

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

ATTENTION:

Owners of AMANA, AMERICAN BEST, AMERICAN STANDARD, BARD, GOETTL, and TRANE Brand Horizontally-mounted Gas-fired NOx rod-containing Residential Furnaces.

The Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County, has tentatively approved a settlement in a class action lawsuit that alleged defects in certain horizontally-mounted gas-fired furnaces manufactured by Consolidated Industries Corp. Under the proposed settlement, the four Settling Defendants — American Standard Inc., Amana Company L.P. (f/k/a Amana Refrigeration, Inc.), Bard Manufacturing Company Inc. and Goettl Air Conditioning, Inc — have agreed to provide inspections and repairs, and/or replacement, of the affected furnaces to eligible class members at no cost (except installation charges for those class members who elect to receive a brand new replacement furnace). The Settling Defendants also have agreed to pay \$4 million to compensate Class Counsel for fees and expenses incurred in prosecuting the lawsuit on behalf of the class, as approved by the Court. If your furnace is not an AMANA, AMERICAN BEST, AMERICAN STANDARD, BARD, GOETTL or TRANE brand horizontally-mounted, gas-fired furnace, then you should disregard this notice.

If you believe that you may be a member of the class, you should contact the Settlement Administrator toll-free at:

1-877-347-6456

or by visiting www.furnaceinspect.com.

The Settlement Administrator will provide you with more detailed information about the class action settlement, including all applicable deadlines and procedures you must follow if you wish to: object to or exclude yourself from the settlement; testify at a September 28, 2001 court hearing in San Jose, California regarding whether the settlement should be approved; be represented by the counsel of your choosing; and/or receive the benefits of the settlement in the event that it is finally approved.

All objections and requests to be excluded from the class action settlement must be RECEIVED BY THE COURT on or before SEPTEMBER 17, 2001. If you do not timely exclude yourself from the class action settlement, you will be bound by any judgment entered by the Court, regardless of whether or not you timely file a claim form and/or receive the benefits of the settlement.