

RYOBI CANADA INC. ANNOUNCES RECALL OF DETAIL SANDERS

Thursday, March 19, 1998, Cambridge, Ontario - Ryobi Canada Inc., in recognition of a product recall conducted in the U.S.A. by Ryobi America Corp. of Anderson, South Carolina, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (C.P.S.C.), is recalling about 78,000 electrical detail sanders for repair or replacement in Canada. If the sander is left plugged in and the on/off switch is not fully in the "off" position, pressure from the switch's rubber dust boot can force the switch into the "on" position. As the sander runs unattended, it can generate heat, which can result in a fire.

To our knowledge, there have been no reports in Canada of personal injury or property damage resulting from this product.

The recall includes the Ryobi model DS1000 and Craftsman models 315.244490, 315.11600 and 315.11639 sanders. The model numbers and brand name are located on a data plate on the side of the sander. These blue or black oscillating sanders are hand-held tools weighing 1.6 pounds with a sanding arm that extends forward and down from the front end of the sander. They are about 11 inches long and have a triangular sanding head.

Only sanders built between February, 1993 and April, 1997 are being recalled. These sanders have a serial number or date code located along the bottom edge of the data plate on the side of the tool.

Model Number	Serial Number or Date Code Ranges
Ryobi DS1000	Last four digits of serial number: 9304 through 9718
Craftsman 315.244490	Date Code: A3059 through A9717
Craftsman 315.11600	Date Code: A3059 through A9717
Craftsman 315.11639	Date Code: A3059 through A9717

Major chain home centres and hardware stores, as well as local hardware stores, nationwide sold these sanders from February, 1993 through to March, 1998. They also were sold in catalogues during this period. Sears sold the Craftsman sanders from March, 1993 through to March, 1998. Both brands sold for approximately \$50.00 to \$70.00.

Consumers should always unplug the sander from its power source when it is not in use. Consumers who own one of these sanders should telephone Ryobi Canada Inc., toll-free, at (800) 265-6778 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. E.S.T., Monday to Friday and they will receive information on having their sanders repaired or replaced at no charge.

Other model Ryobi and Craftsman detail sanders are not affected by this recall.

