

If you own or owned a high efficiency furnace, a class action lawsuit may affect your rights.

Includes Carrier, Bryant, Payne, and Day & Night furnaces in Washington State made after January 1, 1989.

You could be affected by a class action lawsuit about whether Carrier Corporation ("Carrier") disclosed defects in the secondary heat exchangers of its high efficiency furnaces. The case in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington is called *Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School v. Carrier Corporation*, No. CV05-5437.

The Court decided that this should be a class action on behalf of a "Class," or group of people, that could include you. This notice summarizes your rights and options. More information is available in a detailed notice. You must decide whether to stay in the Class and be bound by whatever results, or ask to be excluded and keep rights to sue Carrier. There is no money available now and no guarantee that there will be.

ARE YOU AFFECTED?

The detailed notice describes exactly who is included. The Class generally includes anyone in Washington who currently owns a Carrier 90% high efficiency condensing furnace made after January 1, 1989, and former owners of these furnaces who experienced a secondary heat exchange failure. These furnaces were sold under the brand names "Carrier," "Bryant," "Payne," and "Day & Night." A list of the models is available. Call 1-888-815-6514 or go to www.WAfurnacesuit.com.

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

The lawsuit says Carrier made high-efficiency furnaces out of inferior material that corrodes and fails too soon, without disclosing that fact to consumers. **This is not about personal injuries or emotional distress.** The lawsuit asks for money for the Class, in an amount to be decided by a jury. Carrier denies the allegations, says its polypropylene laminated ("PPL") heat exchangers exceed industry corrosion standards, and that it honors its warranties. The Court has not decided whether the Class or Carrier is right. The lawyers for the Class will have to prove their claims at a trial set to begin on February 11, 2008.

WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

The Court has appointed the law firms of Tousley Brain Stephens PLLC of Seattle, Washington and Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP of New York, New York to represent you as "Class Counsel." You don't have to pay Class Counsel, or anyone else, to participate. Instead, if they get money or benefits for the Class, they will ask the Court for attorneys' fees and costs, which will be deducted from any money obtained, or paid separately by Carrier. Grays Harbor Adventist Christian School, Greg G. Bogdanovich, Mary LaForest, and Bruce Kelly are Class members and have been appointed by the Court as Class Representatives.

Who's Affected?

- ▶ *All Current Owners.*
- ▶ *Former Owners who had a secondary heat exchange failure.*

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

You have a choice of whether to stay in the Class or not, and you must decide this now. To stay in the Class, you do not have to do anything. If money or benefits are obtained, you will be notified about how to ask for a share. You will be legally bound

by all orders and judgments of the Court, and you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, Carrier—as part of any other lawsuit—about the legal claims in this case. You have the option of hiring your own lawyer (at your expense) to appear in Court for you.

If you exclude yourself, you cannot get any money or benefits from this lawsuit if any are awarded, but you will keep any rights to sue Carrier for the same claims and will not be bound by any Court orders or judgments in this case. To ask to be excluded, send a letter to the address below, postmarked by **December 10, 2007**, that says you want to be excluded from *Grays Harbor v. Carrier Corporation*. Include your name, address, telephone number, and signature.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

Go to www.WAfurnacesuit.com, call toll-free 1-888-815-6514 or write to Carrier Class Action at PO Box 4540, Portland, OR 94208.

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