Recall Alert

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

May 8, 2008 Alert #08-569

Fingerhut Recalls Master Craft[®] Pressure Washers Due to Fire Hazard

The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Master Craft[®] Pressure Washers

Units: About 1,900

Importer: Fingerhut Direct Marketing, of Eden Prairie, Minn.

Hazard: The motor on the pressure washer can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Fingerhut has received four reports of smoke coming from the unit, including one report of fire. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Master Craft[®] pressure washers with model number ABW-3100G. The model number is located on a label under the handle. The pressure washer has a yellow housing and the name, Master Craft[®] printed on the side.

Sold exclusively through: Fingerhut catalogs and Fingerhut.com from July 2007 through March 2008 for about \$100.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the pressure washers immediately, unplug them and return the pressure washer to Fingerhut for a refund or replacement product. A pre-paid shipping label will be provided to consumers. Fingerhut is directly contacting purchasers of the pressure washers.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Fingerhut Direct Marketing at (866) 931-5417 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at <u>www.fingerhut.com</u>.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$800 billion annually. 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.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 or visit CPSC's Web site at <u>www.cpsc.gov/talk.html</u>. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at <u>www.cpsc.gov</u>.