



## RECALL NOTICE

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### CPSC, Associated Electrics Inc. Announce Recall of Battery Chargers for Radio Control Race Cars

#### NEWS from CPSC

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

**Name of product:** Reedy Quasar Pro Battery Chargers (charges batteries used to power remote control race cars)

**Units:** 4,900

**Manufacturer:** Associated Electrics Inc., of Costa Mesa, Calif.

**Hazard:** A defective fuse and program error in the charger can cause the battery packs being charged to overheat and explode, posing a risk of serious injury to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Associated Electrics has received three reports of incidents involving exploding battery cells. One consumer sustained a bruised hand, while another received an eye injury from flying debris.

**Description:** The recalled #611 Quasar Pro Chargers were manufactured from February 2002 through February 2004. The grey charger box has words "Quasar Pro" printed in yellow on the front and shows a display of "QUASAR PRO VERSION 1.0" when first turned on. The recalled chargers either have no barcode label on the underside or a barcode label with the numbers "611" or "611A".

**Sold at:** Hobby dealers nationwide from February 2002 through February 2004 for about \$200.

**Manufactured in:** China

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**Remedy:** Consumers should stop using the charger immediately and contact Associated Electrics to receive a free repair.

**Consumer Contact:** Call Associated Electrics at (800) 518-7339 between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m., and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., PT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Website at [www.teamassociated.com](http://www.teamassociated.com)

