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**Pentair Technical Products Recalls Select Hoffman Stainless Steel Products**

Hoffman Customer,

On Friday, 30 April, we learned that a small amount of Hoffman 316L stainless steel product manufactured from 24 November 2009 to 26 February 2010, "Recalled Stainless Steel Product," was made with a lower grade 430 stainless steel due to a material mislabeling by our supplier.

Initially, there is no aesthetic difference between the 316L and 430 products. Over time, however, the 430 will show surface rust quicker than the 316L. It is important to note that Pentair Technical Products' policy is to procure and use only 300 series stainless steel in Hoffman products. We have never intentionally used 430 series stainless steel in our enclosures. 430 series stainless steel is commonly used in applications such as kitchen sinks and food service industry products. See information below; additional technical details are available upon request.

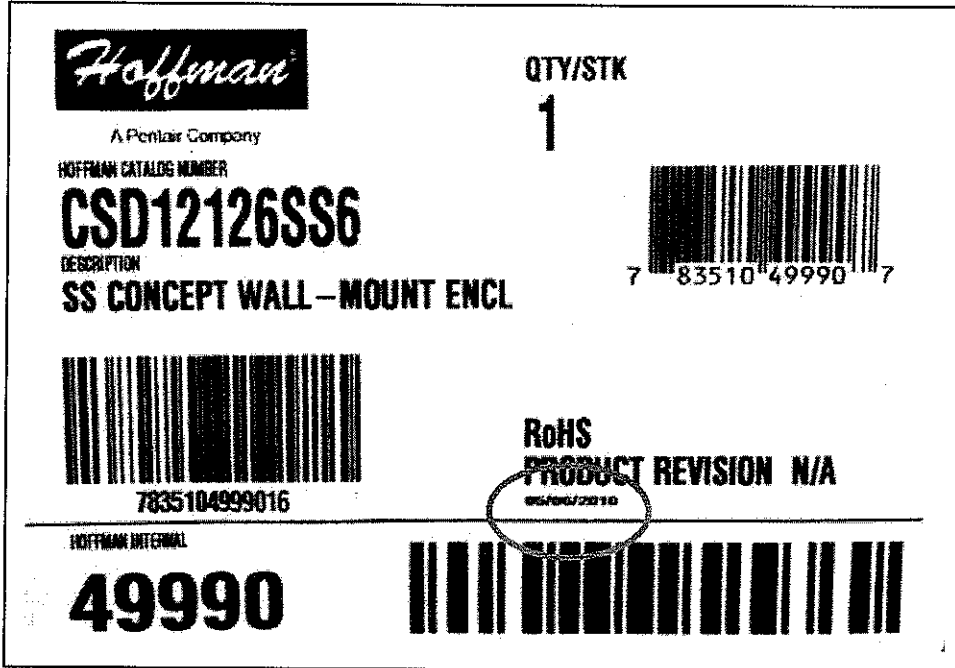
	<b>316L</b>	<b>430</b>
<b>Applications</b>	Food preparation	Countertops
	Pharmaceutical	Sinks
	Medical	Dishwasher (inside/outside)
<b>Weld Structure</b>	Good	Good
<b>Weld Wire</b>	300 series	300 series
<b>Corrosion Resistance (pure water)</b>	Best	Good (=> 304)
<b>Passivation</b>	Best	Fair (corrosion likely) Prohibits re-passivation in weld seams

**Identifying Affected Product**

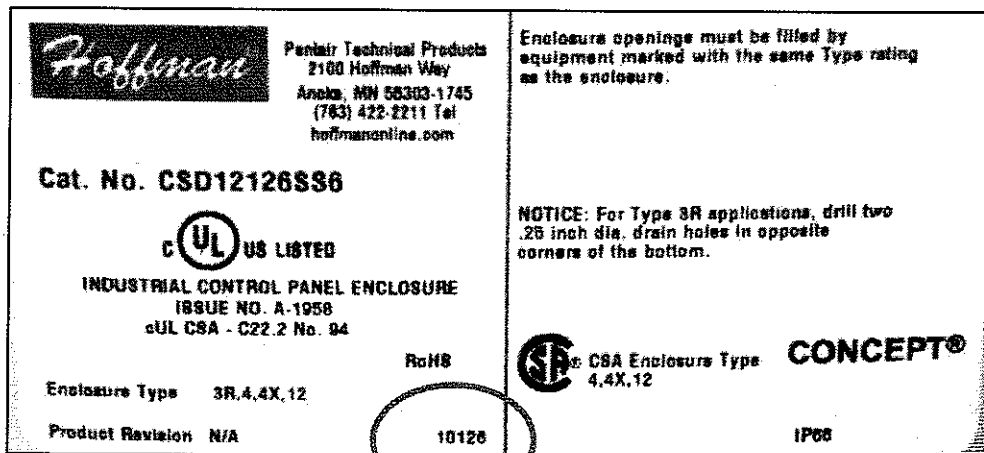
The manufacturing date range of the affected product is 24 November 2009 to 26 February 2010. Although we received a small amount of the 430 stainless steel, approximately one-half of one day of production, it was consumed in the manufacturing process over a 3-month period. Your Hoffman sales representative will work with you to identify if you have affected product.

There are two ways to identify affected product:

On the carton label, check the date as illustrated below. Affected product will be dated between 11/24/2009 and 02/26/2010.

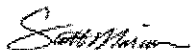


If the product is no longer in the original carton, check the Julian date on the product label inside the enclosure as illustrated below. Affected product will be dated between 09328 and 10057.



We take this problem very seriously and are committed to resolution. Pentair Technical Products values your business and satisfaction above all else. We apologize for inconvenience this may cause.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Marion".

Scott Marion

Director of Global Product Management