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# Voluntary Recall of Belkin Powerline Adaptors in Europe

- *Belkin has identified a small number of Powerline products in Europe that do not comply with European specifications and were shipped to retailers in error*
- *Belkin is voluntarily recalling all affected Powerline units in the European market immediately.*

**(Rushden, UK)** – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Belkin International, Inc. today initiated a product recall of its Powerline Starter Kit (F5D4073), Powerline AV Starter Kit (F5D4074) and single Powerline Networking Adaptors (F5D4073S and F5D4074S) in Europe.

Belkin has identified that a very small number of these units do not meet the European Low Voltage Directive (LVD) 2006/95/EC and the relevant European Standard 60950-1. This means that the affected units pose a potential risk of electric shock to the user, because they fail to meet the electric strength test for a voltage of 3000 V, the standard in Europe.

Belkin has conducted extensive tests of units from the affected stock and believes that there is a minimal risk that the affected Powerline products would pose any danger to users. Belkin stresses that it has not received any information about injury or damage as a result of malfunction of these Powerline devices. However, in order to completely reassure customers, Belkin is erring on the side of caution and, thus, is voluntarily recalling all affected units with immediate effect.

The affected Powerline units were sold into the European market between October 2008 and February 2009, with the majority of units sold to customers in Germany and the Benelux region.

Belkin will be removing the non-compliant products from stores in the following regions:

- Germany
- The Benelux region
- United Kingdom
- Nordics
- Italy
- France
- Czech Republic
- Slovakia
- Spain

Belkin will be working with the relevant regulatory authorities in these countries to guarantee that this recall process is carried out appropriately and effectively.

#### **HOW TO DETERMINE IF YOUR POWERLINE PRODUCT IS AFFECTED**

- Customers can verify their Powerline products by entering the serial number of their adaptor here: [www.belkin.com/productservices](http://www.belkin.com/productservices)
- Should the unit be affected, customers can exchange their unit for a compliant one at no cost to the customer. Learn more here: [www.belkin.com/productservices](http://www.belkin.com/productservices)

#### **ABOUT BELKIN**

Belkin – [www.belkin.com](http://www.belkin.com) – offers a diverse product mix that provides people with seamless electronics integration in their homes, cars and on the go. Founded in California in 1983, Belkin is a privately held company and the recognised leader in connectivity solutions, in addition to accessories for iPod devices, computers and more. We provide extensive solutions for networking, home entertainment – with our PureAV line of cables, power and digital wireless accessories – and many more categories.

Belkin's phenomenal growth has led to our expanding global presence. In addition to corporate headquarters in Los Angeles, we also have offices throughout the Asia Pacific region. Belkin's European headquarters are located in the UK, with further offices in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Dubai (UAE) who are dedicated to their regional markets.