

# WARNING: IMPORTANT FIRE SUPPRESSION SAFETY NOTICE



BULLETIN

#17-27K

Date: July 6, 2017

To: Kidde Distributors – Limited Circulation

From: Kidde Product Safety Office

Subject: Safety Bulletin: 3Way Pilot Valve Remediation Inspection or Replacement – FINAL

**NOTIFICATION** 

Reference: Safety Bulletin 15-23K: Legacy Chemetron 3-Way Pilot Valve

Safety Bulletin 15-35K: Legacy Chemetron 3-Way Pilot Valve

#### **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE – ACTION REQUIRED**

With reference to the above safety bulletins, as of this date, our records of your organization having performed the mandatory inspection or replacement are either incomplete or absent. We remind you that the failure to perform could prevent the system from operating as intended in the event of a fire and once again request your support in completing and documenting the action you have taken.

In order to ensure that our mutual records reflect an accurate account of your efforts, please fill in your information in the Customer Response section that follows, sign and date in the space provided and return the entire document to Kidde TechSupport@fs.utc.com within fourteen (14) days of the date of this bulletin.

If Kidde has not received your written response to this letter within the prescribed time, we will interpret your silence to mean that you have declined to perform the required inspection or replacement, and instead unconditionally agree to fully defend and indemnify Kidde Fire Systems and its affiliated entities from any and all claims, damages, injuries, deaths, lawsuits, fines, costs and fees, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of the failure to replace product as described in previously referenced documentation and this letter.

Given their life safety and property protection function, the performance and reliability of our products in your end-use applications are of paramount importance to us. As you know, both organizations - Kidde as the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and your company as the original product installer / dealer - have responsibilities to end users to ensure the safe operation of the products.

## <u>Please therefore share with your Sales, Design, Purchasing and Installation personnel with instructions</u> to read the below carefully and take the required action as required

In June 2015, we issued a bulletin mandating the field inspection and upgrade, if required, of the below Legacy Chemetron 3-Way Pilot Valves shipped prior to January 16, 2015:

3-Way Pilot Valves in question are listed below:

- P/N 10610640 Valve-Pilot 3-Way
- P/N 10611014 Valve 3-Way Pilot Cont.Marine

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Valves supplied as a sub-component to the following assemblies:

• P/N 63-2040482-000 Actuation Kit\_Sel Valve

• P/N 10100645 Marine Remote Man Control

• P/N 10100948 Marine Remote Man Control Station

You will recall this mandatory upgrade is required to replace the valves that will not reset after operation. If the valve does not reset, then the valve:

- Does not "Close" and if activated due to a fire event,
  - CO2 may flow into a location which is not in alarm (no warning of CO2 in a potentially occupied space).
  - o Potential for reduced CO2 concentration in the alarm location
- Does not notify the user of this trouble condition.

Next, the bulletin required the following field actions for systems installed by your company:

- Contact us to issue a no charge PO for advance replacement units
- Visually identify units shipped prior to January 16, 2015 by date stamp on the valve
- Functionally test as per the test requirements outlined in the Bulletin 15-23K
- Upgrade failing units with new production units that incorporated corrective actions in the design, process and inspection

Finally, the bulletin requested you to fill out the provided form and return to us for our action and records:

• Safety Bulletin 15-23 Table 1 Inspection Report

We then followed up with Safety Bulletin 15-35K in September 2015 to remind you of the issues and the need to upgrade the valves supplied to / through you to keep them in line with current safety standards.

Please contact Kidde\_TechSupport@fs.utc.com if you would like to receive additional copies of the above referenced documents and, as requested earlier in this notification, fill in the Customer Response Section that follows within 14-days of the date of this bulletin.

#### Contact for Support / Feedback:

For more information or if you have questions or concerns, please immediately contact us at (866) 287-2531 or at Kidde\_TechSupport@fs.utc.com

As always, we thank you for your business and continued support.

CC: Kidde Regional Sales Manager Kidde Director of Sales Kidde Legal Department

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Please fill in your information

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Date:

## Customer Response Section YOUR RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 14-DAYS OF ABOVE BULLETIN DATE.

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Company Name:	
Invoicing Address:	
Designated Officer Name:	
Job Title: (if applicable)	
Phone:	Email:
Please answer the following questions:  1. Our current inspection and replacement status is as follows (check most applicable answer):  All units have been inspected or replaced, if required  All units are no longer in service  All units still require inspection or replacement, if required, balance are no longer in service  Some units still require inspection or replacement, if required, balance are no longer in service  Some units still require inspection or replacement, if required  If units still require inspection or replacement, our plan to complete the remediation is (check most applicable answer):  No plan or unable to inspect or replace, if required  Balance to be inspected and replaced, if required, in the next 6 months  Balance to be inspected and replaced, if required, in the next 12 months  Not applicable	
Other, please detail:  3. We have either no plans to or are unable to inspect or replace, if required, due to the following reasons (check all that apply):  We do not have service contract(s) with the end-users  No access to site(s)  End user(s) has/have declined access  Other, please detail:  Please print the Designated Officer name and signature below:	
Print Name  Please email the completed do	Signature  cument to kidde_techsupport@fs.utc.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Technical Services at (866) 287-2531.