



August 25, 2011

Dear Electrical Professionals,

As of September 2011 (serial# 11350001 or higher), the IDEAL 61-059 AFCI Branch Circuit Tester's firmware and hardware have been modified to trip all manufacturers' CAFCI breakers on the market today that protect branch circuits. The change was required because newer revised versions of the CAFCI breakers on the market no longer recognized the signature of our tester and would not trip. Please refer to the testing methodology titled "**GUIDE FOR TESTING AFCI PROTECTED CIRCUITS**" posted on our website on the 61-059 and 61-165 product pages at [www.idealindustries.com](http://www.idealindustries.com) for proper testing of AFCI breakers. IDEAL INDUSTRIES remains dedicated to providing industry leading solutions for branch circuit testing.

**Production of the 61-059 tester has resumed with anticipated shipments starting on September 19th. The 61-165 is in the final stages of development and testing. It is anticipated that shipments of the 61-165 will resume on September 30th.**

***IDEAL is offering an AFCI tester upgrade program for the SureTest® Circuit Testers and Circuit Analyzers as outlined below:***

Send in a 61-058 plus \$90 and receive a 61-059  
Send in a 61-059 plus \$90 serial # 10010000 or lower and receive an upgrade  
Send in a 61-059 plus \$60 serial # 10010001 through 11350001 and receive an upgrade

Send in a 61-155 plus \$125 and receive a new 61-165  
Send in a 61-165 plus \$125 serial # 10010000 or lower and receive an upgrade.  
Send in a 61-165 plus \$90 serial # 10010001 through 11350001 and receive an upgrade

To receive your upgrade:

- 1) Obtain and complete a Return Materials Authorization (RMA) from our website. Go to [www.idealindustries.com](http://www.idealindustries.com) and access the Tester RMA Request form on our homepage.
- 2) Package the product, attach the RMA # and include a check for the appropriate amount.
- 3) For timely delivery, ensure to use a trackable shipping method with pre-paid postage, insurance and provide a return address. Send the package to the address listed on the RMA form.
- 4) Upgrade period valid through March 2012.

Sincerely,

IDEAL Test & Measurement Division

