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#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY CAMDEN DIVISION

JUSTIN CHAN, on behalf of himself	: CASE NO
and others similarly situated,	:
13108 Two Farm Drive	:
Silver Spring, MD 20904,	:
Plaintiff,	: COMPLAINT CLASS ACTION
V.	· :
LG ELECTRONICS USA INC., a New Jersey corporation,	· :
111 Sylvan Ave.	•
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632,	:
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Defendant.	:
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# DECLARATORY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF REQUESTED DEMAND FOR A JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff, JUSTIN CHAN ("Plaintiff"), individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated, brings this action against Defendant, LG ELECTRONICS USA INC. ("Defendant"), pursuant to, *inter alia*, New York General Business Law §§ 349 and 350. On personal knowledge, investigation of counsel, and on information and belief, Plaintiff alleges as follows:

#### **NATURE OF ACTION**

- 1. This case concerns a deceptively dangerous product and its manufacturer's inadequate recall efforts.
- 2. On February 6, 2025, Defendant and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC") announced the recall of over 500,000 slide-in and freestanding electric ranges spanning 22 different model numbers.<sup>1</sup>
- 3. The recall concerns the front-mounted knobs on the ranges, which can be activated by accidental contact by humans or pets, posing a fire hazard.
- 4. At the time of the recall, Defendant and the CPSC were aware of at least 86 reports of unintentional activation of the front-mounted knobs. Id. The recalled ranges have been involved in more than 28 fires, some of which caused extensive property damage totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. Id. Burn injuries have also been reported, as well as three fires that involved pet deaths. *Id*.
- 5. Defendant and CPSC warned consumers to "use the Lock Out/Control Lock function on the range control panel to disable activation of the heating elements when the range is not in use." Id. Consumers were also warned to "keep children and pets away from the knobs, to check the range knobs to ensure they are off before leaving home or going to bed, and not to leave objects on the range when the range is not in use." *Id*.
- 6. Defendant's recall remedy is limited to instructing consumers to contact Defendant for a "free warning label and placement instructions." *Id.* The label "reminds consumers to use the Lock Out/Control Lock function" on the range anytime the range is not in use. *Id*.

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(last visited February 21, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2025/LG-Recalls-Electric-Ranges-Due-to-Fire-

- 7. There is no dispute the subject ranges are defective and that customers who bought them did not get what they paid for.
- 8. And yet Defendant refuses to give customers any money back for these defective products. Instead, Defendant implemented a deficient recall that allows it to *say* they are doing the right thing, when in fact the primary objective is to protect their bottom line.
- 9. Every single day the range is in a consumer's home, Defendant expects the consumer to expend effort ensuring children and pets stay away from the knobs, checking the range knobs to ensure they are off, and avoid leaving objects on the range when it is not in use. Moreover, Defendant expects the consumer to lock out and unlock the range every time the consumer wishes to use one of the burners, and to remember to do so without fail. These are unreasonable demands to place on a consumer, and had consumers known about the defect at the time of purchase, they would not have made the purchase or would have paid less for the range.
- 10. What's more, the free warning label is useless to those consumers who no longer have the range or purchased a replacement because they experienced accidental activation of the burners and, therefore, such consumers are left without recourse.
- 11. By design, the recall received very little publication, with the result that the response rate has been low. An offer to provide a free warning label does little good when Defendant did the bare minimum possible to let people know about the recall. This approach benefits Defendant by minimizing the cost and burden of the recall.
- 12. Plaintiff Justin Chan files this class action lawsuit to seek all available relief to consumers, to raise awareness that Defendant's ranges are a hazard, and to encourage companies to take greater care in avoiding the production and sale of hazardous products in the first place.

#### **PARTIES**

- 13. Plaintiff is domiciled in Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland. Plaintiff purchased an LG range, model number LSEL6331F, online from The Home Depot on February 13, 2023 while living and physically present in New York, New York County, New York.
- 14. Before purchasing the range, Plaintiff carefully reviewed the product details Defendant authored on Home Depot's website. The product details did not disclose the existence of the defect. The fact that the ranges are defective is material to Plaintiff. If Defendant's product details had disclosed the defect, then Plaintiff would not have purchased the range, or he would have purchased it on different terms. Further, Plaintiff experienced the defect at issue in this action—namely, the range's burners have been activated as a result of someone inadvertently brushing up against the sensitive knobs on the range. The product is devalued to Plaintiff as he is unable to use it for its essential purpose and core functionality without a litany of inconvenient precautions.
- 15. Defendant is a for-profit corporation organized under the laws of Delaware with its principal place of business and headquarters located at 111 Sylvan Ave., Englewood Cliffs, Bergen County, New Jersey 07632. It is engaged in the business of designing, manufacturing, producing, advertising, selling, and/or distributing the various types of appliances, including the ranges involved in the February 6, 2025 recall. Defendant develops and ships its products to purchasers, resellers, and distributors throughout the United States, and creates the website, specifications, and advertisements referring to their products in and/or disseminates them from New Jersey. Defendant operates an online retail store where its ranges are sold, which can be found at https://lg.com/us/ranges.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- This Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2)(A) because this case is a class action where the aggregate claims of all members of the proposed class are in excess of \$5,000,000.00, exclusive of interest and costs, and at least one member of the proposed class is citizen of a state different from Defendants.
- This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendant because it conducts substantial 17. business and is headquartered in New Jersey. All relevant business decisions were made by Defendant in New Jersey. A substantial portion of the events giving rise to the claims alleged here occurred in this State.
- 18. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because a substantial part of the events, omissions, and acts giving rise to the claims herein occurred in this District and because Defendant is headquartered in this District.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

19. Products at issue: The LG ranges at issue in this case were and continue to be sold at Best Buy, Costco, The Home Depot, Lowe's, and other appliance stores nationwide and online starting in 2015 for between \$1,400 and \$2,650 depending on the model, discounts, or promotions. The recall involves the following models (collectively referenced as, the "Product"):

Model Number	Serial No. (From)	Serial No. (To)
LDE4411ST	607KMXXXXXXX	807KMXXXXXXX
LDE4413ST	506KMXXXXXXX	408KMXXXXXXX
LDE4413BD	606KMXXXXXXX	901KMXXXXXXX
LSE4611ST	607KMXXXXXXX	206KMXXXXXXX
LSE4611BD	704KMXXXXXXX	704KMXXXXXXX
LSE4613ST	510KMXXXXXXX	106KMXXXXXXX

LSE4613BD	604KMXXXXXXX	106KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6337D	102KMXXXXXXX	304KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6337F	102KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6331F	201MMXXXXXXX	312MMXXXXXXX
LSEL6331F	310KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6333F	107MMXXXXXXX	311MMXXXXXXX
LSEL6333F	308KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6333D	107MMXXXXXXX	312MMXXXXXXX
LSEL6333D	309KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6335D	102KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX
LSEL6335F	102KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX
LTE4815BM	802KMXXXXXXX	001KMXXXXXXX
LTE4815BD	802KMXXXXXXX	207KMXXXXXXX
LTE4815ST	801KMXXXXXXX	205KMXXXXXXX
LRE4215ST	601KMXXXXXXX	903KMXXXXXXX
LTEL7337F	206KMXXXXXXX	312KMXXXXXXX

- 20. <u>Defect at issue</u>: Per the CPSC, the Product's front-mounted knobs can be easily activated by accidental contact by humans or pets, posing a fire hazard
- 21. At the time of the recall, Defendant and the CPSC were aware of at least 86 reports of unintentional activation of the front-mounted knobs. The recalled ranges have been involved in more than 28 fires, some of which caused extensive property damage totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars. Burn injuries have also been reported, as well as three fires that involved pet deaths. Upon information and belief, countless consumers have experienced the Product's knobs activating a burner as a result of inadvertent contact with the knobs.
  - 22. The defect affects all 500,000 of the aforementioned model numbers.
  - 23. This is a defect in materials, workmanship, and/or design.
  - 24. The cause of the defect is the same for all of the products at issue.

- 25. **Relevant time period**: All of the omissions at issue here were uniformly and consistently made at all times during the last four years, at least. There have been no material changes to the product details or other consumer facing materials during the relevant period.
- 26. The omissions: Defendant described and describes the products as the union between "style and convenience," with "weighted knobs and glass touch controls" to help consumers "cook like a pro." Exhibit A. However, Defendant failed and fails to disclose that due to a defect in the materials, workmanship, and/or design, users of the range were prone to experiencing accidental activation or burners. The defect results in an unreasonable risk of burn and property injury. This material fact was concealed and/or suppressed by Defendant.
- 27. The omission pertains to an unreasonable safety hazard that reasonable consumers consider to be material.
- 28. Plaintiff and class members would not have bought the Product, or would not have bought the Product on the same terms, if the defect had been disclosed. The materiality of the defect also is demonstrated by the existence of the recall.
- 29. Defendant did not disclose the defect in the product details for each Product it sold online, the product pages of its own website, the Products' owner's manuals, the product pages of other retailers who acted as Defendant's agents, or in any other customer-facing document. To the extent Product was sold at brick-and-mortar locations, such as Best Buy, Costco, The Home Depot, or Lowe's, sales personnel and customer service representatives did not disclose the defect and no other signage or labeling did either.
- 30. At the time of purchase, Plaintiff and class members did not know and did not have reason to know that the ranges were defective. Defendant had exclusive knowledge of that fact.

- 31. Defendant made partial representations to Plaintiff and class members, while suppressing the safety defect. Specifically, by describing the ranges features with language such as "convenient" and "pro," the Products' advertising materials implied that they were suitable as ranges, without disclosing that they had a critical safety-related defect related to their knobs and burners.
- 32. **Defendant's pre-sale knowledge of the defect**: Defendant was aware of the defect at the time of sale.
- 33. Before the products were first launched, Defendant knew about the defect because of pre-release testing.
- 34. After launch, Defendant monitored a variety of sources of information to detect signs of defects. These sources of information include warranty claim data, customer complaints to Defendant, replacement part data, and field reports. Defendant knows that for every complaint made, there is a statistical likelihood that there were many more unreported incidents, and Defendant made projections about the likely manifestation rate and future warranty claims based on the number of known complaints.
- 35. The customer complaints about the ranges also would have put Defendant on notice of the defect and contributed to its pre-sale knowledge of the defect, because the defect is the same or substantially similar in all material respects. Defendant received 86 reports of unintentional activation, resulting in more than 28 fires, extensive property damage totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars, burn injuries, and at least three pet deaths. Upon information and belief, the number of reports about the defect was significant. The fact that so many owners made similar complaints indicated that the complaints were not the result of user error or anomalous incidents, but instead a systemic problem with the ranges' knobs. The reports and complaints from owners

were similar enough to put Defendant on notice that the incidents described were the result of a defect, and that the ranges were experiencing unusually high levels of complaints

- 36. Defendant also monitored and would have known about consumer complaints to the CPSC. When a consumer posts a complaint on the CPSC website, all of the relevant information provided to the CPSC is automatically sent via email to the manufacturer and retailers. Monitoring complaints to the CPSC is standard industry practice that serves as an early warning mechanism to spot defects that cause safety hazards, and Defendant adheres to that practice.
- 37. In short, Defendant knew with certainty that the defect would manifest and continue to plague consumers who purchased the products at issue.
- 38. **No adequate remedy at law**: Plaintiff and members of the putative class are entitled to equitable relief because no adequate remedy at law exists.
- 39. Legal remedies are inadequate because they are not equally prompt and certain and in other ways efficient as equitable relief.
- 40. Damages are not equally certain as restitution because the standard that governs restitution is different than the standard that governs damages. Hence, the Court may award restitution even if it determines that Plaintiff fails to sufficiently adduce evidence to support an award of damages.
- 41. Damages and restitution are not the same amount. Unlike damages, restitution is not limited to the amount of money Defendant wrongfully acquired plus the legal rate of interest. Equitable relief, including restitution, entitles a plaintiff to recover all profits from the wrongdoing, even where the original funds taken have grown far greater than the legal rate of interest would recognize. Plaintiff seeks non-restitutionary disgorgement of profits in connection with her unjust enrichment claims.

- 42. Legal claims for damages are not equally certain as restitution because equitable claims entail few elements.
- 43. In short, significant differences in proof and certainty establish that any potential legal claim cannot serve as an adequate remedy at law.
- 44. The recall does not render this lawsuit moot: The recall does not render this lawsuit moot because it does not provide all of the same relief available in this lawsuit.
- 45. Under the recall, Defendant will only provide a warning label for the range. No cash refunds are provided, partial or otherwise. This remedy is not viable and does nothing to address the diminished value of the range due to the defect. The functionality and convenience of the range is inferior to any other competing product which is free of the defect at issue. Not only are members of the putative class at risk of accidental burner activation at any time, Defendant expects them to remember to lock out and unlock the range every time they wish to use the range, and to constantly monitor the range to ensure children and pets do not come into accidental contact with the knobs. This is an unreasonable burden to place on an unwitting consumer.
- 46. Moreover, New York's General Business Law § 350 provides for statutory damages of \$500 per unlawful sale, which also is greater than made available under the recall.
- 47. The recall was only briefly publicized and in a very limited manner. Therefore, many eligible class members remain unaware of it, and the response rate has been low. The amount and reach of the publicity concerning the notice of recall was not comparable to the typical notice provided in a class action.

#### **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

48. *Class Definition*: Plaintiff brings this action on behalf all people in the following classes and subclasses (collectively referred to as "Class Members"):

- (a) <u>Nationwide Class</u>: all people in the United States who purchased a subject range.
- (b) <u>Multi-State Consumer Protection Class</u>: all persons who purchased a subject range for personal, family, or household use: (1) in the states of Michigan, Minnesota, or New Jersey within the applicable statute of limitations; (2) in the state Missouri within the applicable statute of limitations; (3) in the states of California, Florida, Massachusetts, or Washington within the applicable statute of limitations; or (4) in the states of Illinois and New York within the applicable statute of limitations.
  - (c) New York Subclass: all people who purchased a subject range in New York.
- 49. Each of the above class definitions is a placeholder that "may be altered or amended before final judgment." Fed. Civ. P. 23(c)(1)(C). Subject to additional information obtained through further investigation and discovery, the foregoing class definitions may be expanded or narrowed by amendment or in the motion for class certification, including through the use of multistate subclasses to account for material differences in state law, if any.
- 50. Excluded from the putative classes are Defendant and any entities in which Defendant has a controlling interest, Defendant's agents and employees, the judge to whom this action is assigned, members of the judge's staff, and the judge's immediate family. Also excluded are any claims for personal injury.
- 51. *Numerosity.* Members of the Classes are so numerous that their individual joinder herein is impracticable. On information and belief, each Class or Subclass includes thousands of consumers. According to the CPSC, consumers purchased 500,000 units of the subject ranges. The precise number of Class Members and their identities are unknown to the Plaintiff at this time but may be determined through discovery. Class Members may be notified of the pendency of this

action by mail and/or publication through the distribution records of Defendant, its agents, or other means.

- 52. *Commonality and Predominance*. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all Class Members and predominate over questions affecting only individual Class Members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to:
- (a) Whether Defendant knew or should have known of the defect at issue in this case, and if so, when it discovered the defect;
- (b) Whether knowledge of the defect at issue in this case would be important to a reasonable person, because, among other things, it poses an unreasonable safety hazard;
- (c) Whether Defendant failed to disclose and concealed the existence of the defect from potential customers;
- (d) Whether Defendant's conduct, as alleged herein, violates the consumer protection laws asserted here;
- (e) With respect to the New York Subclass, additional questions of law and fact common to the members that predominate over questions that may affect individual members include whether Defendant violated the New York General Business Law § 349 and § 350.
- 53. *Typicality*. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Classes in that Plaintiff and the Classes sustained damages as a result of Defendant's uniform wrongful conduct, based upon Defendant's failure to inform Plaintiff and all others similarly situated that the products at issue here can be dangerous.
- 54. *Adequacy*. Plaintiff will fairly and adequately protect the interests of Class members. Plaintiff has retained counsel that is highly experienced in complex consumer class action litigation, and Plaintiff intends to vigorously prosecute this action on behalf of the Classses.

Plaintiff has no interests that are antagonistic to those of the Classes. Plaintiff has no past or present financial, employment, familial, or other relationship with any of the attorneys in this case that would create a conflict of interest with the proposed class members.

- 55. **Superiority**. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy for, *inter alia*, the following reasons: prosecutions of individual actions are economically impractical for members of the Classes; the Classes are readily definable; prosecution as a class action avoids repetitious litigation and duplicative litigation costs, conserves judicial resources, and ensures uniformity of decisions; and prosecution as a class action permits claims to be handled in an orderly and expeditious manner.
- 56. Without a class action, Defendant will continue a course of action that will result in further damages to the Plaintiff and Members of the Classes and will likely retain the benefits of its wrongdoing.

# FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Violations of New York General Business Law § 349

- 57. Plaintiff repeats her prior allegations of this Complaint from paragraphs 1-57 and incorporates them by reference herein.
- 58. Plaintiff brings this cause of action individually and on behalf all other class members in the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass.
- 59. New York's General Business Law § 349 prohibits deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any business, trade, or commerce.
- 60. In its sale of goods throughout the State of New York, Defendant conducts business and trade within the meaning and intendment of New York's General Business Law § 349.
- 61. Plaintiff and members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass are consumers who purchased the ranges from Defendant for their personal use.

- 62. By the acts and conduct alleged herein, Defendant engaged in deceptive, unfair, and misleading acts and practices, which include, without limitation, misrepresenting that the ranges (a) would not contain a dangerous defect and (b) are generally recognized as safe for use. Defendant intentionally concealed and omitted material facts regarding the true nature of the ranges.
  - 63. The foregoing deceptive acts and practices were directed at consumers.
- 64. The foregoing deceptive acts and practices are misleading in a material way because they fundamentally misrepresent the characteristics and quality of the ranges to induce consumers to purchase the same.
- 65. By reason of this conduct, Defendant engaged in deceptive conduct in violation of New York's General Business Law.
- 66. Defendant's actions are the direct, foreseeable, and proximate cause of the damages Plaintiff and members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass have sustained from having paid for and used Defendant's products.
- 67. As a result of Defendant's violations, Plaintiff and members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass have suffered damages because: (a) they would not have purchased the ranges on the same terms if they knew that the ranges had a dangerous defect; (b) they paid a premium price greater than the amount offered in the Recall; and (c) the ranges do not have the characteristics, uses, benefits, or qualities as promised.
- 68. On behalf of herself and other members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass, Plaintiff seeks to recover her actual damages or fifty dollars, whichever is greater, three times actual damages, and reasonable attorney fees.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Violations of New York General Business Law § 350

- 69. Plaintiff repeats her prior allegations of this Complaint from paragraphs 1-69 and incorporates them by reference herein.
- 70. Plaintiff brings this cause of action individually and on behalf all other class members in the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass.
- 71. New York's General Business Law § 350 prohibits false advertising in the conduct of any business, trade, or commerce.
- 72. Pursuant to said statute, false advertising is defined as "advertising, including labeling, of a commodity . . . if such advertising is misleading in a material respect."
- 73. Based on the foregoing, Defendant engaged in consumer-oriented conduct that is deceptive or misleading in a material way which constitutes false advertising in violation of New York's General Business Law § 350.
- 74. Defendant's false, misleading, and deceptive statements and representations of fact were and are directed toward consumers. Defendant also actively concealed and knowingly admitted material facts regarding the true nature of the ranges.
- 75. Defendant's false, misleading, and deceptive statements and representations of fact and omissions were and are likely to mislead a reasonable consumer acting reasonably under the circumstances.
- 76. Defendant's false, misleading, and deceptive statements and representations of fact and omissions have resulted in consumer injury or harm to the public interest.
- 77. As a result of Defendant's false, misleading, and deceptive statements and representations of fact, and omissions, Plaintiff and the members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass have suffered and continue to suffer economic injury.

- 78. As a result of Defendant's violations, Plaintiff and members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass have suffered damages due to said violations because: (a) they would not have purchased the ranges on the same terms if they knew that the ranges had a dangerous defect and are not safe for use; (b) they paid a premium price in an amount greater than the amount offered in the Recall; and (c) the ranges do not have the characteristics, uses, benefits, or qualities as promised.
- 79. On behalf of herself and other members of the Multi-State Consumer Protection Class and the New York Subclass, Plaintiff seeks to recover her actual damages or five hundred dollars, whichever is greater, three times actual damages, and reasonable attorney fees.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION Unjust Enrichment

- 80. Plaintiff repeats her prior allegations of this Complaint from paragraphs 1-80 and incorporates them by reference herein.
- 81. Plaintiff brings this cause of action individually and on behalf all other Class Members.
- 82. To the extent required, Plaintiff asserts this cause of action in the alternative to legal claims, as permitted by Rule 8.
- 83. The unjust enrichment claims are premised on Defendant's pre-sale activities and are unrelated to their post-sale obligations to provide repairs and/or refunds.
- 84. Plaintiff and the Class Members conferred a benefit on Defendant in the form of the gross revenues Defendant derived from the money Plaintiff and Class Members paid to Defendant.
  - 85. Defendant knew of the benefit conferred on it by Plaintiff and the Class Members.

- 86. Defendant has been unjustly enriched in retaining the revenues derived from Plaintiff's and the Class Members' purchases of the products, which retention of such revenues under these circumstances is unjust and inequitable because Defendant omitted that the products were dangerous. This caused injuries to Plaintiff and class members because they would not have purchased the products or would have paid less for them if the true facts concerning the products had been known.
- 87. Defendant accepted and retained the benefit in the amount of the gross revenues derived from sales of the products.
- 88. Defendant has profited by retaining the benefit under circumstances which would make it unjust for Defendant to retain the benefit.
- 89. Plaintiff and the Class Members are, therefore, entitled to restitution in the form of the revenues derived from Defendant's sale of the ranges.
- 90. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions, Plaintiff and Class Members have suffered in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 91. Putative Class Members have suffered an injury in fact and have lost money as a result of Defendant's unjust conduct.
- 92. Putative Class Members lack an adequate remedy at law with respect to this claim and are entitled to non-restitutionary disgorgement of the financial profits that Defendant obtained because of its unjust conduct.

# FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Fraud by Omission / Intentional Misrepresentation

93. Plaintiff repeats her prior allegations of this Complaint from paragraphs 1-93 and incorporates them by reference herein.

- 94. Plaintiff bring this cause of action individually and on behalf all other Class Members.
- 95. This claim is based on fraudulent omissions concerning the safety of consumers who use and/or purchase the ranges. As discussed above, Defendant failed to disclose that the ranges have a dangerous defect.
- 96. The false and misleading omissions were made with knowledge of their falsehood. Defendant is a nationwide manufacturer and distributor who knew of reports of the ranges' defective and dangerous nature. Nonetheless, Defendant continued to sell its devalued and dangerous ranges to unsuspecting consumers.
- 97. The false and misleading omissions were made by Defendant, upon which Plaintiff and Class Members reasonably and justifiably relied, and were intended to induce and actually induced Plaintiff and Class Members to purchase the ranges.
- 98. The fraudulent actions of Defendant caused damage to Plaintiff and Class Members, who are entitled to damages and punitive damages.
  - 99. Plaintiff seeks all relief available under this cause of action.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Negligent Misrepresentation

- 100. Plaintiff repeats her prior allegations of this Complaint from paragraphs 1-100 and incorporates them by reference herein.
- 101. Plaintiff brings this cause of action individually and on behalf of all other Class Members in the alternative to her intentional misrepresentation claim (Count IV).
- 102. As alleged more fully above, Defendant negligently made false representations and material omissions of fact to Plaintiff and Class Members concerning the safety of consumers who use and/or purchase the ranges.

- 103. The representations were false and/or omissions were material.
- 104. When Defendant made these misrepresentations and omissions, it knew they were false and material at the time it made them and/or acted negligently in making the misrepresentations and omissions.
- 105. Defendant intended that Plaintiff and Class members rely on these representations and omissions and Plaintiff and Class Members read and reasonably relied on them.
- 106. Class-wide reliance can be inferred because Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions were material, *i.e.*, a reasonable consumer would consider them important in deciding whether to buy one of the ranges.
- 107. Defendant's misrepresentations and omissions were a substantial factor and proximate cause in causing damages and losses to Plaintiff and Class Members.
- 108. Plaintiff and the Class were injured as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's conduct because (a) they would not have purchased the ranges if they had known that the representations were false, and/or (b) they overpaid for the ranges because the products were sold at a price premium due to the misrepresentation.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff, individually and on behalf of the proposed class, prays for the following relief:

- A. For an order certifying the classes alleged in this complaint, naming Plaintiff as the representative of the classes, and naming Plaintiff's counsel as Class Counsel to represent the classes;
- B. For an order declaring Defendant's conduct violates the statutes and common law referenced herein;

- C. For an order finding in favor of Plaintiff and class members on all counts asserted herein;
- D. For an award of injunctive or other equitable relief as is necessary to protect the interests of Plaintiff and the class members, including, *inter alia*, an order prohibiting Defendant from engaging in the unlawful acts described above;
- E. For actual, compensatory, statutory, nominal, and/or punitive damages in amounts to be determined by the Court and/or jury;
  - F. For prejudgment interest on all amounts awarded;
  - G. For an order of restitution and all other forms of equitable monetary relief; and
- H. For an order awarding Plaintiff and class members their reasonable attorney fees, expenses, and costs of suit.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Plaintiff requests a jury trial on all issues so triable.

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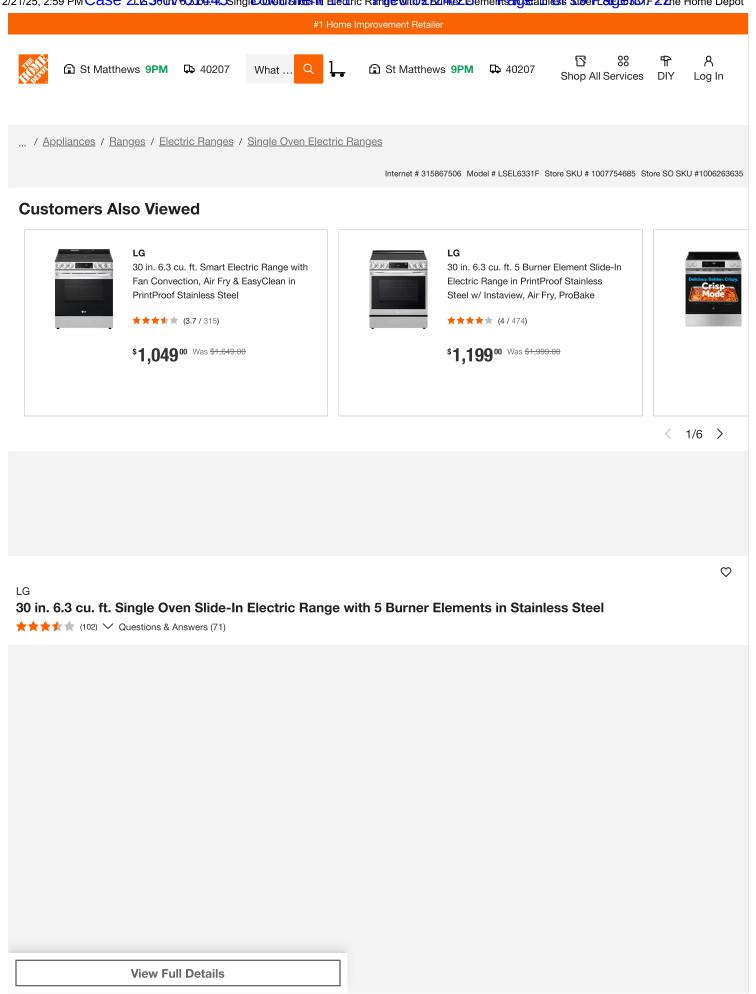
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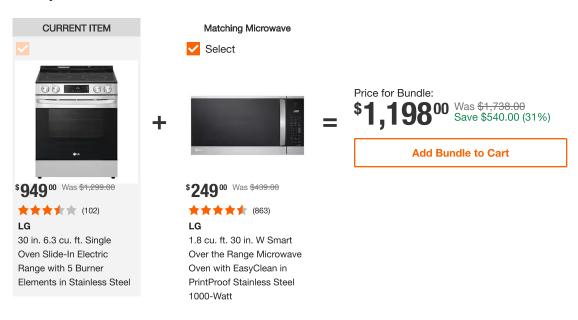
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#### **Highlights**

- Extend the original 1 year to 2 YEARS at no additional cost (up to \$185 value).
- · Slide-in design creates a premium, and sleek custom built-in look
- EasyClean helps keep the inside of your oven looking like new with this 10-minutes feature- the fastest available
- Use the ThinQ app to start the oven, set timers and check on dinner from anywhere

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- 2 Versatile cook top elements, you can use the right cookware for your food
- · Beautiful, easy-to-clean finishes are fingerprint and smudge resistant
- · Get inspired and expand your menu with partner apps that can send cooking times and temps to the range
- Brilliant blue interior provides an upscale look with premium interior design
- · Sleek SmoothTouch glass controls for easy operation and cleaning
- · Super-sized window allows you to easily check the progress of a meal no matter where it's placed in the oven
- · Convenient drawer offers room to store all your kitchen necessities in style
- ThinQ Care, now within the ThinQ app get proactive smart alerts delivered right to your smartphone to help you understand your appliance needs, avoid any potential problems, and keep your LG appliances running at their best for years on end
- · Click here to shop more LG ranges
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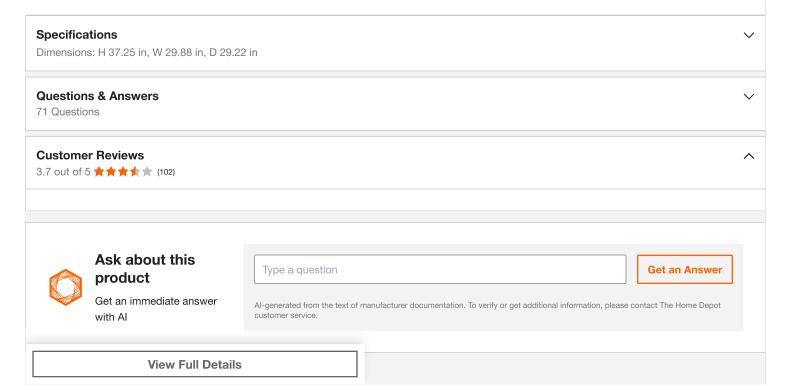
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#### **Additional Resources**

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#### From the Manufacturer

- Specification
- Product Brochure
- Warranty
- Use and Care Manual
- Troubleshooting Guide
- Instructions / Assembly
- Installation Guide
- Full Product Manual





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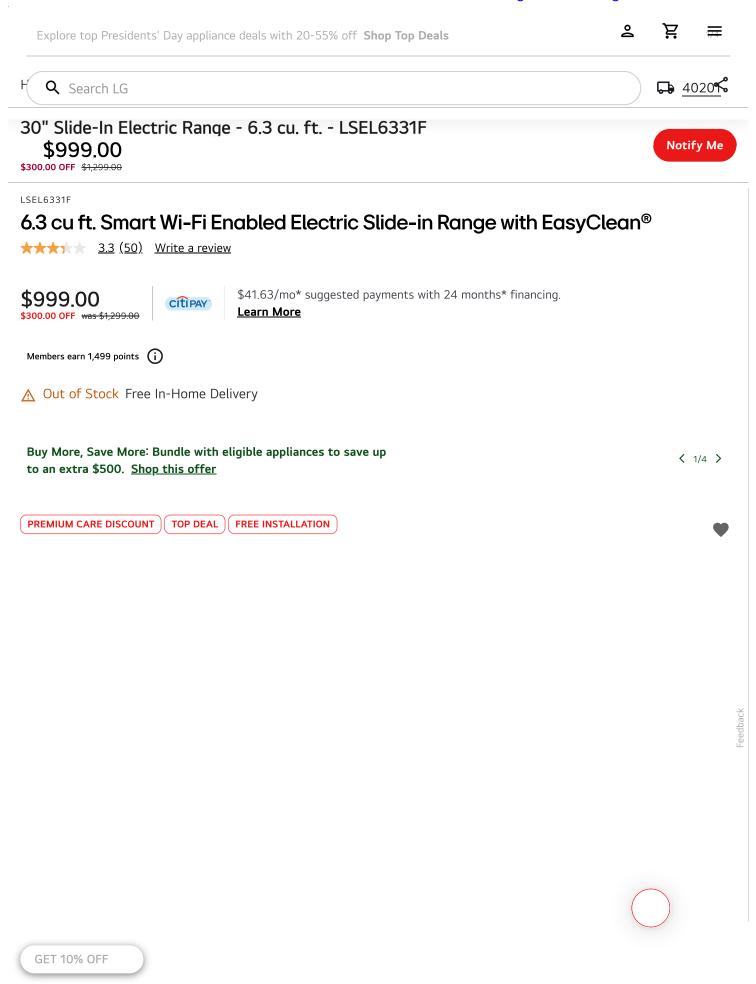
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### **Reviews**

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Overall Rating

3.3 \*\*\*\*
50 Reviews

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\*Includes reviews for current and predecessor models of the same LG product line. Options and features on predecessor models may vary. You must be logged into your MyLG account to leave a review.

Average Customer Ratings

INCENTIVIZED REVIEW

We got it brandnew and we only use it less than a month and it is already chipped



Helpful? (1) (7) (0)



Report

Quality

1.0

**Features** 

1.0

Value

1.0

Response from LG Electronics:

2 MONTHS AGO

LG Digital Care Team

Hey there! You should always feel at ease whenever you're using the cooktop on your LG range. So we can help make that happen, please send us a private message on social media at @LGUSSupport with your contact details and model number. We're ready to look into this further with you! \*Josh

0 Comments Add Comment



#### \*BUYER BEWARE\* Dangerous malfunction new stove

Matt215

4 MONTHS AGO

We bought this stove about 4 months ago new off the LG website. We are extremely unsatisfied and would not recommend this stove. It is dangerous and is does not work. When you adjust the burners from high heat to low heat, the stove top often times does not adjust. It STAYS ON HIGH HEAT for over a minute and sometimes DOESN'T ADJUST until you turn the entire element off and start again. This is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. It burns food and you have to constantly monitor the stove to make sure it doesn't burn your food or cause any other damage. When the dials are turned to the lower levels like 4 it inconsistently turns on high heat. The lower level dials are too hot. Sometimes when you turn it to the lower on at the lower levels it will decide to turn on high heat for no reason. Also just after 4 months of use one of the elements WON'T EVEN TURN ON. A new stove that has this many issues after just 4 months requires a complete refund. We have called once and they only offer a repair. This is 100% unacceptable. If LG sells a defective stove, it's not on the buyers to deal with repairs this early in the lifespan of an appliance. I am going to advocate for a full refund because I do not want to deal with LG appliances ever again. We are a busy family of full-time working parents with toddlers and elders in the home. We do not have time to deal with a defective stove and poor customer service.

Helpful? (5) (7) (1)







Report

Quality

**Features** 

1.0

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Response from LG Electronics:

4 MONTHS AGO

#### LG Digital Care Team

Hello! We want to thank you for sharing your story with us. Your safety is our top priority, and we want to work with you in a one-on-one conversation to get to the bottom of this and find out what we can do to ensure you're taken care of. If you contact us on social media at @LGUSSupport, we will gladly assist you in finding a solution. We are grateful to have you as part of the LG family, and we are dedicated to making sure you are well taken care of. Remember, we are always here to help. ^

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1 answer

#### Review Highlights

Pros

#### **Product Features** 7 reviews

"LG has a beautiful design with many easy to use features." (Full review)

#### Satisfaction 5 reviews

"I loved the look of this stove/oven and the price was amazing also!" (Full review)

#### Cleaning 3 reviews

"The oven is easy to wipe clean." (Full review)

Cons

#### **Disappointing** 4 reviews

"I'm disappointed with the display." (Full review)

#### Timer 3 reviews

"However, I was extremely disappointed the first and I went to use the oven." (Full review)

Questions Ask a question

Bob Rh · 7 months ago

1-8 of 8 Questions

#### Is this appliance ADA approved?

Answer this Question

LG Digital Care · 7 months ago

Hello, Bob Rh.

The LG 6.3 cu Ft. Smart Wi-Fi Enabled Electric Slide-in Range with EasyClean®, Model # LSEL6331F, is not an ADAcompliant range oven...^Ivan.

Anonymous · a year ago

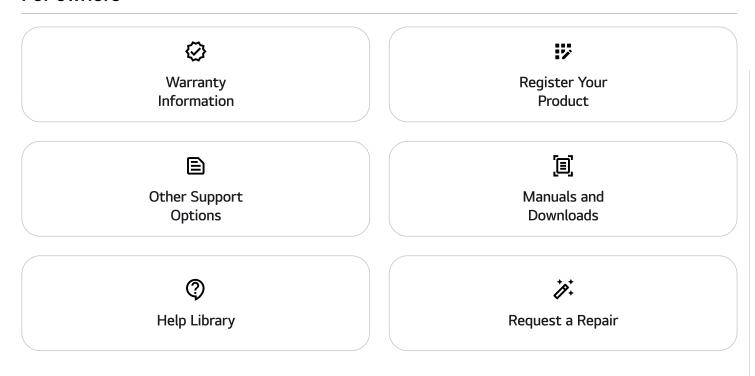
Is the LSEL6331F available in black?

**1** answer

Ivanf · 3 years ago

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- **I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
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- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
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  United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box. Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

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- **III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
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