

Safety Alert Bulletin

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John Deere Gas Barbecue Grills Recalled Due to Fire, Burn Hazards

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firms 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: John Deere Gas Barbecue Grills

Units: About 3,100

Manufactured in: Canada

Manufacturer: Onward Manufacturing, of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Importer: Mi-T-M Corporation, of Peosta, Iowa

Retailer: Deere & Company, of Moline, Ill.

Hazard: Operating the grill in windy conditions can blow the flame under the control panel, causing the grill to overheat or cause flashbacks. Flames could damage the hose that supplies gas to the burner, causing an uncontrolled flame. Also, the grill's control knobs could overheat, resulting in burns to hands.

Incidents/Injuries: Mi-T-M Corporation has received one report of a minor burn received when the user touched a grill's control knob that had overheated due to the flame blowing under the control panel.

Description: These are John Deere Gas Barbecue Grills with model numbers HR-BG6203 and HR-BG5202. The model number is on the CSA approval sticker on the back panel. The recalled grills have a John Deere symbol on the center of the hood and a John Deere decal plate below the control panel. These are 52,000 BTU grills with 460 sq. in. cooking surface. The Model HR-BG6203 includes stainless steel doors, stainless steel side shelves and a side burner rated at 10,000 BTU. The Model HR-BG5202 has stainless steel doors with black plastic side shelves.

Sold at: John Deere dealers from March 2006 through August 2006 for about \$600 for the model number HR-BG6203 grill and about \$500 for model number HR-BG5202 grill.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these grills and contact Mi-T-M Corp. or the John Deere dealer where the grill was purchased to receive a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: Call Mi-T-M Corp. toll-free at (877) 535-5336 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at:

<http://www.mitm.com>

Media Contact: John Lembezeder, Mi-T-M Corp., at (800) 367-6486, Ext. 208.

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/prhtml06/06257.html>



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