

Announcement by Otter Controls Ltd to all European Importers of Electric Kettles.

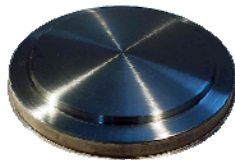
Infringement of Intellectual Property Rights

Otter Controls Ltd are world leaders in the design, development and manufacture of components and connector systems for the Global Domestic Appliance Market.

In 1997 Otter Controls Ltd developed and patented a sealing system known as Otter Easifix® for a new generation of 360° concealed element jugs and kettles.

The Easifix™ sealing system successfully solved many of the industrial design and assembly issues presented by the latest 360° appliances - and has established itself as an integral part of Otter's policy of offering reliable and top quality system solutions.

A typical Easifix system will consist of some or all of the following:



An element plate that forms the base of the vessel



A seal with one or more resilient circumferential fins



A circular clip situated below the element



'Details' in the vessel to position the circular clip and element plate

The Easifix system is protected Worldwide including the following granted Patents:

EP1021117B1 ZL200310119952.7
EP1314385B1 ZL200510006000.3
And ZL98811836.X

Otter Controls has granted licenses to key manufacturers around the world, to allow the Easifix system to be incorporated in their water heating appliances.

It is an 'Infringement' of the Easifix patents to manufacture or import unlicensed Easifix appliances.

Otter Controls Ltd are seeking cooperation from importers, distributors and retailers world-wide to ensure that infringing appliances are removed from the supply chain.

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