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Black & Decker Recall Trimmers/Edgers Due to Laceration Hazard from Projectiles

Toronto, ON – The Electrical Safety Authority in cooperation with Black and Decker is notifying the public that Black and Decker has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using the recalled product immediately.

Name of Product: Black & Decker GH1000/GH1000-CA Grasshog XP String Trimmer/Edgers.

Units: 202,000 (11,109 in Canada).

Manufacturer/Importer: Black & Decker (U.S.) Inc, of Towson, Md.

Hazard: The trimmer/edger’s spool cap and pieces of trimmer string can come loose during use and become airborne projectiles, posing a laceration hazard to the user as well as bystanders. The trimmers/edgers can also overheat, posing a burn hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Black & Decker has received 735 reports of incidents (28 in Canada), including 58 reports of injuries. Serious injuries included cuts to two customers’ legs that required medical attention. Minor injuries included bruises, lacerations, and facial injuries such as welt and broken skin over a consumer’s eye. There were also reports of property damage including two broken windows.

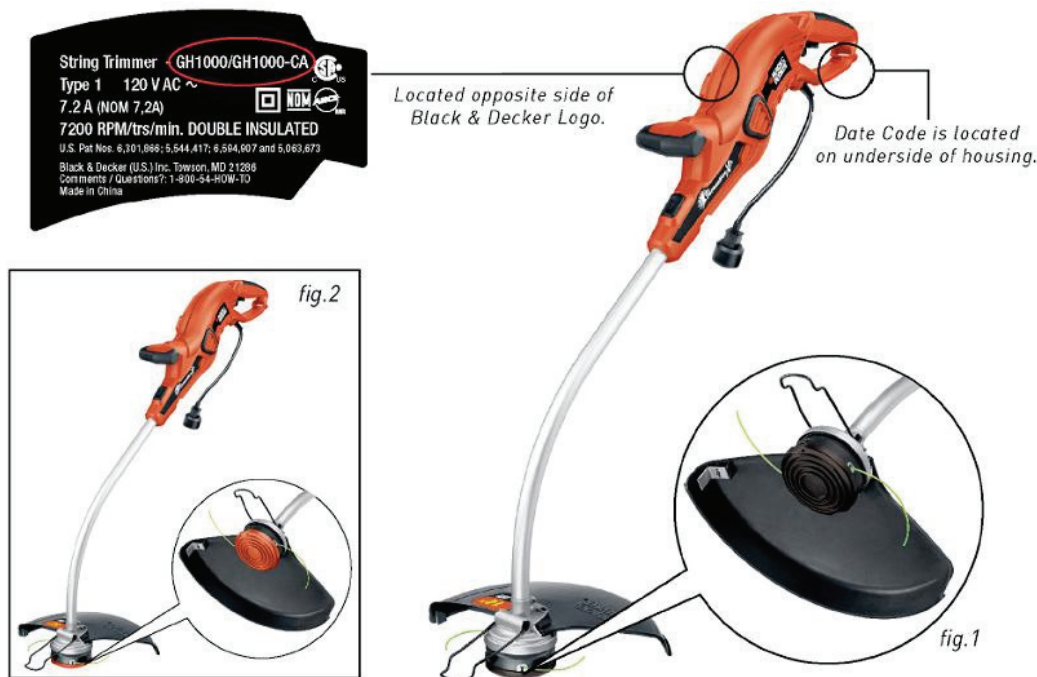
Description/Models: Black & Decker GH1000/GH1000-CA Grasshog XP String Trimmer/Edgers are electric-powered. Trimmer/Edgers with date codes 200546 and 200645 (representing manufacture dates of November 14, 2005 through November 6, 2006) are included in this recall. The date code is located on the underside of the trimmer/edger’s handle. Only trimmers with black spool caps are included in this recall. Those with orange spool caps are not included in the recall.

Sold by: Major home centres and hardware stores nationwide from November 2005 through to January 2007 for approximately \$70.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the string trimmer/edgers immediately and contact Black & Decker for a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Black & Decker at (888)742-9158 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm’s website at www.blackanddecker.com.



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