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CSA AND BLACK & DECKER HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS, ANNOUNCE IMPROVED RECALL OF T1000-04, TYPE 1 HORIZONTAL TOASTERS

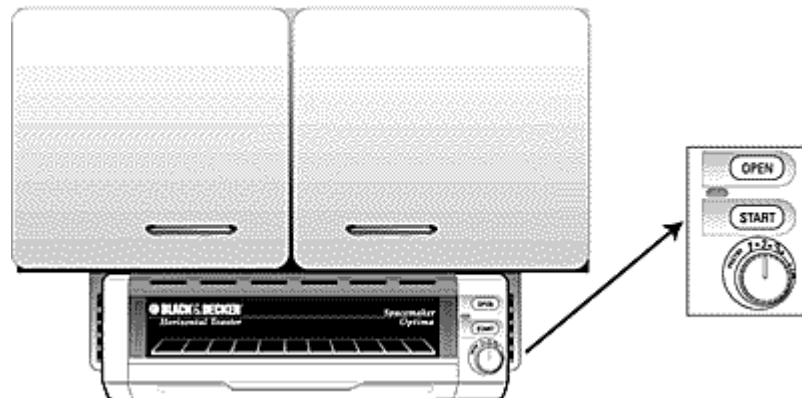
Toronto, On – In cooperation with the Canadian Standards Association (CSA, Black & Decker Household Products is announcing recall of its T1000-04 Type 1 Horizontal Toasters. These toasters were originally recalled on Nov. 5, 1997. Since the original recall was implemented, Black & Decker has developed an improved plan designed to increase consumer participation in this program.

The T1000-04 Type 1 Horizontal Toasters were manufactured between February 1994 and February 1995 and are designed to be mounted under kitchen cabinets. Retailers sold the T1000-04 toasters in Canada from May 1995 through 1996 for approximately \$80. No toaster oven models are affected by the original recall or this improved program.

During the toast cycle, food is placed on a rack inside the T1000-04 Type 1 Horizontal Toaster. When the toast cycle is complete, the toaster door opens automatically and the rack extends beyond the door. If a food fire is already underway, flames may leave the toaster and come in contact with the cabinet door.

Of 50,649 T1000-04 Type 1 Horizontal Toasters manufactured for Canada, Black & Decker is aware of reports of two minor burns to the hand and approximately 120 reports of minor property damage. There are no reports of kitchen fires, cabinet fires, cabinet door fires, or cabinet content fires associated with the T1000-04 Type 1 Horizontal Toaster.

Only Black & Decker T1000-04 Type 1 Horizontal Toasters with date codes of 9405 through 9504 are subject to this recall. The four digit date code is stamped on the right side of the back panel of the toaster. The T1000-04 Type 1 is the only toaster that has a switch marked "OPEN" on the front. If the switch is marked "STOP" and not "OPEN", the toaster is not part of this recall.



Consumers eligible to participate in the improved recall will receive their choice from a list of Black & Decker products free of charge in exchange for returning the toaster plug. Consumers who previously participated in the recall but did not receive a replacement T1000 toaster will be eligible to receive an additional product free of charge.

Consumers who have already returned their plug will be receiving correspondence about this recall directly from Black & Decker and therefore do not need to call or take additional action to participate.

For additional information, call Black & Decker at 1(888) 280-1753 from 8:15 am. to 5 p.m. EST, Monday to Friday, or access Black & Decker at its World Wide Web site --<http://www.blackanddecker.com>.