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« Radiant Ceiling heating panels »

Radiant ceiling heating panels are a high tech method of heating homes with electricity and carbon-ink based heating elements. Between 1991 and 1995 several incidents involving overheating of specific kinds of panels occurred in BC. As a result, disconnect orders were issued by the province's Chief Electrical Inspector which affected more than 2,000 homeowners. These homeowners had to acquire alternative heating sources or remain in the cold.

Further to the News Release issued September 26, 1994, Flexwatt Corporation and the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) are extending the recall of the radiant ceiling heating product.

This recall now involves all Flexwatt Radiant Ceiling Heating Panels, Product Nos. R13C13H120, R13C13H208, R13C13H240 rated 13 Watts per panel; R17C20H120, R17C20H208, R17C20H240 rated 20 Watts per panel; and R25C30H120, R25C30H208, R25C30H240 rated 30 Watts per panel. Additional testing by CSA has determined that in some circumstances these panels may overheat.

While most Flexwatt installations are in the provinces of British Columbia and Quebec, concerned homeowners are advised to contact their electrical contractor or installer to determine if they have the radiant ceiling heating panels listed above. Foil backed and combustible (cellulose) insulation are prohibited over RCHP's. Fibreglass insulation should not exceed R-40.

Acceptable brands

Safe-T-Flex, Thermaray, ESWA

Report to Electrical Inspector

Flexwatt, Flexel, Aztec, Thermoflex Scotland

If you find a brand of RCHP not included on the list above, check with your local Electrical Safety Inspector.

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