



CORDLESS SCREWDRIVERS RECALLED BY MENARDS DUE TO FIRE AND BURN HAZARDS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: MasterForce 3.6-volt Cordless Screwdrivers

Units: About 42,000

Importer: Menards, of Eau Claire, Wisc.

Manufacturer: Great Star Industry Co., of China

Hazard: The battery can overheat and ignite during charging, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers. There is no protective device on the lithium battery to prevent overheating.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm and CPSC have received three reports of fires. One consumer suffered burns to the hand, and another experienced temporary hearing loss.

Description: The recalled cordless screwdrivers are green and gray in color. "MASTERFORCE" is printed on the top of the tool. "LITHIUM-ION TECHNOLOGY" and "241-0717" are printed on the handle.

Sold at: Menards stores from April 2007 through May 2008 for about \$30.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the screwdrivers and return them to any Menards store for a free replacement or refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, call toll-free at (866) 458-2472 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.menards.com

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including a picture of the recalled product, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prere/phtml08/08388.html>



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