



QUICK RESPONSE

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Recalled Fire Sprinklers

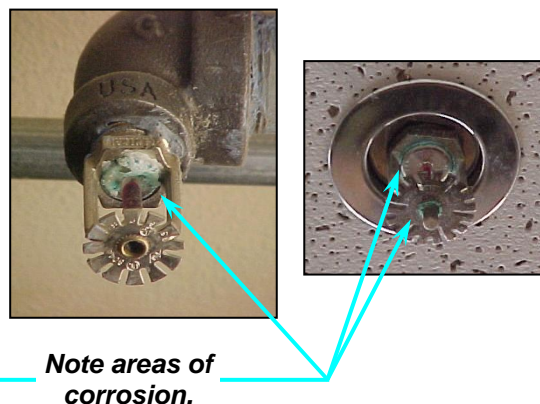
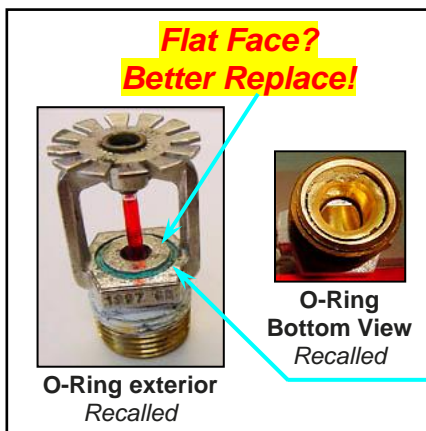
The **Fire Protection Section** of the **Minnesota State Fire Marshal Division (SFMD)** has been monitoring the replacement activity of several recalled sprinkler heads over the past eight years. The sprinklers involved in the recall include:

- The **CENTRAL OMEGA** manufactured after 1982, recall initiated on Oct. 14, 1998;
- **CENTRAL** 'wet' sprinklers with O-ring seals manufactured from 1989 to 2000 and 'dry' sprinklers with O-ring seals manufactured from the mid 70's to June 2001, recall initiated on July 19, 2001;
- "**STAR**" dry-type sprinklers manufactured from 1961 to 1976, recall initiated on August 4, 1999;
- "**STAR ME-1**" dry-type sprinklers manufactured by CHEMETRON CORP. from 1977 to 1982; recall initiated on April 25, 2003; and
- "**STAR ME-1**" dry-type sprinklers manufactured by SCM (formerly STAR SPRINKLER), recall initiated on April 25, 2003.

Details of these recalls are available on our website at www.fire.state.mn.us. Click on the "**FIRE SPRINKLER PROGRAM**" link and locate the **Product Alerts and Recalls** box.

Every effort is being made by the entire **SFMD** inspection staff to identify and report to the building owner the existence of these sprinklers and offer contact information to remedy the situation. Because of the vast number and variety of occupancies where these sprinklers may have been installed, sprinkler contractors and local building and fire officials throughout the State are strongly encouraged to visit the website, become familiar with and help identify the sprinklers in question during annual inspections, remodeling, or routine visits. Once identified, it is the building owner's responsibility to then seek remedy from the proper source.

While there is concern yet over the existence of some of these products, fire sprinklers continue to have an excellent field record of saving lives and reducing property loss.



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