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CPSC and Shindaiwa Announce Recall of Hedge Trimmers Sold in California

WASHINGTON, D.C. - In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Shindaiwa Inc., of Lake Zurich, IL., is voluntarily recalling about 3,100 gasoline powered professional hedge trimmers. The catalytic muffler can overheat and damage the fuel tank, posing a fire hazard.

Shindaiwa has received eight reports of the catalytic muffler overheating. No injuries or property damage have been reported.

The recalled hedge trimmers have red engine covers and a label on the recoil starter that reads "Professional Shindaiwa." The recall includes model HT231 with serial numbers between 1010004 and 1111239 and model DH231 with serial numbers between 1010001 and 1100149. The serial numbers are printed on a nameplate on the engine cover.

Shindaiwa dealers sold the hedge trimmers in California from April 2001 to September 2001 from \$390 to \$450 depending on the model.

Consumers should stop using these hedge trimmers immediately and contact their authorized Shindaiwa dealer for a free inspection and muffler system upgrade if required. For more information, consumers can contact Shindaiwa at (877) 986-7783 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST Monday through Friday.





CPSC is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about it by visiting <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/incident.aspx>

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

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