

## **Tyco Fire & Building Products Alerts Fire Protection Professionals to the Presence of Counterfeit Sprinklers in Asian Markets**

*Tyco Fire & Building Products recommends specific steps to verify sprinkler authenticity*

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**LANSDALE, PA (September 6, 2006)** – Tyco Fire & Building Products announced today that it is aggressively combating the presence of counterfeit Tyco-branded sprinkler heads appearing in the Indian marketplace. Other sprinkler manufacturers have reported similar counterfeiting problems in the region.

Tyco Fire & Building Products is working closely with Underwriters Laboratories and Factory Mutual in this effort, and is taking necessary legal steps to stop counterfeit activity related to its products. As a result of legal proceedings brought by Tyco, approximately 1,100 counterfeit sprinkler heads were recently seized by Indian officials in Delhi. The sprinklers were manufactured in China and illegally imported; they have not been found outside the Asian market.

“The recent seizure of counterfeit sprinklers in Delhi shows how serious Tyco Fire & Building Products is about addressing this problem,” said Bill Hewitt, General Counsel for Tyco Fire & Building Products. “It’s a matter of protecting our industry-leading reputation, and even more importantly, the safety of our customers.”

Hewitt continued, “In the event of a fire, counterfeit sprinklers may fail to activate or may not operate as needed to control or suppress the fire. In addition, these sprinklers are not covered under Tyco’s warranty and have not been tested or approved by independent agencies, such as CCCF, Underwriters Laboratories, Factory Mutual, LPCB and Vds.”

The use of counterfeit sprinkler heads could result in problems such as:

- Premature or delayed response of the sprinkler head
- Incorrect spray patterns
- No warranty coverage by Tyco Fire & Building Products
- Loss of certification for the entire system

To ensure the authenticity and proper performance of sprinklers, Tyco Fire & Building Products offers the following recommendations:

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- Buy “Tyco” sprinkler heads directly from Tyco Fire & Building Products outlets or authorized distributors. For a complete list of locations, call your Regional Tyco Fire & Building Products sales office. Visit [www.tyco-fire.com](http://www.tyco-fire.com) for company contact information.
- Beware of “bargains” on “Tyco” sprinkler heads that seem too good to be true. Sprinkler products may be low-priced because they are counterfeit or defective.
- Check packaging and data sheets. They should be free of grammatical errors and not conflict with information found elsewhere.
- Look for the name and contact information of the manufacturer. If either is missing, be wary.
- Ask for the warranty or test certificate. If ordering high volumes, insist on a certificate of origin.
- Examine the sprinkler head’s frame, as it may not be of the same design shown in Tyco Fire & Building Products catalogues or on the company’s web site.
- Look for the □G□ or “JOB G5” mark on the sprinkler head’s glass bulb. Be careful to avoid “Tyco” sprinklers sold with a “JOB F5” mark on the bulb, as these are counterfeit products.

Tyco Fire & Building Products places the highest importance on stopping counterfeit product production and unauthorized use of its brand name, ensuring that customers purchase only the most reliable and proven fire protection solutions. You can further this effort by reporting any suspicious products or sales activity to your local Tyco Fire & Building Products sales representative.

### **About Tyco Fire & Building Products**

Tyco Fire & Building Products is a leading manufacturer of water-based fire suppression system components and ancillary building construction products, distributing more than 30 million sprinklers worldwide every year serving customers in residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional building projects. It continually expands its capabilities through aggressive research and product development to provide its customers effective fire protection and construction solutions. More information can be found at [www.tyco-fire.com](http://www.tyco-fire.com).

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