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Makita Recalls Portable Gas Generators Due to Fire Hazard

The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Makita Canada Inc. has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: G1700i 1700W portable gas generator.

Units: 677 in Canada

Manufacturer/Importer: Makita Canada Inc.

Hazard: A crack may develop in the neck of the fuel tank and leakage of gasoline may occur.

Incidents/Injuries: No injuries or damage has been reported to date.

Description/Models: Affected model is Makita brand model number G1700i Inverter type portable generator. Case colour is Makita blue. Retail cost is approximately \$1500.00. Affected serial numbers fall within the following ranges:

#3000003~#3000688

#3010003~#3021505

#6000001~#6017296

#8000001~#8004382

Sold by: Access Rental, Home Hardware, Angelo's Electric Limited, Atlas Machinery Supply, Automotive Tool Supply, Busy Bee Machine Tools Ltd., Castle Building Centres, Charles Jones Industrial Ltd., Clark

Industrial Wholesale, Contractors Rental Supply, Dixon Electric (Timmins) Ltd., Fastening House Inc., G Cooper Equipment Rentals Ltd., G. P. Mceachern Limited, Hansler Smith Limited, Hd Supply Canada Inc., Home Depot Of Canada Inc., Hon-Mark Co Ltd., Ideal Supply Co Ltd, J. H. Varty Machinery Limited, Kelly Lake Bldg. Supp Ltd., Lakeshore Mills Supply Limited, Markham Ind & Trade Supp Ltd., Mark's Small Engine, Mississauga Hardware Centre, Northfast Limited, Ottawa Fastener Supply Ltd., Resource Equipment Limited, Speed Fastening Systems, St. Lawrence Ind. & Safety, Tegn Tools & Machinery, The Tool Store Corp., Weber Supply Company, Wfs Ltd. and William Knell & Co. Ltd.

When was distributed: Affected products were distributed between September 2003 and February 2009.

Manufactured in: Japan

Remedy: Consumers should stop using this product immediately and contact Makita Head Office or a Makita Canada Inc. Factory Service Centre. Consumers will be instructed to send their generator to the nearest Makita Canada Factory Service Centre to have a newly modified fuel tank installed.

Consumer Contact: Call Makita Canada Inc. Head Office at 1-800-263-3734.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by CSA. For more information about CSA product certification process please visit www.csa.ca



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