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Dear Carhartt Customer:

As part of Carhartt's ongoing commitment to our customers, we regularly monitor the performance characteristics of our products. Although no reports of injuries or claims were made, Carhartt is notifying purchasers and distributors about nine Flame Resistant (FR) sweatshirt styles, with durable water repellent (DWR) finish, manufactured in 2014 and after, as recent test results indicate these industrial garments may not currently meet the requirements of NFPA 2112 and NFPA 70E.

The arc rating of the garments has been reduced; however, it remains in the same ATPV Level 3 protective category. The affected FR sweatshirt styles are now rated PPE Category 3, 27 cal/cm² and were previously a PPE Category 3, 34 cal/cm².

Below are the affected style numbers:

STYLE NUMBER	NAME
100647	FR Thermal-lined Full-Zip Sweatshirt
101203	Flame-Resistant Heavyweight Klondike Sweatshirt
101247	FR Klondike Sweatshirt
101700	Flame-Resistant Striped Klondike Sweatshirt
101702	Flame-Resistant Thermal Lined Sweatshirt
101951	Flame-Resistant Klondike Hood
FRK006	Flame-Resistant Heavyweight Hooded Sweatshirt
FRK007	Flame-Resistant Heavyweight Zip-Front Hooded Sweatshirt
FRK127	FR Crewneck Pullover Sweatshirt

We ask that you stop sale of the products listed above and return all inventory, at our cost, to Carhartt for a refund or alternative product. Please contact our Customer Service team at: **(866) 698-1125** Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT for a return authorization.

We ask that you share the attached information sheet and this letter with customers who have purchased these products from you. We also are issuing a press release to notify purchasers directly.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service team using the contact details listed above.

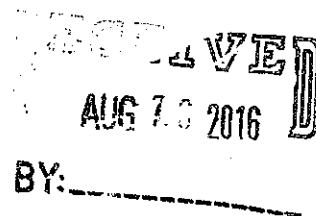
Carhartt regrets any inconvenience this product notification has caused.

Sincerely,

Linda Hubbard

Carhartt

President and Chief Operating Officer





FLAME RESISTANT (FR) SWEATSHIRT PRODUCT NOTIFICATION INFORMATION

- Carhartt is notifying purchasers and distributors about nine Flame Resistant (FR) sweatshirt styles, with durable water repellent (DWR) finish, manufactured in 2014 and after, as recent test results indicate these industrial garments may not currently meet the requirements of NFPA 2112 and NFPA 70E. Specifically, testing indicates the affected products may not meet the requirements of the vertical flame test ASTM D6413.
- The arc rating of the garments has been reduced; however, it remains in the same ATPV Level 3 protective category. The affected FR sweatshirt styles are now rated PPE Category 3, 27 cal/cm² and were previously a PPE Category 3, 34 cal/cm².
- We have not received any reports of injuries or failures of the product. We are still conducting our investigation and are unable to quantify the impact of the product performance not meeting ASTM D6413. As a precautionary measure, we are asking distributors and customers to return the product.

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- The products passed initial testing as required by NFPA 2112 and NFPA 70 E standards.
- The root cause of this product issue has not been determined. Carhartt discovered the issue in random quality audits that are not required by the applicable standards.

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- Carhartt has conducted a comprehensive review of our FR fabric and trim testing records, in addition to a complete review of our own internal audit testing records. We are confident that Carhartt's FR products meet or exceed industry standards
- Carhartt adheres to both industry and internal quality standards and procedures for our FR material.
- **Industry requirements:** All fabric and trim used in Carhartt FR products are thoroughly tested to comply with the following:
 - NFPA 70E as defined by ASTM F1506.
 - Certification by UL to NFPA 2112 flash fire standard. This includes initial certification and annual recertification every year thereafter.
 - Confirmation testing by the manufacturer on every production fabric lot.
- **Carhartt requirements:** In addition to rigorously following industry quality standards, Carhartt randomly audits and tests incoming fabrics, which exceeds industry standards.

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