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CENTRAL ADVICE UNIT

DEFENCE ESTATES MINISTRY OF DEFENCE HEALTH AND SAFETY WARNING NOTICE (00/14)

Health and Safety Warning Notice

**00/14 Vaillant: COMBIcompact and THERMOcompact gas boilers
Open flued natural gas models:VCW GB 240,VCW GB 280,VC
GB 110,VC GB 180,VC GB 240**

has been issued by Defence Estates [DE], Ministry of Defence. This Notice applies to all persons who may be involved with any works associated with the gas boilers subject of this Notice.

Vaillant Limited have discovered that the particular gas boilers, subject of the above-mentioned Safety Notice and produced between 1991 and 1996 may become dangerous in certain circumstances as the gas valve may go out of adjustment, leading to a risk of flue products escaping into the room. Modifications, free of charge, will be carried out to all relevant boilers.

CAU advise that Departments and Agencies contact Vaillant Limited *immediately* if they consider that they have such gas boilers in their premises, using their free telephone help line on 0800 838200.

Before telephoning, the model and either the first two digits of the serial number or the year of installation should first be obtained from the data badge on the boiler. The DE Safety Notice, together with the manufacturer's Important Safety Notice are reproduced in full as appendices to this H&S Alert.

The CAU will issue further advice as soon as it is available from Defence Estates.

Further information about this Safety Notice can be obtained from John Ioannou, Central Advice Unit, 5th Floor, Trevelyan House, Great Peter Street, London SW1P 2BY.

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Departmental Policy

Recipients of this H&SAlert should consult adequately within their Department to ensure that any action taken is at the appropriate delegation level and complies with their own Departmental policy and procedures.





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Manufacturer's Safety Warning

SUBJECT CONTACT POINT:

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INTRODUCTION

1. THE CONTENTS OF THIS NOTICE ARE TO SECURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK ETC ACT 1974.
2. This Notice is for the attention of Commanding Officers, Chief Executives, Heads of Establishment, Property Managers, Defence Lands Agents, Establishment Works Consultants (EWCs), Works Services Managers (WSMs), Authorising Engineers, Authorised Persons and Contractors, involved in works for MOD.
3. This Notice is to be read by all persons involved with any works associated with the equipment that is the subject of this Notice.
4. The Property Manager shall arrange for the WSM to carry out all actions in accordance with the attached notice.
5. No work involving expenditure on an MOD account is to be carried out without authority from the Property Manager or the appropriate MOD officer for that location or facility.
6. Any work required as a result of this Safety Notice must be carried out in accordance with MOD Safety Rules and Procedures, as applicable.
7. Defects are to be immediately reported to the Property Manager who must impose appropriate operating restrictions on the equipment that is the subject of this Notice, until remedial action is completed.
8. For MOD Establishments occupied by United States Visiting Forces (USVF), the responsibilities of Property Manager, EWC and WSM are jointly held by the USVF and DE (USF). At base level, this jointly managed organisation is to take appropriate action to implement the contents of this Notice. Where this Safety Notice contains procedures which differ significantly from USVF practice, a DE (USF) Code of Practice section will be issued.

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REQUIREMENT

9. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE TO ENSURE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS PASSED TO THEIR PROPERTY MANAGERS OR OTHER RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS WITHOUT DELAY.
10. This notice applies to any COMBIcompact and THERMOcompact gas boilers being open flued natural gas models:
 - VCW GB 240
 - VCW GB 280
 - VC GB 110
 - VC GB 180
 - VC GB 240
11. The free help line 'phone number **0800 838220** should be used immediately (UK enquiries only). This will connect you to British Gas. Otherwise the company's 'phone and/or 'fax number should be used from outside the UK. For the latter, the overseas dial number plus the UK's code from the country in which the call is being made must be added.

BACKGROUND

12. Vaillant Ltd. have discovered that the Vaillant gas boiler models, produced from 1991 to 1996 and listed on their attached **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE**, may become dangerous in certain circumstances.
13. The gas valve may go out of adjustment, leading to a risk of flue products escaping into the room.
14. Although Vaillant are in the process of carrying out a **free of charge** modification to all of the relevant boilers for which they possess installation addresses they are seeking help to identify further boiler installations.
15. Before 'phoning, the information on the **data badge** should be obtained as detailed on the attached **IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE**, in readiness for the 'phone call.
16. Further information can be obtained from:

Vaillant Ltd.,
Vaillant House,
Trident Close,
Rochester
ME2 4EZ

Tel: 01634 292300
Fax: 01634 290166

END OF SAFETY NOTICE

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Date of postmark

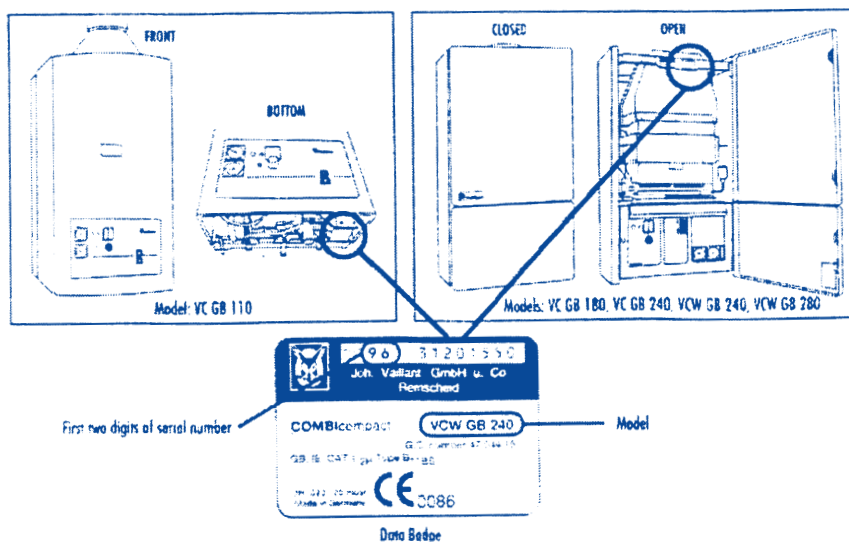
Dear Installer / Service Engineer,

In the course of our continuous quality programme, we have discovered that the Vaillant gas boiler models listed above, which were produced from 1991 to 1996, may become dangerous in certain circumstances. The gas valve may go out of adjustment, leading to a risk of flue products escaping into the room.

We are in the process of carrying out a **free of charge** modification to all of the relevant boilers for which we possess installation addresses. We are seeking your help to identify further boiler installations.

Please telephone our free helpline **0800 838220 immediately** with the installation address details of any of the above boilers that you have installed or serviced since 1991. We will then contact the user and arrange for an engineer to carry out a simple modification to the boiler **free of charge**. Please have the model and either the first two digits of the serial number, or installation year of the boiler to hand when you phone.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause and thank you in advance for your co-operation.



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<u>Serial No</u>	<u>Title</u>
99/13	High Voltage 11kV electricity distribution equipment: Dry Terminations
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99/16	High Voltage 11kV Electricity Distribution Equipment: Dry Terminations.
99/17	High Voltage 11kV electricity distribution equipment: GEC Alstom HWX Vacuum Circuit Breaker
99/18	Low Voltage Electrical Equipment Fire Hazard: Fluorescent Light Starter Switches
99/19	Safety of Glazing
99/20	High Voltage electricity distribution equipment: Ferguson Palin BVRP3 & English Electric/Associated Electrical Industries BVRP17 Oil Circuit Breakers
99/21	High voltage electricity distribution equipment: Lucy EFS fuse switches and fuse switches on FRMU Ring Main Units – suspension of normal operational practice.
99/22	Inspection of Hangar Doors Type C Hangars
00/01	High voltage electricity distribution equipment: GEC DDFA, DDFA4, DDFB, DDFC, DDFC4, DDFD Ring Main Units – suspension of normal operational practice
00/02	High voltage electricity distribution equipment: South Wales Switchgear SWS16 Ring Main Units – suspension of normal operational practice
00/03	High voltage electricity distribution equipment: Reyrolle Switchgear 'C' type oil circuit breakers – Suspension of normal operational practice
00/04	Low Voltage Electricity Distribution Equipment. ABB Power T&D Ltd Shielded Fuse Cabinets – Suspension of Normal Operational Practice.
00/05	Single Service Living Accommodation – baggage rooms, baggage room doors and roof void protection
00/06	High voltage electricity distribution equipment: Lucy Switchgear type SFRMU-C2 – Suspension of normal operational practice
00/07	High voltage electricity distribution equipment: Siemens 8DA10 33kV vacuum circuit breakers – Suspension of normal operational practice
00/08	High voltage 11kV electricity distribution equipment: Dry Terminations - revised suspension of normal operational practice
00/09	High Voltage 11kV electricity distribution equipment: Hawker Siddeley Falcon Beta Mk1 Ring Main Unit – suspension of normal operational practice
00/10	Low Voltage: Grundfos Pumps, "Baxi Bahama 100 Combi Boilers" Serial Numbers up to:- 99-04-025000
00/11	Low Voltage Electrical Accessories: Caradon MK Electric Ltd, Filtered Socket Outlets List numbers K1816 WHI and K1826 WHI
00/12	High voltage 11kV electricity distribution equipment: Lucy FRMU & FRMU Mk 1 Ring Main Units - suspension of normal operational practice
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