

Safety Alert Bulletin

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CPSC, American Biophysics Corp. Announce Recall of Accessory Used to Clean Mosquito Magnet®

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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: "L"-Shaped Quick-Clear Valve Adapters used with Mosquito Magnet® Insect Traps
Units: About 335,500

Manufacturer: American Biophysics Corp., of North Kingstown, R.I.

Hazard: The maintenance accessory is an "L"-shaped, Quick-Clear Valve Adapter that can leak or break apart during use, possibly striking and injuring nearby persons or releasing pressurized carbon dioxide (CO2) that can freeze exposed skin.

Incidents/Injuries: American Biophysics has received 11 reports of persons struck by broken adapters and three reports of minor skin irritations caused by the CO2 gas.

Description: The recall involves a maintenance accessory used to clear obstructions in the fuel delivery system of certain Mosquito Magnet® insect traps. The Quick-Clear Valve Adapter is a black and gold, "L"-shaped, brass and plastic device. The adapter was included as a maintenance accessory to clean fuel lines in newly manufactured and retrofitted Mosquito Magnet® insect traps sold only under the following Mosquito Magnet® model names: Defender, Liberty, Freedom and Commercial Pro. Only "L"-shaped adapters are affected by this recall. Mosquito Magnet® products made since November 2003 contain only straight adapters that do not need to be replaced. Adapters for Mosquito Magnet® traps that use rechargeable batteries are not affected by this recall.

Sold at: Home centers, hardware stores, and industrial suppliers nationwide, as well as online and catalog retailers, provided the "L"-shaped Quick-Clear Valve Adapter as an accessory with Mosquito Magnet® insect trap products manufactured from October 2002 through November 2003. The adapters were sold separately for about \$8.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should not use the recalled "L"-shaped Quick-Clear Adapter on the Mosquito Magnet insect trap. Contact the firm to receive a free replacement adapter.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact American Biophysics Corp. toll-free at (877) 699-8727 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.mosquitomagnet.com

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