

***Ryobi Technologies Inc. and CSA International Announce Corrective Action Program To Repair Circular Saws***

Toronto, Ontario - In cooperation with CSA International, Ryobi Technologies Inc. (RTI), of Anderson, S.C., is announcing a program to repair approximately 600 of its circular saws. The lower blade guards on these saws can stick in the open position, posing a risk of serious injury to the operator and bystanders.

Ryobi Technologies has not received any reports of incidents. This program is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The affected models are 7-1/4 inch circular saws having a blue plastic body and a metal blade guard. The name “Ryobi” appears on the blade guard and the motor housing. The affected saws bear one of the following model numbers – CSB120, CSB130, CSB1308, CSB 130K and CSB130JS – which can be found on a white label on the motor housing. Some of the affected saws were sold in kits that included a hard plastic, gray storage case (embossed with “Ryobi Circular Saw”) with the saw and blade inside.

Home centres (including Home Depot), hardware stores and catalogues nationwide sold Ryobi circular saws from October 1998 through July 2001. Consumers should stop using these saws immediately, and contact Ryobi’s Consumer Response Team toll-free at (800) 867-9624 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday to receive a free repair kit. Consumers can also write to the company at: Ryobi Technologies Inc., P.O. Box 1207, Anderson, SC 29622, Attention: Consumer Response Team. Consumers may also contact Ryobi through their web-sites <http://www.ryobitools.com/> or <http://www.ryobitoolscanada.com/>.

Any of these circular saws with a prominent green dot on the warning label (which is affixed to the power cord) or on the product’s packaging has been repaired by Ryobi and is not included in this corrective action.

