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Re: Your BOC Edwards E2M Model Rotary Vane Pump

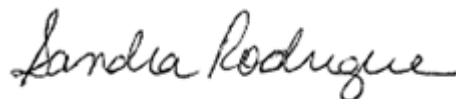
Dear Dear Sir or Madam,

Since Thermo Electron is committed to providing our customers with high quality reliable products and services we would like to make all of our customers aware of a possible safety issue with the BOC Edwards pumps that may have been supplied in our instruments. Recently, BOC Edwards identified a possible safety issue with the E2M0.7, E2M1 and E2M1.5 rotary vane vacuum pumps. Thermo Electron's records indicate that you may have purchased a system from us with one of these pumps in the past. BOC Edwards has created a free retrofit kit that they believe will resolve the safety issue. The attached letter from BOC Edwards can help you to determine if any pumps that you own or use have this potential safety issue. The document also describes what the BOC Edwards retrofit will do to resolve the safety issue.

Please be advised that, according to BOC Edwards, in rare instances the BOC Edwards pumps identified in the attached materials from BOC Edwards may overheat to the point where a plastic housing on a capacitor is melted. For this reason BOC Edwards does not recommend unattended operation. Additionally, BOC Edwards advises against storing combustible materials and flammable liquids in close proximity to the pump.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Please call your local Thermo Scientific Instruments Division service or SID Customer Service at 800-532-4752 if you have any questions or need any assistance with regards to this notice. If you are not the best person to receive this information, then please deliver it to the most appropriate individual.

Sincerely,



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