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our Intention"

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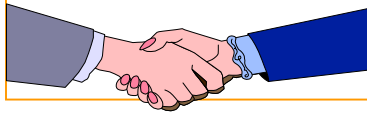
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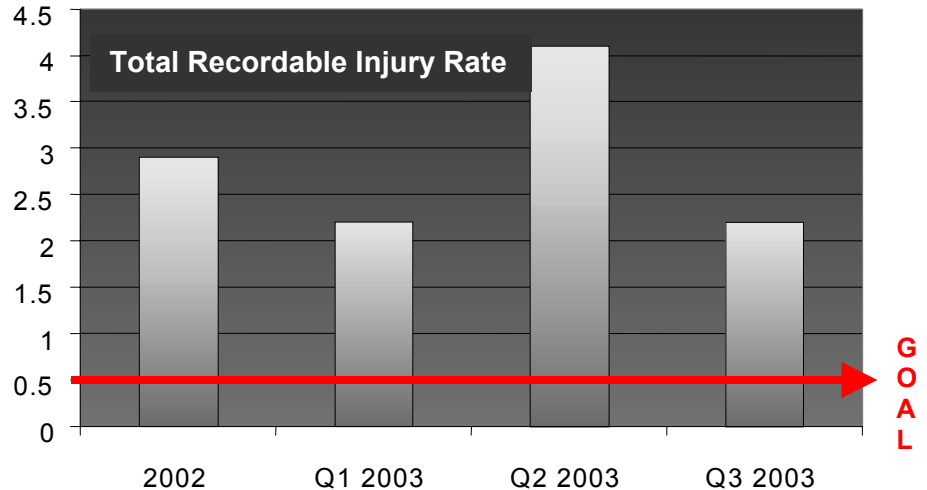
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# Safety Partnership



Zero incidents by choice through  
Partnerships for Safety...



## DISAPPOINTING TRENDS

The Safety Partnership has a Vision of Zero Injuries. Recently Industry Plant Managers met with leaders from both the Sarnia Construction Association and Labour Groups, and conveyed a serious and urgent message. There are three key expectations:

- Management Commitment
- Line Responsibility & Accountability
- Worker Involvement

This involves top managers to be visible and heard. Leaders need to monitor and evaluate performance indicators and communicate them to all. Companies must adopt our five Best Practices as well as share learnings from incidents and Near-misses. Contractor owners will be expected to report to Plant Managers on any recordable injury or serious Near-miss incident. There is also an expectation that all supervisors are properly trained in their role as mentors and coaches in the Safety Partnership Best Practices.

There is nothing new in this message. Dr. Peter Strahlendorf commented on many of these actions in his Internal Responsibility Presentation at the February 2003 Safety Partnership Forum.

# November

November 6th – 12th  
Seniors Safety Week

November 24th – 30<sup>th</sup>  
National Home Fire Safety



Did You Change the  
Batteries on Your  
Smoke Detectors  
Last Month?



### GFCI RECALL NOTICE

**NORTHBROOK, Ill., USA - Sept. 16**

Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL) notifies that the GFCI described below does not meet current UL requirements and may pose a fire or electric shock hazard.

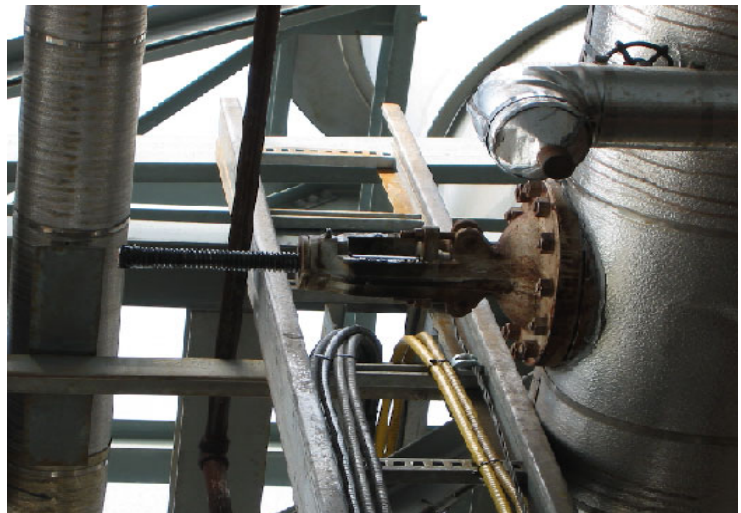
**Name of product:** Ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). Rated 15 or 20 Amps, 125 volts

**Date of manufacture:** Jan to Aug 2003

**Hazard:** The GFCI may not trip when a ground fault is present, resulting in a risk of electric shock. The GFCI may pose a fire hazard when subjected to a voltage surge commonly associated with a lightning strike.

**These GFCIs** are sold under the product name of The Designers Edge, Orbit, People International Business Inc., Preferred Industries, USI Electric, Inc and VE. UL believes the product may have been sold under other names as well. More information can be found at:

<http://www.ul.com/media/newsrel/nr082103.html>



### Cabot Incident Learning: Tracey Braun Cabot, SH & E Manager

Here is some general information concerning the near miss incident at Cabot. The incident investigation is still not complete but hopefully there is enough information to provide a valuable shared learnings for other companies. While this turned out to be a minor first aid, it had the potential to be much more serious.

**SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:** On October 3, 2003, two employees were in the process of closing a chain-operated steam valve when the actuator on the chain operated gate valve fell to the ground. This actuator clipped the hands of both employees, and also clipped one employee's ankle. The valve was less than two years old. The employees were performing a water volume test on the waste heat boiler at the time as required by the local government agency. The two employees were closing the chain operated steam valve by one employee pulling the chain and the second employee ensuring the chain did not get tangled. The employees were standing approximately 4 feet apart. The valve chain actuator fell in-between the two employees and grazed both employees hands on the way down. Both employees suffered minor contusions. It appeared that the chain wheel actuator support sleeve sheared causing the actuator assembly to fall.

**IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN:** Workers received first aid. Scaffolding was erected at all plant chain-operated valves (temporary). For the valves that are located outside, the chain operators were removed. All valves were tagged with warnings. Plant communications sent out with warnings to workers and contractors. Commenced a detailed incident investigation (to be completed October 31st).

**CORRECTIVE ACTION:** Complete plant survey of valves (make/model/manufacturer etc.); Assess design options to add a safety device to prevent the equipment from falling on workers (e.g., a safety cable) Assess the annual preventive maintenance program to ensure it adequately addresses these valves. Inspect all valves to ensure safe condition; review purchasing procedure for quality/safety (i.e., Cabot has received information that off-shore valves are being purchased and shipped to North America that potentially do not meet safety standards). Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

I hope the sharing of this incident will prevent such an occurrence at another plant.

**NOTE:** More information can be found on the **NEWS** section of [www.sarniasafety.com](http://www.sarniasafety.com).