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| 1. CASE NO. | 2. INVEST. ID | 3. OFFICE | |
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| 951212CCN0363<br>G-5C 0070 | [ 0 ] [ 5 ] [ 8 ] [ 5 ] | [ 8 ] [ 3 ] [ 0 ] | **EPIDEMIOLOGIC INVESTIGATION REPORT** |

| 4. DATE OF ACCIDENT YR. MON. DAY | 5. DATE INVEST. INITIATED YR. MO DAY |
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6. SYNOPSIS OF ACCIDENT OR COMPLAINT

**The complainant was replacing the battery on her smoke detector when it emitted flame and her hair caught on fire. She extinguished the fire in her hair and went to the kitchen to get water to extinguish the flame in the smoke detector. By the time she returned from the kitchen, the smoke detector was no longer burning. No medical assistance was needed.**

| 7. LOCATION (HOME, SCHOOL, ETC.) | 8. CITY | 9. STATE |
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| :Home [ 1 ] [ 0 ] | :New Richmond | Indiana [ I ] [ N ] |

| 10 A. FIRST PRODUCT | 11.A. BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER AND ADDRESS |
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| SMOKE DETECTOR: [ 0 ] [ 7 ] [ 0 ] [2] | PITTWAY CORPORATION MODEL SA76RS<br>780 MCCLURE AVENUE<br>AURORA, IL 60507 |
| 10 B. SECOND PRODUCT | 11.B. BRAND NAME, MODEL NUMBER, MANUFACTURER AND ADDRESS |
| :9 VOLT BATTERY [ 0 ] [ 8 ] [ 9 ] [2] | DURACELL, INC.<br>BETHEL, CT 06801 MODEL MN1604 |

| 12. AGE OF VICTIM | 13. SEX (USE NUMERICAL CODE<br>MALE -- 1<br>FEMALE --2<br>UNKNOWN --3 | 14. DISPOSITION : | 15. INJURY DIAGNOSIS : |
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| [ 9] [ 9] [ 9] | [ 2 ] | [ 9 ] | [ 7 ] [ 1 ] |

| 16. BODY PART : | 17. RESPONDENTS (MOTHER,FRIEND) : | 18. TYPE INVESTIGATION<br>ON SITE --1<br>TELEPHONE -- 2<br>OTHER -- 3 | 19. TIME SPENT |
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| [ 9] [ 9 ] | [ 1 ] | [ 1 ] | [ 1 ] [ 2 ] . [ 0 ]<br>Tr.[ ] [ 3 ] . [ 0 ] |

| 20 ATTACHMENTS : | 21. CASE SOURCE : | 22. REVIEWED BY YR. MO DAY |
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23. PERMISSION TO DISCLOSE NAMES

(NON-NEISS CASES ONLY) CPSC MAY DISCLOSE MY NAME [ X ] CPSC MAY NOT DISCLOSE MY NAME [ ]

| | 23/ REGIONAL OFFICE DIRECTOR REVIEW DATE |
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24. NARRATIVE

MFR/PRVLBR NOTIFIED 10-21-96

Overrule ___ No Comments made
___ Comments attached
___ Excisions/Revisions
✓ Firm has not requested further notice

**SUMMARY:**

The complainant was replacing the battery on her smoke detector when it emitted flame and her hair caught on fire. She extinguished the fire in her hair and went to the kitchen to get water to extinguish the flame in the smoke detector. By the time she returned from the kitchen, the smoke detector was no longer burning.

**PRE-INCIDENT:**

The complainant was not sure how long ago the unit was purchased. She estimated that it was approximately 15-20 years ago. In those years, she said she had never had any problems with the unit. She was babysitting her granddaughter the afternoon of the incident. The smoke detector had been beeping indicating that the battery needed to be changed. The smoke detector is in the hallway between the living room and the bed rooms. She stood on a stool to change the battery.

**INCIDENT:**

She was getting off the stool after changing the battery when her granddaughter said, "Grandma, your hair is on fire."

**POST-INCIDENT:**

The complainant grabbed the top of her head, and when she did so, the fire in her hair went out. She then went to the kitchen to get water to extinguish the flames. By the time she returned, the smoke detector was no longer on fire. The unit was dripping a plastic like substance onto the floor and was charred on the outside. She called her neighbor to come over and remove the smoke detector from the ceiling in the hallway.

After the incident, the complainant called the manufacturer to request information about the smoke detector. The representative who answered the telephone said they had never had a recall or any problems with their smoke detectors. The complainant said that the representative said several times, "What do you want us to do about it?" The complainant was concerned about the danger to others, and tried to get this point across to the representative. The representative told the complainant to return the smoke detector to the manufacturer. At this time, the complainant said she would ask the advice of her son who is a lawyer before returning the unit. The next day, the representative called the complainant to ask further questions, and again asked that the unit be returned to the manufacturer.

The complainant contacted her son, who, in turn contacted CPSC.

**PRODUCT INFORMATION:**

The smoke detector is round and approximately 5-1/2" in diameter. Labeling on the back of the smoke detector reads, "S-1208, UL Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., CAUTION radioactive material Am 241 5.0uCi, for repair or disposal return to Pittway Corp. 780 McClure Ave., Aurora, IL 60507 U.S.A., First Alert by Pittway, Model No. SA76RS, install per owners manual (same as model no.) and NFPA Std.74 available at 470 Atlantic Ave. Boston, MA 02210, Made in U.S.A., Removal of Label Prohibited 12-15023-02E."

Model: SA76RS

**MANUFACTURER:**

Pittway Corporation
780 McClure Avenue
Aurora, IL 60507

**PERSONS CONTACTED:**

Complainant

**SAMPLE**

Sample #96-830-3171 was collected.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Release of Name Form
Photographs

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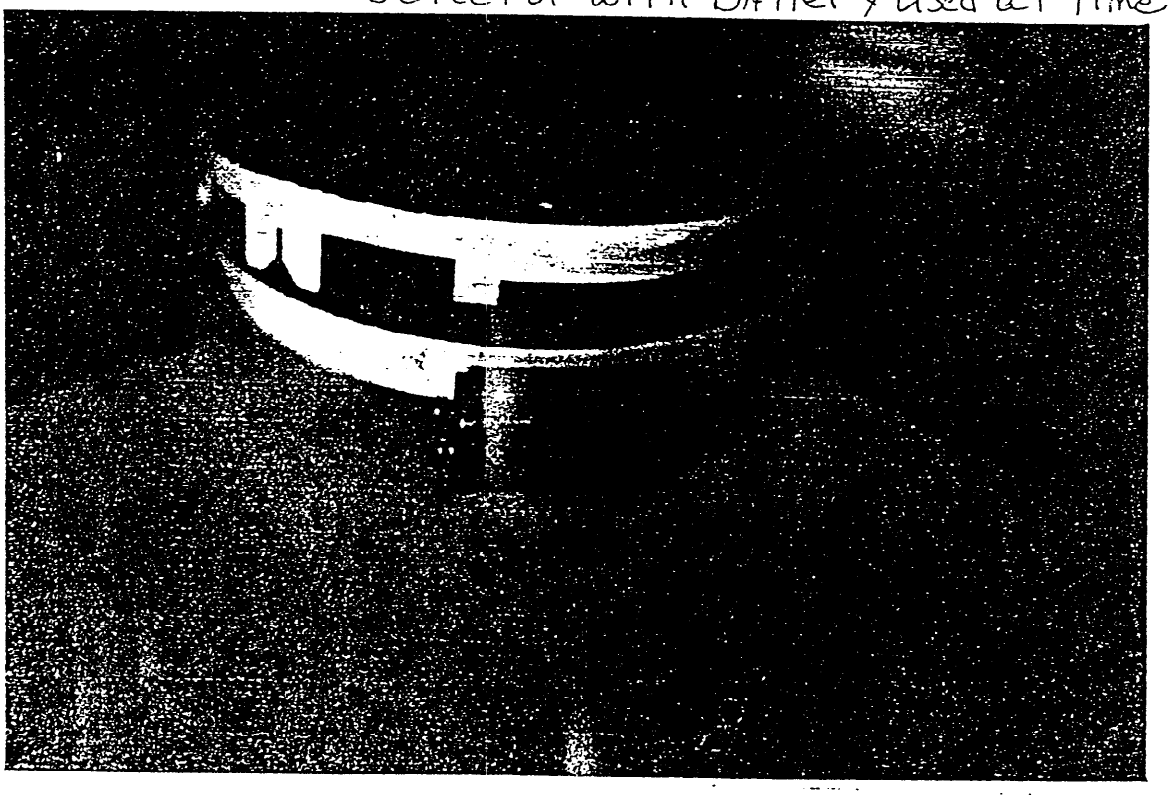
Portion of hair burned when smoke detector caught on fire

Smoke Detector with Battery Used at time of incident



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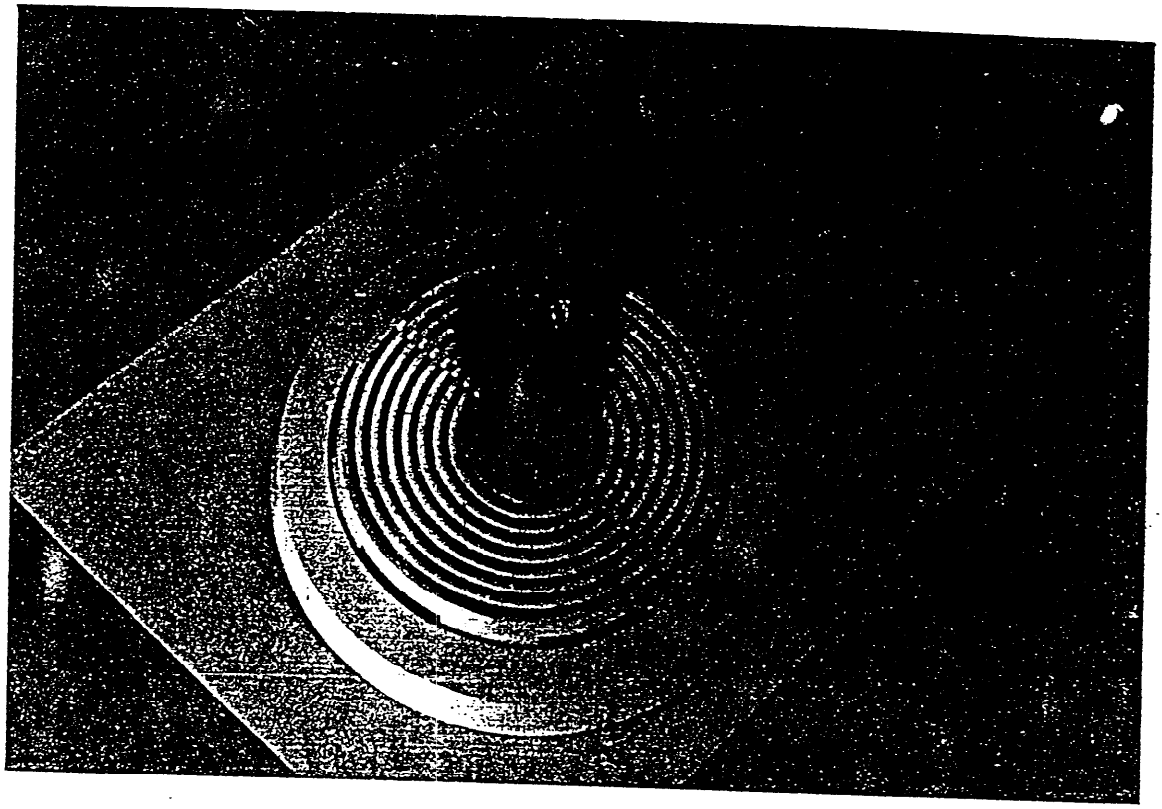
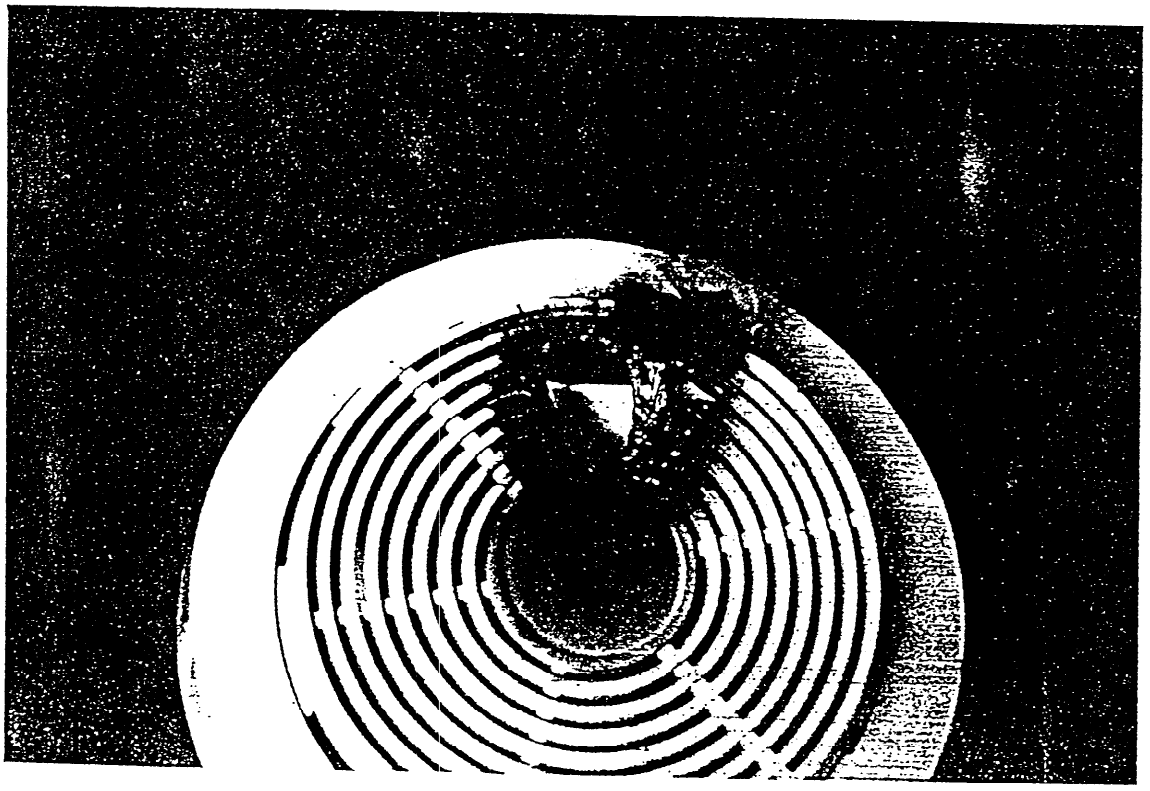
Burned area on outside of smoke detector



Closer View



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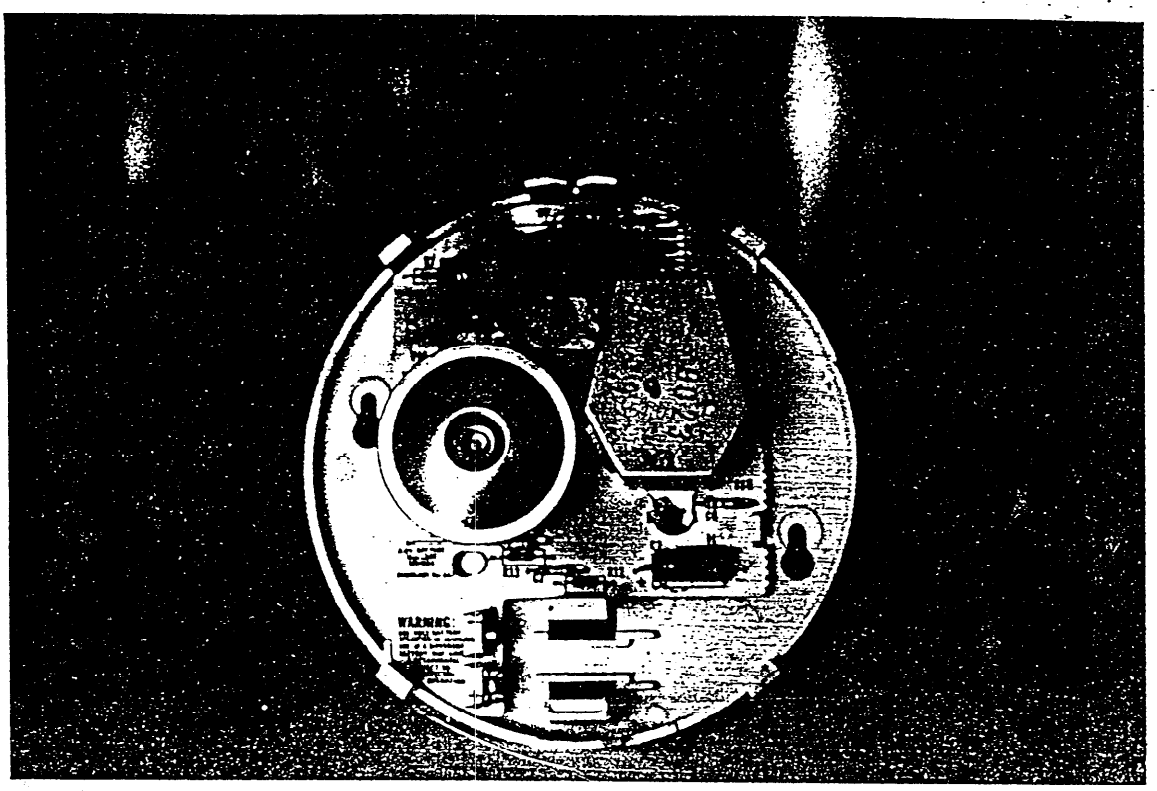
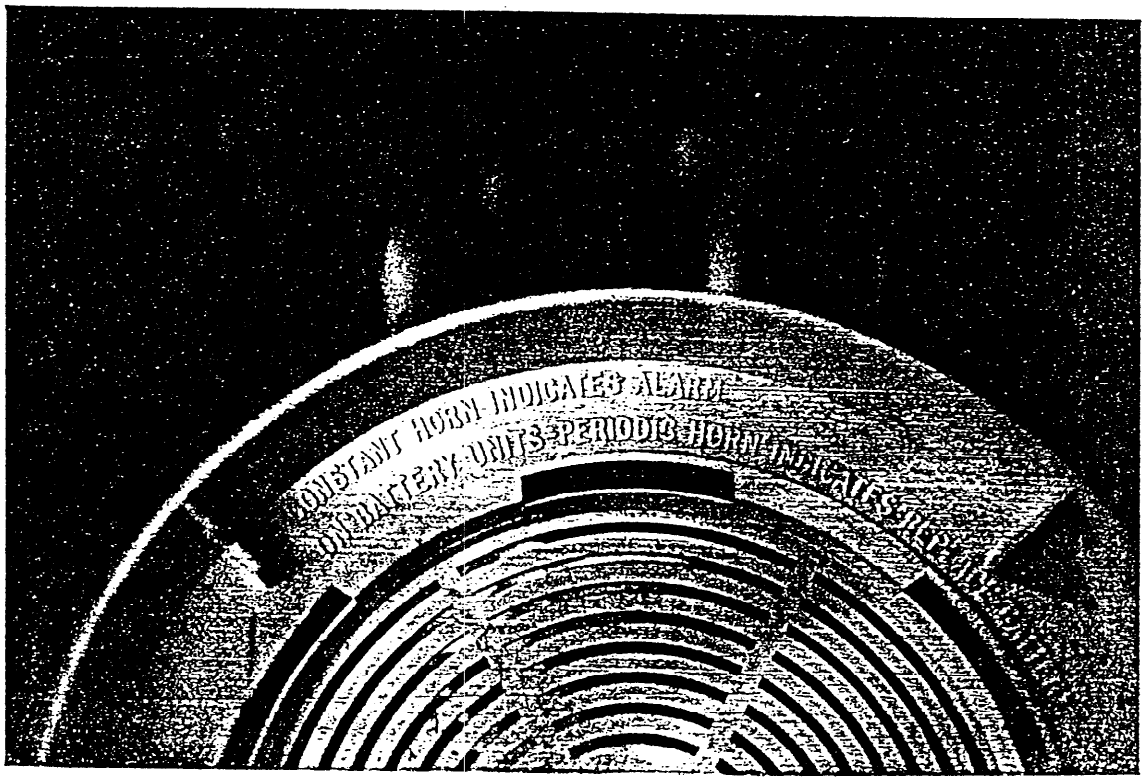
Burned Area Inside of Smoke Detector



Labeling on Inside of top of smoke detector



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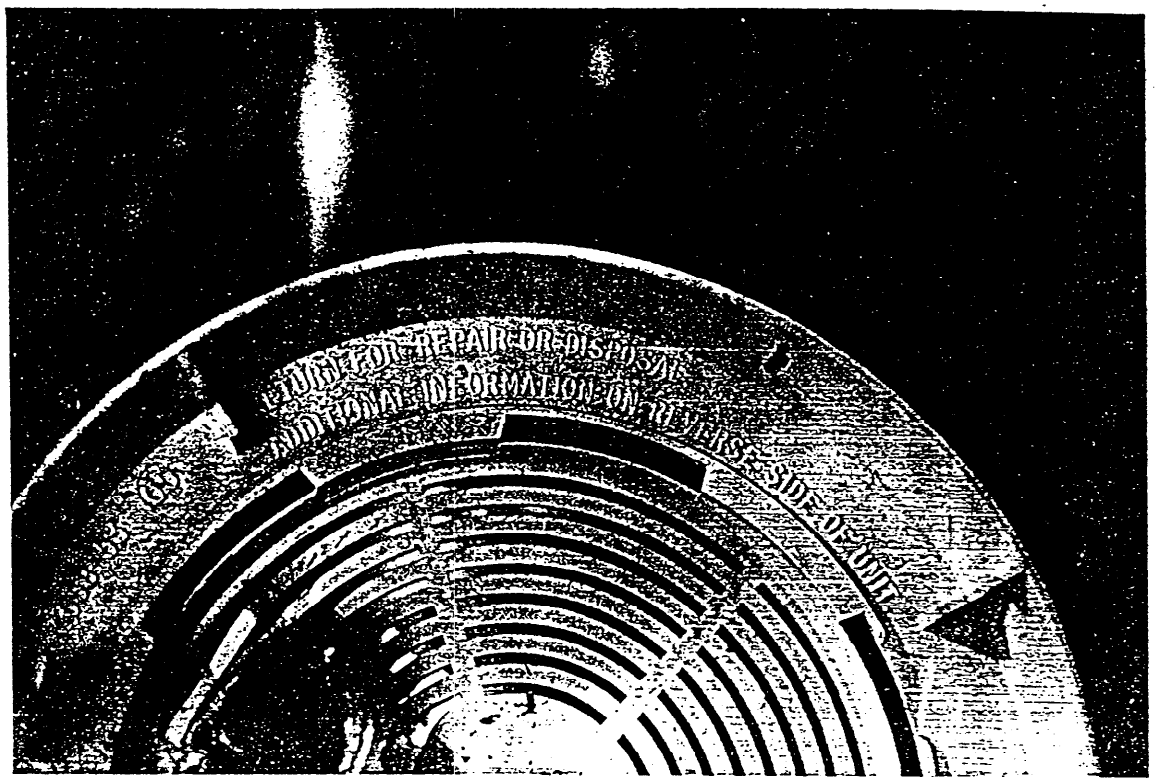
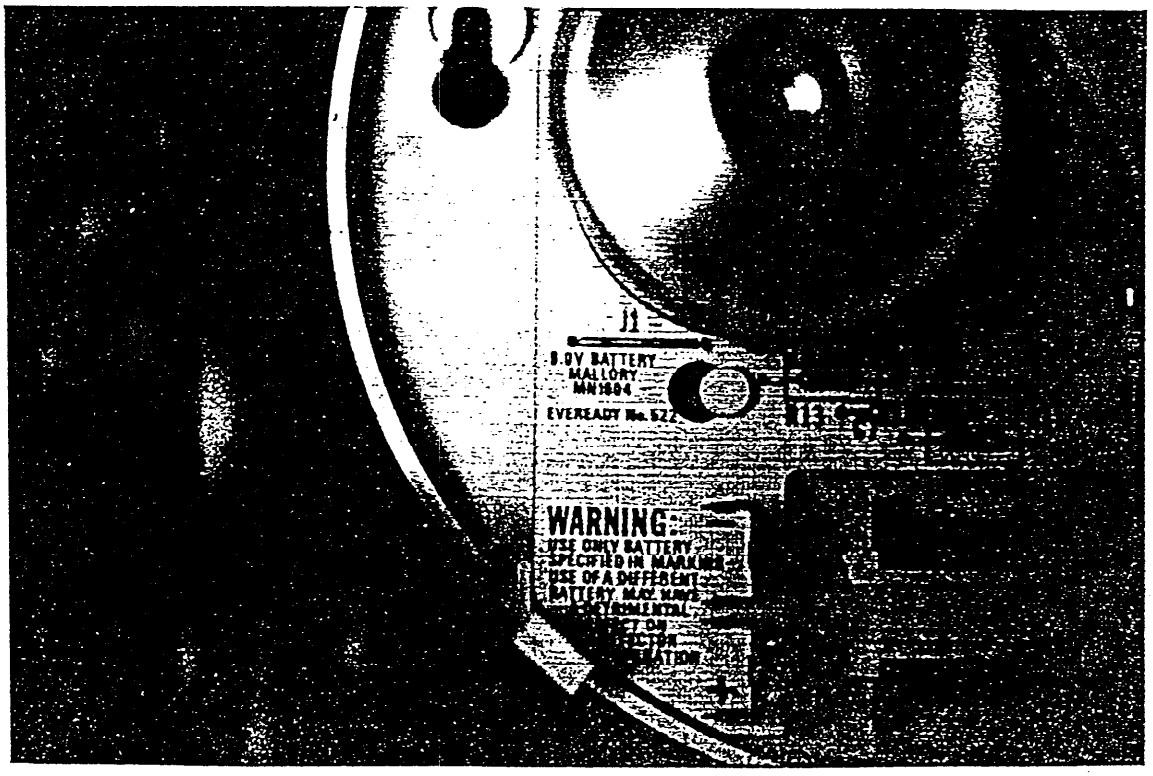
More labeling on inside of smoke detector




Warning label on inside of bottom of detector



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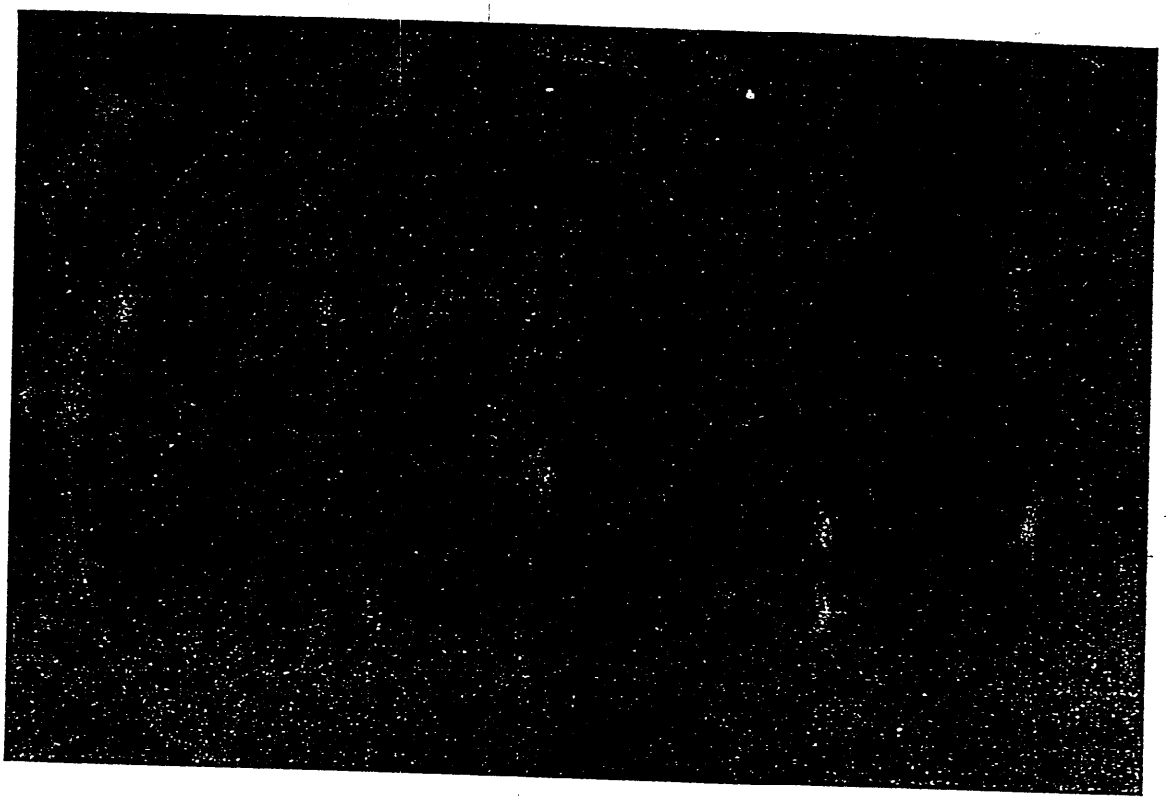
Labeling on Back of Smoke Detector



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**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**
**SAMPLE COLLECTION REPORT**

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| **1. Sample Flag** ATTN: P. MAJOR, CCA | **2. Date Collected** 1/23/96 | **3. Sample Type and Number:** 96-830-3171 ● Physical ○ Documentary | |
| **4a Product Name** SMOKE DETECTOR | **4b Model** SA75RS | **4c NEISS** 0702 | **5. Assignment Number** 951212CCN0363 |
| **6. Complete for Import Samples** Port of Entry: ___ Country of Origin: ___ Entry No. and Date: ___ Customs Contact: ___ | | **7. MIS** 32626 | **8. Hours** Activity 4 Travel 3 |
| | | **9a Home RO** FOCR | **9b Collecting RO** FOCR |
| **10. Sample Cost** $0.00 | **11. Invoice Value of Lot** [illegible].00 | **12. Size of Lot** 1 | **Units** unit |
| **13. Manufacturer/Importer** # BRK003 BRK ELECTRONICS-PITTWAY C 780 MCCLURE ROAD AURORA, IL 60504 | **14. Shipper/Foreign Manufacturer** SAME AS MANUFACTURER | **15. Dealer/Import Broker#** CONSUMER: J. BLAICH 2620 NW "A" RICHMOND, IN 47374 | |

**16. Supporting documents attached:**
Invoice No. and Date: ___ Date Shipped: ___
Shipping Record and Date: ___
Affidavit Signer's name, title and date: ___

**17. Product Identification:**
One smoke detector collected from consumer labeled in part, "S-1208, UL Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., CAUTION radioactive material Am 241 5.0uCi, for repair or disposal return to Pittway Corp. 780 McClure

**18. Reason for collection/analysis needed:** ○ FHSA ● CPSA ○ FFA ○ PPPA ○ RSA
Unit collected from consumer during IDI # 951212CCN0363.

**19. Summary of Field Screening:**
None

**20. Sample size/Method of Collection:**
One unit collected from consumer, unit identified as in block 21, placed in bag, bag sealed with CPSC 164 as in block 22, CPSC 165 attached to bag, bag placed in larger box for shipment.

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| **21. Identification on sample:** "96-830-3171 SFG 1/23/96" | **22. Identification on seal and date:** "96-830-3171 Susan Guenette 1/26/96" |
| **23a Sample delivered to:** POST OFFICE | **23b Date** 1/29/96 — **24. Report/Record Sent to:** FOCR |

**25. Laboratory/Office:** LSHL___ LSEL___ CRM___ CCA X Other ___

**26. Remarks:**
Sample kept under locked conditions until sealed. Receipt for sample attached to original of CR.

**27. Related Samples:** none

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| **28a Collector's name/title:** Susan Guenette Resident Investigator | **28b Collector's signature/date:** Susan Guenette 1-29-96 |
| **29a Reviewer's name/title:** James A. Miersch Supervisor | **29b Reviewer's signature/date:** |

**CONTINUATION OF NARRATIVES FOR SAMPLE #** ~~96-830-3171~~ 951212CN0363

**PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION**

Ave., Aurora, IL 60507 U.S.A.,
First Alert by Pittway, Model No. SA76R8, install per owners manual
(same as model no.) and...."

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF NAME

Thank you for assisting us in collecting information on a potential product safety problem. The Consumer Product Safety Commission depends on concerned people to share product safety information with us. We maintain a record of this information, and use it to assist us in identifying and resolving product safety problems.

We routinely forward this information to manufacturers and private labelers to inform them of the involvement of their product in an accident situation. We also give the information to others requesting information about specific products. Manufacturers need the individual's name so that they can obtain additional information on the product or accident situation.

Would you please indicate on the bottom of this page whether you will allow us to disclose your name. If you request that your name remain confidential, we will of course, honor that request. After you have indicated your preference, please sign your name and date the document on the lines provided.

[X] You are hereby authorized to disclose my name and address with the information collected on this case.

[ ] My identity is to remain confidential.

V. June Bloich
(Signature)

Jan. 23, 1996
(Date)

# CONSUMER PRODUCT INCIDENT REPORT

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| 1. NAME OF RESPONDENT<br>Ms. June Blaich Blake | 2. TELEPHONE NO. (Home) (Work)<br>317-966-7178 |
| 3. STREET ADDRESS<br>2620 NW "A" | 4. CITY STATE ZIP CODE<br>Richmond, IN 47374 |

5. DESCRIBE ACCIDENT SITUATION OR HAZARD, INCLUDING DATA ON INJURIES. (Use second page if necessary.)

Smoke detector started flamming when a new battery was installed.

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| 6. DATE OF INCIDENT(S) | 7. IF INJURY OR NEAR MISS, OBTAIN<br>AGE [ ] SEX [ ] AND DESCRIBE INJURY | 8. IF VICTIM DIFFERENT FROM RESPONDENT, PROVIDE<br>NAME<br>RELATIONSHIP |
| 9. DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT<br>Smoke detector, battery powered | | 10. BRAND NAME<br>BRK |
| 11. MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR NAME, ADDRESS & PHONE<br>BRK<br>Aurora, IL | | 12. MODEL, S<br><br>3. DEALER'S NAME, ADDRESS, & PHONE |
| 14. WAS THE PRODUCT DAMAGED, REPAIRED OR MODIFIED?<br>YES [ ] NO [ ] IF YES, BEFORE OR AFTER THE INCIDENT?<br>DESCRIBE: | | 15. PRODUCT PURCHASED NEW [ X ] USED [ ]<br>DATE PURCHASED [ ] - AGE [ ]<br>16. DOES PRODUCT HAVE WARNING LABELS?<br>IF SO, NOTE: |

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| 17. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER?<br>YES [ ] NO [ ]<br>IF NOT, DO YOU PLAN TO CONTACT THEM?<br>YES [ ] NO [ ] OTHER | 18. IS THE PRODUCT STILL AVAILABLE?<br>YES [ ] NO [ ] IF NOT, ITS DISPOSITION | 19. MAY WE USE YOUR NAME WITH THIS REPORT?<br>YES [ ] NO [ ] |

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE

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| 20. DATE RECEIV<br>12/12/95 | 21. RECEIVED BY (Name & Office)<br>FOCR | 22. DOCUMENT NO.<br>G5 0 0070A |
| 23. FOLLOW-UP ACTION<br>Investigation 951212CCN0363 | | 24. PRODUCT CODE(S) |
| 25. DISTRIBUTION<br>FOCR, EHDS, CAL (E. Stone) | 26 ENDORSER'S NAME & TITLE | |

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