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**Ridge Tool Company Recalls Ridge Universal Motor Due to Shock and Fire Hazard**

**Toronto, ON** – The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Ridge Tool Company has announced a voluntary recall of the following product. Customers should stop using recalled products immediately.

**Name of Product:** RIDGID® Universal Motor sold as part of a 535, 300 Compact or 1233 Threading Machine, 300 Power Drive or a Hose Machine or sold separately as a replacement motor for these units.

**Units:** Approximately 270 affected units were sold in Ontario and approximately 902 affected units were sold in Canada.

**Importer:** Ridge Tool Company

**Hazard:** The setscrews that retain the brush holders in the affected motors may not be properly tightened. This could allow the brush holder to back out and the brush lead contact the motor housing. If a machine in this condition is used with an improperly grounded power supply, this could result in an electrical shock or fire hazard which could cause serious injury or death.

**Incidents/Injuries:** No injuries or damage have been reported.

**Description/Models:** Affected machines can be identified by looking at the serial plate on the machine (see photos). If a machine serial number ends in 0408, 0508, 0608, 0708, 0808, 0908, 1008 or 1108 it is subject to this recall.

**Sold by:** Various distributors across Ontario and Canada.

**When was distributed:** Between April 2008 and November 2008.

**Manufactured in:** Elyria, Ohio.

**Remedy:** Customers should take immediate steps to determine if they have an affected unit in their possession. Customers should stop using the affected unit immediately and contact Ridge Tool Technical Services per the contact information set out below.

**Consumer Contact:** For information and service, contact Ridge Tool Technical Services at 1-800-519-3456 or [techservices@rigid.com](mailto:techservices@rigid.com).

**Remarks:** The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by Canadian Standards Association. For more information about Canadian Standards Association product certification process please visit: [www.csa.ca](http://www.csa.ca).



The motor is enclosed in this machine.