



MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

**Defence
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SAFETY ALERT

Subject: Electrium Miniature Circuit Breakers – Product Recall Notice
Number: SA 07/11

DIO Secretariat Sponsor: RA Cawthorne

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Who Should Read this:

Top Level Budget Holders, Prime Contractors, Private Finance Initiatives, Public, Private Partnership and other traditionally procured contracts, Project Managers, Site Estate Authority Teams and Property Managers with responsibility for MOD projects and Property Management Works Services (including the legacy work of EWCs/WSMs), Coordinating Authorising Engineers, Authorising Engineers Electrical, Authorised Persons Electrical and Designers, Installers and Maintainers of final electrical distribution equipment.

When it takes effect: Immediately

When it is due to expire: When advised

Health and Safety

Equality And Diversity Impact Assessment

This policy has been Equality and Diversity Impact Assessed in accordance with the Department's Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment Tool against:

Part 1 Assessment Only (no diversity impact found)

Document Aim.

To notify responsible persons of a second recall notice issued by Electrium for their Miniature Circuit Breakers (MCBs), sold under the brand names Wylex, Crabtree (Loadstar only) and Volex, and advise on the action to be taken.

1. Introduction

a. COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONTENTS OF THIS ALERT WILL ENABLE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK ETC ACT 1974 AND ITS SUBORDINATE REGULATIONS.

b. The appropriate MOD officer shall arrange for the Maintenance Management Organisation (MMO) contractor to carry out all actions in accordance with this Alert.

c. Any work required as a result of this Safety Alert must be carried out in accordance with JSP 375 Volume 3 – MOD's Safety Rules & Procedures.

d. On MOD Establishments occupied by United States Visiting Forces (USVF) responsibility is jointly held by USVF and DIO (USF). At base level this jointly managed organisation is to take appropriate action to implement the contents of this Alert. Where this Alert contains procedures which differ significantly from USVF practice DIO (USF) code of practice will be issued.

2. Background

a. Electrium has issued a second recall notice for their MCBs, sold under the brand names Wylex, Crabtree (Loadstar only) and Volex. Some of these MCBs are not performing to the required characteristics, which can lead to potential risk of burning/fire. The affected MCBs were supplied from April 2009 to February 2010.

b. Electrium has put in place a retrofit of replacement parts in affected premises. Details of the affected products are as follows:

MCB Rating	Wylex	Crabtree (Loadstar only)	Volex
6 Amp	NSB06	6M1B06	VB06
10 Amp	NSB10	6M1B10	VB10
16 Amp	NSB16	6M1B16	VB16

c. The full content of their recall notice can be viewed via the following link:

<http://www.mcbexchange.co.uk/electrium/>

3. Requirement

a. If you have purchased or installed any of the product listed above, between the dates shown, the follow-up action required by the recall notice is to be undertaken immediately.