

Sony issues battery-fire warning for Vaio laptops

TOKYO, JAPAN: Sony has warned customers to stop using its new Vaio Fit 11A laptops because of an overheating battery problem that poses a fire risk. The company may recall the models.



Users of Sony's Vaio Fit have been advised to disconnect the computer, shut it down and stop using it because of a battery fault. Sony will release repair details over the next few days.
Image: Sony

The Japanese electronics company 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. "We're asking customers to stop using their PC immediately, unplug the cable and switch it of," Sony said.

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.

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