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Electrolux L.L.C and CSA Announce Voluntary Recall to Repair Top-Corded Vacuum Cleaners

Toronto, ON - In cooperation with Canadian Standards Association (CSA), Electrolux L.L.C. of Atlanta, Ga. is recalling approximately 15,000 Ponytail Top-Corded Handle Upright Vacuum Cleaners in Canada. The power cords on these vacuums can break inside the handle or the casing around the cord can break, leaving wires exposed. When the cord, which extends out of the top of the handle, is used as a handle extension, it can cause shocks or burns to the user's hand.

Electrolux is aware of at least 75 reports across North America of the cords on these vacuums breaking or the casing around the cord exposing wires. About half of these incidents reportedly resulted in burns or shocks to users. Of these incidents, there were 11 more serious injuries which included consumers reportedly suffering second or third degree burns, shocks or a combination of these injuries.

The ponytail vacuums were sold under the following names:

Genesis	Prolux Plus	Regency
Genesis LX	Prolux	Special Edition
Genesis LXE		

Only Electrolux upright vacuums with the cord extending out of the very top of the handle are included in this recall. The Electrolux name and model are written on each vacuum.

Most of the vacuums subject to recall were sold through direct sales and retail stores between May 1991 and September 1993 for between \$180 and \$625, depending on the model and accessories. Some vacuums were sold directly to corporate customers.

Consumers should immediately stop using these vacuums, and return them to an Electrolux store for a free repair. The handle on the vacuum will be replaced with a new model handle.

For more information and to find the Electrolux store nearest to you, call Electrolux at 1-888-887-2959 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. Consumers also can use the on-line Electrolux Dealer Locator at <http://www.elux.com>.

