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Cooper Tools, LLC Recalls Weller 100 Watt Soldering Irons

The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Cooper Tools, LLC, (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Apex Tool Group, LLC), has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Weller 100 watt soldering irons.

Units: There are approximately 16,150 affected units in Canada including approximately 7,140 in Ontario.

Manufacturer: The soldering irons were manufactured by Cooper Tools, LLC. The electrical cords used from July 2006 through March 9, 2010 were manufactured by Gold Mark China Ltd. and the electrical cords used from March 10, 2010 to May 12, 2010 were manufactured by I-Sheng Manufacturing (Song Gang) Factory.

Hazard: The electrical cord attached to the iron can detach from the flex point at the base of the handle. If the electrical cord fails while the product is in use and the cord is touching the user's skin, it could produce an electrical arc that could cause a burn.

Incidents/Injuries: There have been three reported injuries, all of which were superficial burns to the hand, none requiring medical attention. Two of the reported injuries occurred in the United States of America and one in Canada.

Description/Models: Weller 100 watt, 120 volt, soldering irons model numbers W100PG, W100PGMX, W100P3 and W100PD3 with date codes from July 2006 to May 2010. The date code is located on the heating

element and is shown as MONTH YEAR (e.g. June 08). Once the unit is unplugged and cool, the heater can be accessed by removing the flanged barrel that is secured to the handle by screws. If, for any reason, you are unable to locate the date code, reference the ship dates below to determine whether returnable product has been purchased.

Sold by: Authorized distributors nationwide from August 2006 through May 2010, for between approximately \$50 and \$60.

When was distributed: The Weller 100 watt soldering irons were manufactured and sold to commercial distributors and shipped between July 1, 2006 through May 12, 2010.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Remedy: Consumers should contact Cooper Tools, LLC immediately for a free replacement soldering iron.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Cooper Tools, LLC at (800) 476-3030, ext. 1 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at <http://www.cooperhandtools.com>.

Remarks: The recalled units are certified to Canadian Standards by UL. For more information about UL product certification process please visit: <http://www.ul.com>



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