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Newsletter for the Houston Chapter of the Independent Pool & Spa Service Association

VGB Drain Cover Recall

Holy smokes, here we go again! Pool and Spa News reports that the Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled "about a million drain covers from at least eight manufacturers". Yes, boys and girls, many of these are the same covers we were legally required to install due to the passing of the Virginia Graeme Baker Act. It seems these recalled covers were incorrectly rated to meet the VGB requirements.

This is not a shadow on any of the drain manufacturers, but on the testing lab that incorrectly certified these covers. The article lists covers made by A & A, Aquastar, Color Match, Custom Molded Products, Hayward, Pentair, Rising Dragon and Waterway, among others.

The real kicker is that this was announced just before the Memorial Day weekend, and they actually were urging everyone not to open their commercial pools unless the covers had been replaced. What the.....?? Are y'all kiddin'?

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Summer 2011

This is it! Summer, 2011. It seems we barely crawled out of winter hibernation, and the long hot summer is upon us. It's OK though. This is how we make our living. Just don't underestimate that hot Texas sun.

You need to make sure that all of your trucks are equipped with those funky orange (or yellow) water coolers, and provide all the ice and water that your people need. Be sure that you impress on every member of your crew just how deadly the summer sun can be in Texas. Remind them every week in your safety meetings to keep their hats on their heads, and drink all the water they

can, even if they are not really thirsty.

What? You don't have weekly safety meetings? Come on, Bubba! Get with the program! Make it a regular habit. It may just make you more careful yourself. The brain cells you save may be your own.

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- *Free to attend
- *Door Prizes
- *Open to Pool Professionals
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- *Meet Factory Reps
- *Reps from Local Suppliers

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Next Meeting 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 14



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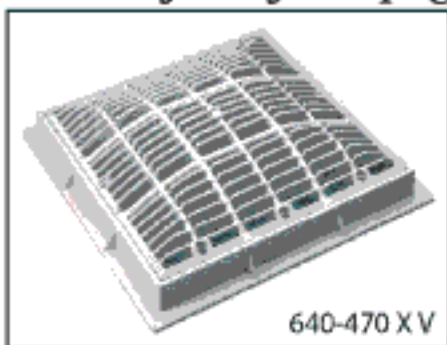
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say that some manufacturers already have the parts necessary to make retrofits or replacements. "Others are ramping up production," and that "getting those parts and the labor necessary to install them will be major hurdles."

You can check with manufacturers'

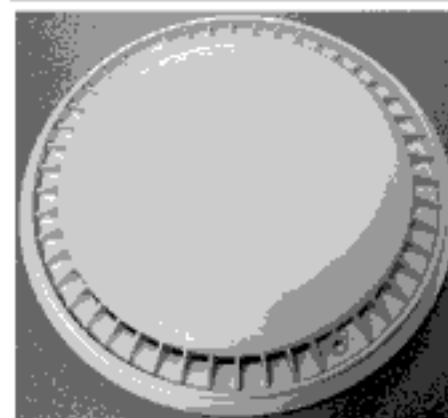
web sites to find the affected drain cover models. Most are illustrated here or on page 4.

The article in Pool & Spa goes on to tell you to contact the manufacturer to get a replacement or retrofit.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has set up a Drain Cover Recall Hot Line at 866-478-3521 and there is a dedicated web page at

www.apsp.org/draincoverrecall

Stay tuned right here for the latest updates. Be careful out there.



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June 4- CPO Fusion Class at FWP* in Katy. 8:00-5:00 (Must first take on-line Primer)

June 9- Barbeque at Pool Electrical Products 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

June 9- APSP Monthly Meeting at Dave & Busters (Richmond): 6:00 pm; 713-944-4444 or michael@millerpools.com

June 14- IPSSA/Houston Meeting 7:00 pm at Fuddruckers, 2475 Kirkwood just North of Westheimer. Board Meeting preceding.

June 25- Texas Residential Appliance License Prep Class at FWP* in Katy. 9:00-2:00

July 14- Barbeque at Pool Electrical Products 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

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Are you keeping up with all of the latest in the pool and spa industry? Just being up-to-speed in the trends and progress of this ever-changing age of technology is a real challenge. Then there are all of the diverse problems that we encounter on a daily basis in the field. Add to this all of the new and coming regulations and laws, both state and federal, and you can see that it is a real challenge to keep up. But keep up we must. Our survival in business fully depends on it.

As IPSSA members, we have a tremendous advantage. Aligned and allied with dozens of other experienced pool and spa businessmen makes us an army of professionals who wage our war of fiscal survival together as a team. We press forward with the best intel and a unified battle plan that will keep us in control of our destiny for as long as there are pool and spas with a boo-boo, dirty filter or a bikini-clad damsel in distress.

Of course, just being a member is not

enough. Regular attendance is all-important. Guest speakers keep us educated and informed with up-to-the-minute news and alerts that we all must have in our arsenal in order to fight the good fight. If you do not view the monthly meetings as opportunities to rally the troops and gain a stronger foot-hold, then you are missing a really powerful chess piece.

The IPSSAN, the national publication of IPSSA, keeps us informed on all of their news, and I try to present as much

as I can in our own IPSSA/Houston, but to be thoroughly informed, you need a lot more eyes on the battlefield. As service professionals, you should be subscribing to Pool and Spa Magazine, as well as Service Industry News and Aqua Magazine.

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- 2- Stabilizer (Conditioner) is properly known by 3 different chemical names. List at least two of them.
- 3- What pool chemical has been known to cause spontaneous fires, when contaminated with certain oils?
- 4- Pool professionals who carry chemicals on their trucks are legally required to have what papers with them?

Answers next issue.

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