

TITLE : CPSC, Makita U.S.A. Inc. Announce Recall of Chain Saws

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LESSONS LEARNED STATEMENT: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Makita Chain Saws

Units: About 3,400 units

Distributor: Makita U.S.A. Inc., of La Mirada, Calif.

Manufactured in: Germany

Hazard: The flywheels on some of the chain saws can come apart during use, which could cause serious personal injury.

Incidents/Injuries: Makita has received three reports of the flywheel coming apart. There have been no reports of injury.

DISCUSSION: The recall involves Makita DCS6401 and DCS7901-model chain saws in which the last five digits of the serial numbers are within the following ranges:

DCS6401: 41915 through 45612, 81722 through 82057

DCS7901: 31182 through 31491

The chain saw's housing is teal with the name "Makita" written on it. The chain saw's serial number can be found on the right hand side of the silver nameplate which is located on the back of the fuel tank. No other Makita chain saws are involved in the recall. Any DCS6401 or DCS7901 chain saws with the letter "N" preceding the serial number on the nameplate and a blue dot on the shipping carton have been repaired and are not involved in the recall.

Sold at: Outdoor power equipment distributors and industrial contractor supply houses nationwide sold these chain saws from October 2004 through August 2005 for between \$520 and \$730.

To view this recall online, please go to the CPSC website at:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prereel/prhtml05/05265.html>

CPSC RECOMMENDED ACTIONS: Consumers should stop using these recalled chain saws immediately and contact Makita to arrange for a free repair. Known purchasers were sent direct mail notification of this recall.

Consumer Contact: For more information, call Makita toll-free at (866) 714-3860, Ext.232 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.makitatools.com

BECHTEL JACOBS COMPANY ACTIONS: Organizations should check to see if they have any of the equipment being recalled in this notice. If any is found, discontinue use immediately and follow the CPSC recommended actions. If this advisory is applicable to you or your organization, feedback is appreciated.

PRIORITY DESCRIPTOR: White/Advisory

ORIGINATOR: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

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KEYWORDS: chain saw; Makita; flywheel

REFERENCES: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission;
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prereel/prhtml05/05596.html>
DOE Functional Category: Occupational Safety & Health; Maintenance;
BJC Trend Code: SH - Occupational Safety & Health; Maintenance
HAZARDS: Other
WORK ACTIVITY: Facility Equipment; Facility Maintenance
ISM CODE: Provide Feedback & Continuous Improvement

FOLLOW-UP ACTION: Information in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge. As a means of measuring the effectiveness of this report please notify Joanne Schutt at (865) 576-7087 or e-mail at s6u@bechteljacobs.org of any action taken as a result of this report or of any technical inaccuracies you find.