rheemac.com](http://www.rheemac.com)



Location of Unit Rating Plate



Rating Plate with Model and Date Code

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](http://www.cpsc.gov).

