

*Square D Arc Fault Circuit Breakers are being recalled due to a potential issue identified in the arc detection capability.*

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THE CIRCUIT BREAKER WILL CONTINUE TO OFFER THE SAME LEVEL OF PROTECTION AS A STANDARD CIRCUIT BREAKER, PROVIDING SHORT CIRCUIT AND OVERLOAD PROTECTION FOR THE CIRCUIT. ONLY THE ARC DETECTION CAPABILITY IS COMPROMISED.**

*The affected products were made between March 1, 2004 and September 23, 2004 only.*

To learn more about the Square D® Arc Fault Circuit Breaker Product Recall, visit [www.us.squared.com/recallatci](http://www.us.squared.com/recallatci).

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# PRODUCT RECALL INFORMATION

**Square D® Arc Fault Circuit Breakers  
Manufactured Between  
March 1, 2004 and September 23, 2004**



*As part of our ongoing commitment to ensure the safety of our products and our customers, Schneider Electric is working in conjunction with the Consumer Product Safety Commission on a voluntary recall for its Square D Arc Fault Circuit Breakers.*



## Determining if an affected circuit breaker has been installed

While every attempt has been made to halt distribution of circuit breakers affected by this recall, there may still be some circuit breakers that have been installed in single family or multi-family residences.

Here are three steps to determining if an affected circuit breaker might be installed in a residence.

### 1. Confirm the installation date.

All Square D® Arc Fault Circuit Breakers installed before March 1, 2004 are NOT affected by this recall and do not need to be replaced.

**2. Confirm the existence of a Square D arc fault circuit breaker** in the load center or combination service entrance device (CSED). You can determine if you have Square D brand products installed in your home by looking for the Square D logo on the door latch to your load center or CSED. Then, determine if your load center or CSED contains arc fault circuit breakers by looking for the blue "test" buttons located on the circuit breaker.



## IMPORTANT NOTE TO CONSUMERS:

If you complete the above two steps and believe that a Square D Arc Fault Circuit Breaker was installed in your house after March 1, 2004, please contact your local electrician or call 1-877-202-9046 between the hours of 7:30 AM and 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday.

Because it is impossible to verify the date code of an installed circuit breaker without de-energizing the panel, this work **MUST** be done by a licensed electrician. **DO NOT ATTEMPT** this on your own. Any panel de-energized by someone other than a licensed electrician represents a possible risk of equipment damage and/or personal injury.

### 3. FOR LICENSED ELECTRICIANS ONLY

De-energize the load center or CSED using standard safety procedures. Remove the trim and arc fault circuit breaker. You can locate the date code near the load side of the circuit breaker.

In the event that you find an affected circuit breaker, you should replace it with a non-affected Square D Arc Fault Circuit Breaker, replace the trim and re-energize the panel. Then, test the circuit breaker by using the push to test button. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call us at our toll-free hotline 1-877-202-9046.

## What products are affected?

Here is a catalog number list of the products affected:

|             |             |            |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| QO115AFI    | QOB115AFI   | HOM115AFI  |
| QO120AFI    | QOB120AFI   | HOM120AFI  |
| QO115VHAFI  | QOB120VHAFI | QO120VHAFI |
| QOB115VHAFI |             |            |

## For licensed electricians; Identifying the date code

It is important to note that in addition to identifying the appropriate product, you must remember to also check the product date code. Only products produced between March 1, 2004 and September 23, 2004 are affected.

To determine if a product was produced during this timeframe, you must find the product date code, **stamped in red on the breaker label** located just above the wiring terminal.



If the date code on the arc fault circuit breaker matches one of the date codes listed below, please contact your local Square D distributor for information on returning affected circuit breakers or call 1-877-202-9046.

Below is the list of affected date codes.

**CN DN EN FN GN HN JN**

Arc fault products produced **BEFORE** March 2004 (AN, BN) or **BEGINNING** October 2004 (KN) are **NOT** affected. In addition, breakers that carry a date code before CN are in compliance (AN, BN and any date codes ending in "L" or "M").