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NOTIFICATION OF EXTENSION TO AXIOM HAND TAP RECALL

Dear APA Distributor

APA wishes to advise that the current recall of Axiom hand taps notified on the 5th April 2007 covering valves manufactured between 1st of November 2006 and 28th of February 2007 has been extended to now cover the range 1st of November 2006 to the 5th of April 2007.

This extension has arisen because of failures of hand taps leaking in the field. Our investigations reveal that the measuring equipment used by the supplier between the period of 1st of March and the 5th of April did not identify the undersized "o" rings completely.

Production of hand taps after April 5, 2007 included a "no go" gauging system and grease was not used in the assembly which temporarily masked the defect and as such no further leaks on hand taps will occur.

Our field observations have shown that leaks due to undersized "o" ring will generally occur between 60 and 120 days (2 to 4 months) after installation. Further leaks are unlikely as it is now 5 months since the last of the suspect valves were produced.

With the support from our distributors and the installers of APA product, we have been extremely successful in the correction of the initial production range of Axiom hand taps. The purpose of any recall is to avoid further field faults and to this end and without unnecessary delay we are asking for your assistance in the following course of action.

1. Review all APA stock you have on hand starting with slow moving items

This review involves checking the 6-digit serial number against the attached serial number list. We have sent directly to installers instructions on their stock and installation.

The serial number database has now been updated to include all serial numbers with a potentially faulty hand taps

Yours sincerely

Tony Chapman
CEO