

## **Current or former owners of homes or other structures containing a plumbing system with Zurn brass crimp (F1807) fittings/connectors, could get benefits from a class action settlement.**

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A settlement has been reached with Zurn Pex, Inc. and Zurn Industries LLC (“Zurn”) about allegedly defective brass crimp fittings/connectors made of yellow brass manufactured and/or sold by Zurn between 1996 and 2010 (“F1807 Fittings”). The settlement covers possible fitting leaks, occlusion (a blockage that reduces water flow) and damage to class members’ property as a result of alleged corrosion of the F1807 Fittings.

The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota will hold a hearing to decide whether to give final approval to the settlement, so that the benefits can be issued. Those included have legal rights and options, such as submitting a claim for benefits or excluding themselves from or objecting to the settlement. More information is in the detailed notice, which is available at [www.plumbingfittingsettlement.com](http://www.plumbingfittingsettlement.com).

### **WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?**

The lawsuit makes various claims, including that the F1807 Fittings leak and cause damage to property as a result of corrosion and that related repairs should be covered by warranty. Zurn denies all of the claims and allegations in the lawsuit and maintains that its F1807 Fittings are not defective. The Court has made no determination about the strengths or weaknesses of any of the claims or any of Zurn’s defenses. Instead, the parties have entered into a settlement to end the litigation.

### **WHO IS INCLUDED?**

The Court created a Settlement Class covering all persons who own or owned buildings, homes, residences, or any other structures located in the United States that contain F1807 Fittings. Visit the website to read descriptions and see photos of the F1807 Fittings. Insurers or others that have paid claims resulting from corrosion of F1807 Fittings may also qualify for benefits under the settlement.

### **WHAT DOES THE SETTLEMENT PROVIDE?**

Zurn will fund the settlement in an amount totaling no more than \$20 million over a seven year claims period. For those who file valid claims, the settlement pays for property damages due to leaks of up to 60% of reasonable documented damage, subject to a cap of \$100,000 per leak. The settlement also provides for 60% of re-plumbing costs for structures that have experienced at least two leaks due to documented corrosion of F1807 Fittings, up to a cap of \$7,000 per structure (or \$100,000 for defined large structures,

for which five leaks are required to qualify for re-plumb benefits). Details on the re-plumbing process are in the detailed Notice and in the Settlement Agreement, which are available at [www.plumbingfittingsettlement.com](http://www.plumbingfittingsettlement.com).

Additionally, Class Members can make a claim for past current or future decreased water flow caused by occlusion from corrosion of one or more F1807 Fittings. Eligible claimants would qualify for remediation (repairs to eliminate the flow differential) up to a cap of \$7,000 per structure (or \$100,000 for defined large structures). If remediation does not restore normal water flow to the system, a re-plumb can be requested, subject to a cap of \$7,000 per structure (or \$100,000 for defined large structures). If such occlusions have already been repaired, Class Members may claim for up to 60% of the repair remediation or re-plumb costs that were incurred, subject to the same overall caps.

### **HOW DO YOU ASK FOR BENEFITS?**

To obtain any benefits from the settlement you must fill out and submit a Claim Form. Claim Forms are available at the website or by calling 877-341-4602. The earliest deadline for submitting a claim is April 1, 2014. The detailed Notice and Settlement Agreement, available at [www.plumbingfittingsettlement.com](http://www.plumbingfittingsettlement.com), describe more fully the benefits available under the proposed settlement and how to file a claim.

### **YOUR OTHER OPTIONS.**

If you do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself from the Class by **January 29, 2013**, or you will not be able to sue Zurn about the legal claims this settlement resolves, ever again. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get any benefits from the settlement. If you stay in the Class, you may object to it by **January 29, 2013**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in the case, known as In re Zurn Pex Plumbing Products Liability Litigation, Case No. 0:08cv01958, on **February 25, 2013, at 9 am**, to consider whether to approve the settlement, and a request by Class Counsel for attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses of no more than \$8.5 million dollars and incentive awards for the Class Representatives of \$5,000 to \$7,500. Payment of attorneys’ fees and expenses will not reduce the benefits to Settlement Class Members. You or your own lawyer, if you have one, may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost, but you do not have to. For more information, call or go to the website shown below.

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