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Ceramic Heaters Recalled By Lasko; Heaters Could Pose A Fire Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - 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: Lasko Ceramic Heaters

Units: About 1.2 million

Manufacturer: Lasko Products Inc., of West Chester, Pa.

Hazard: The heater's cord can overheat where it enters the base of the unit, which could pose a fire hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Lasko has received 28 reports of failed power cords, including six reports of minor property damage. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Lasko ceramic heaters manufactured in 2005. Model numbers included in the recall are: 5132, 5345, 5362, 5364, 5420, 5532, 5534 and 5566. Model numbers are located on the bottom of the unit or at the rear of the base of the heaters.

Sold at: Major retailers, home centers and discount department stores nationwide from September 2005 through April 2006 for between \$20 and \$50.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the heaters and contact Lasko to receive a free replacement heater.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Lasko at (800) 984-3311 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.Laskoproducts.com

