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Subject: BRK 4120B Smoke Detectors

We had a replacement battery blow up in a smoke detector a few weeks ago (this after 6 1/2 years here). Although a recent TV item was on First Alert, I checked out BRK Electronics (It turns out they are about one and the same.) BRK apparently did have trouble with the 4120B Model in 1999 and perhaps part of 2000--corrected in 2000 (ours are dated 1999 Sep 14, Issue # 59,641) . You need the Model number, Date, and Issue number of any that have been defective, if you call. Their web site www.brkelectronics.com lists the information you need and a phone number to call.

When we had the trouble, there was just a POP (small explosion) and then we got the "low battery "beep, beep, beep." When I opened up the batter compartment, the end had blown off the new battery I had just put in a few days before.

BRK is supposed to be sending me six new replacement detectors. From other sources, I understand that the bracket will be different, but the wiring the same. CAUTION: These are hard wired (with battery back-up) so be careful if you remove the unit to check for above information. The wires of the unit are covered, but they are connected up inside with wire-nuts. Ours took a hard twist left and then pull down.

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