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Shindaiwa Inc. Announces Recall of Backpack Blowers Due to Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturers named below, today announced voluntary recalls of the following consumer products. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web Site at www.cpsc.gov .)

Name of product: Shindaiwa Backpack Blowers

Units: About 22,000

Importer: Shindaiwa Inc., Tualatin, Oregon

Hazard: The muffler's outer shell can melt allowing exhaust gas to exit from the bottom or back side of the muffler. The exhaust gas may cause damage to the fuel tank creating a possible fire hazard for the user.

Incidents/Injuries: Shindaiwa has replaced 15 mufflers under warranty and is aware of one incident where a small muffler fire was involved with no property damage and no injuries.

Description: This recall involves Shindaiwa Models EB8510 and EB8510RT. All models up to serial #7025018 are included. After serial number 7025018, the leaf blower has been upgraded with stainless steel muffler shells. The backpack blowers weigh approximately 24 pounds and include Serial Numbers through February 2007 production (S/N 702XXXX) which are located on the side label. These machines are blue with a red label that reads, Shindaiwa.

Sold by: Shindaiwa dealers nationwide from September 2005 through May 2007 for about \$600.

Manufactured by: Shindaiwa Kogyo Co., Ltd., Hiroshima, Japan

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the backpack blowers immediately and contact Shindaiwa for the closest dealer location to schedule a free muffler replacement. Consumers who have registered their equipment should have already received correspondence from Shindaiwa about this recall.

Consumer Contact: For more information contact Shindaiwa at (800) 521-7733 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's Web site at www.shindaiwa.com.



To see a picture of the recalled product(s) and/or to establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, link to the following address: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prereel/prhtml03/03037.html>. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

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