

Sony issues battery-fire warning over 26,000 Vaio laptops

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Sony 'Vaio' laptop computers are displayed during their press preview in Tokyo on July 16, 2008

Sony on Friday warned customers to stop using its new Vaio Fit 11A laptops due to an overheating battery problem that poses a fire risk and said it may issue a recall.

The Japanese electronics giant said 25,905 units had been shipped globally since they went on sale in February.

It said it may [recall](#) the computers but was so far asking customers to stop using them, adding that it plans to issue more details, including repair options, over the next couple of weeks.

"There is a risk that battery overheating could damage part of the computer," it said in a statement.

"We're asking customers to stop using their PC immediately, unplug the cable and stop using it."

The computer's [lithium-ion batteries](#) were produced by Sony rival Panasonic.

The Vaio Fit can be adjusted to turn it into a tablet computer as well as traditional laptop.

The recall affects computers with the product name "SVF11N1XXXX."

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