

# **Safety Alert Bulletin**

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## **DEWALT Recalls Cordless Reciprocating Saws for Fire Hazard**

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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: DEWALT DC305 Model Reciprocating Saws

Units: About 44,000

Manufacturer: DEWALT Industrial Tool Co., of Towson, Md.

Manufactured in: Mexico

Hazard: The switch on these saws can short circuit, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: DEWALT has received four reports of short circuits in the switch of these saws. One of these incidents was a report of a fire resulting in extensive damage, though the cause of this fire has not been confirmed. Another fire reportedly resulted in minor damage, and the other two incidents resulted in melting damage to the units. No injuries were reported.

Description: This recall involves cordless DEWALT DC305 model reciprocating saws with date codes 200601-49 through 200640-49. They are yellow and black and about 18 inches long. The model number is located on the name plate on the side of the housing and the date code is located under the handle where the battery is inserted.

Sold at: Major home centers and hardware stores nationwide from May 2006 through November 2006 for between \$380 and \$800.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the saws immediately and contact DEWALT for a free repair.

Customer Contact: For additional information, consumers can contact DEWALT toll-free at (866) 751-9562 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at:

<http://www.DEWALT.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/prerel/prhtml07/07068.html>



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