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DeWalt Industrial Tool Co. and CSA Announce Recall to Repair Electric Screwdrivers

Toronto, ON - In cooperation with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), DeWalt Industrial Tool Co., is recalling to repair about 50,000 corded electric screwdrivers. The screwdrivers may pose a shock hazard and the possible risk of injury.

DeWalt has not received any reports of these screwdrivers causing shocks during use in Canada.

The screwdrivers were sold under the DeWalt and Black & Decker Industry & Construction brand names. The DeWalt model numbers are DW251, DW252, DW257, DW260K, DW265, DW266, DW267, DW268, DW268G, DW269, DW272, DW274, DW274W, DW276, DW281, DW282, and DW284. The Black & Decker Industry & Construction model numbers are 2121, 2125, and 2141.

Only screwdrivers bearing numeric date codes from 9601 to 9833 are included in this recall. The date code is followed by various letters. Those date codes ending with an "R" have already been repaired. The model number and date code are located on the name plate, which is on the right hand side of the screwdriver when viewed from the back.

The DeWalt corded screwdrivers have a yellow housing with black accents. The Black & Decker Industry & Construction models have a charcoal-gray housing.



Major chain home centers and hardware stores, as well as local hardware stores, sold these screwdrivers from November 1996 through September 1998 for about \$95 to \$250, depending on the model.

Consumers should stop using these screwdrivers immediately and take them to the nearest DeWalt/Black & Decker service centre for a free repair. To find the nearest service center or for more information, consumers should call DeWalt toll-free at 1-888-302-7703 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

No cordless screwdrivers are affected by this recall.