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Tyco Fire Products Announce Name Change on Groove Product Line

To Our Valued Customers:
Effective July 15, Tyco Fire & Building Products will begin transitioning the name of the ‘Central’ Grooved Piping Products to ‘Grinnell’ Grooved Piping Products. This change is being implemented across the Tyco manufactured line of grooved products only, and no other products will be affected.

The name change is being implemented to facilitate our return to the mechanical grooved market in August of this year. The single ‘Grinnell’ name for both fire protection and mechanical markets will allow us to manufacture more effectively and efficiently, expand our product offering, and will put us in a better position to service you. If you subscribe to mechanical journals, you may notice the return of the ‘Grinnell’ ads that have been absent for nearly five years. Our plan is to offer the best and most comprehensive grooved product line possible to both the mechanical and fire protection markets. For fire protection over the next several months, products will be added, and we hope that you find that these will make both of us more competitive than ever.

As a result of the change, you can expect to begin receiving ‘Grinnell’ branded products within the next 60 to 90 days. Our goal is to transition our inventory to the ‘Grinnell’ brand, but this will require some time to purge our existing inventory. Until the existing ‘Central’ inventory has been depleted, it is possible that you may receive shipments of products that contain both the ‘Central’ and ‘Grinnell’ brands. We will make every effort to avoid or minimize the mixing of brands on an individual order. However, please be assured that both brands have the same listings and approvals, and that we will continue the current Central listings well after the Central inventory has been depleted. If mixed brands on a given project or order are an issue, please contact your local Tyco Fire Products’ sales representative.

For fire protection, the model/style/figure numbers of the products will remain the same, as will the design of the products. The part numbers for the ‘Grinnell’ equivalents will be the same as the existing Central part numbers. Therefore, you may continue to order using the same part numbers that had been assigned to the ‘Central’ products. If the selected part number is not available as a ‘Central’ brand, our system will automatically furnish the ‘Grinnell’ equivalent part.

Tyco Fire and Building Products will make every effort to ease this transition to the new brand name. We thank you in advance for your cooperation, and we look forward to being of continued service to you.
Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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