

Subject: KIDDE RECALLS DISPOSABLE PLASTIC FIRE EXTINGUISHERS DUE TO FAILURE TO DISCHARGE !

"National V Department" regarding a recall from Kidde Manufacturing.

Notice we, as Examiners, "are to accept the Fire Extinguisher" if present, however, alert the boat owner of the recall as discussed below and proceed with awarding Decal if all other items meet the VSC Decal requirement.

Take time to click on the two (2) below web sites from Kidde Manufacturing.

Please forward this to your Flotilla Publications Officer for broadcasting in your monthly publication.

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Subject: FIRE EXTINGUISHER RECALL

DSOs VE & DSOs PV

There is a fire extinguisher recall on certain Kiddie fire extinguishers.

Units with BLACK PLASTIC VALVES should be checked to verify if they are included in the recall! Kidde will replace any defective units and should be contacted directly. Contact Kidde toll-free at (855) 283-7991 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.kidde.com and click on Safety Notice for more information. The recalled extinguishers are red, white or silver and are either ABC or BC rated

Recall information is also available on the V-Directorate's "What's New from the DIR-V" web site <http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=dir-v-says> and the Kiddie website:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Kidde-Recalls-Disposable-Plastic-Fire-Extinguishers/>

In discussing this with Coast Guard Headquarters, they suggested that when conducting vessel safety checks, as a VE comes across a fire extinguisher which is on the recall list, and the extinguisher meets the standard requirements as outlined in the VSC manual, we are to indicate the equipment as acceptable on the 7012 form.

When the vessel meets all the other requirements for a VSC we should issue a decal. The examiner should advise the boat owner/operator of the recall and suggest they contact Kidde immediately.

Our Program Visitors also need be aware of this recall so they can discuss this with their program partners as well as when they are interfacing with boaters.

We appreciate your help in getting this information out to your staff as soon as possible.

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