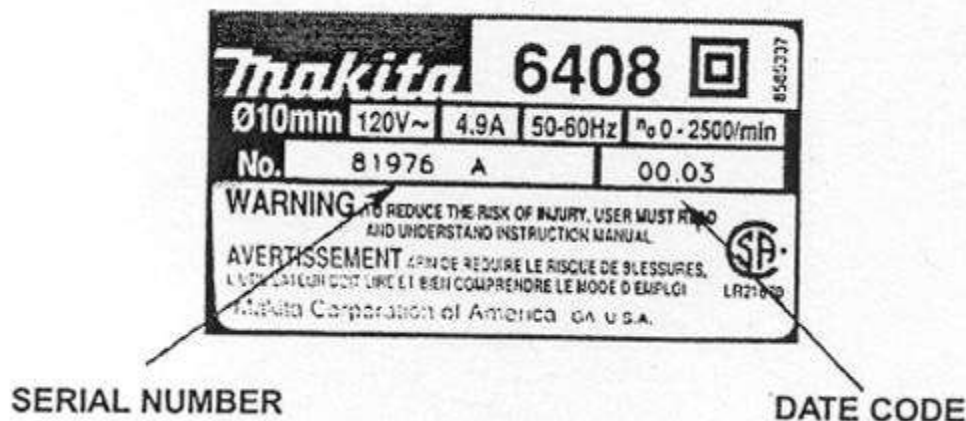


Makita Canada Inc. and CSA International Announce Voluntary Recall to Repair Various Power Tools

Toronto, Ontario - In co-operation with CSA International, Makita Canada Inc. of Whitby, Ont. is voluntarily recalling 11,000 rotary hammers, hammer drills, drills and screwdrivers with model numbers HR2410, 6407, 6408, 6410, 6821, HR2420, HP2040 and 6807. They contain a switch, a component supplied by Eaton Corporation of Cleveland, which may stick in the "on" position. As a result, these power tools can continue to operate after the trigger has been released, which could pose a risk of injury to consumers.

Makita has not received any reports of injuries related to the use of these power tools. This recall is being conducted to help prevent the possibility of injury.



The label with these numbers (top right-hand corner) and the CSA mark (lower right-hand corner) is located prominently on the tool. Power tools that have been modified with new non-defective switches are affixed with a blue dot decal on both the tool and the box, and are not affected by this recall.

Home center and hardware stores, industrial distributors and factory service dealers sold these recalled power tools from April 2000 through August 2000 across Canada.

Consumers should stop using these power tools immediately, and take them to their nearest Makita Authorized Service Center or Factory Service Center for a free inspection and, if necessary, modification at no charge. To locate the nearest service center, or for more information, contact Makita Canada Inc. toll-free at 1-800-263-3734