



PETZL AMERICA WARNS OF BURN HAZARD FROM HEADLAMPS; PRODUCT SHOULD ONLY BE USED WITH NON-RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Release #08-403

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a safety alert for the following consumer products. Consumers should immediately stop using rechargeable batteries with any of the products listed below.

Name of Product: "MYO" and "MYO Belt" Headlamps

Units: About 322,000

Distributor: Petzl America, of Clearfield, Utah

Manufacturer: Petzl S.A., of Crolles, France

Hazard: If the headlamp is used with rechargeable batteries, the cable connecting the battery pack to the lamp can spark, melt, or catch fire. This poses a burn hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: Petzl has received 13 reports of sparking and/or melting, with 2 reports of flames. One consumer received a minor burn to the hand, and another experienced singed hair.

Description: This safety alert involves the "MYO" and "MYO Belt" headlamps with name and model numbers listed below. The "MYO" headlamps have a battery pack attached to the headband. The "MYO Belt" headlamps have a remote battery pack attached to the headlamp via a long electric cable.

Name	Model Number
MYO	E26P
MYO-black	E26PN
MYO 3	E27P
MYO 3-black	E27PN
MYO 5	E28P
MYO 5-black	E28PN
MYO Belt 3	E29 P
MYO Belt 5	E30 P
MYOLITE	E31 P
MYOLITE 3	E32 P
MYOBELT SB5	E33 P
MYO XP, blue	E83 P
MYO XP, gray	E83 P2
MYOBELT XP, blue	E84 P
MYO XP BELT, gray	E84 P2

The name of the product can be found on the side of the headlamp and on the packaging. The model number can be found on the packaging.

Sold at: Specialty retailers nationwide from February 2003 through August 2008 for between \$40 and \$80.

Manufactured in: France

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using rechargeable batteries with the headlamps and contact Petzl to obtain a new warning label. Consumers can continue to use the headlamps with non-rechargeable batteries.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Petzl America toll-free at (877) 740-3826 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at: <http://www.petzl.com>

To see this recall on CPSC's web site, including pictures of the recalled products, please go to:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml08/08403.html>



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