



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Recall Date: April 22, 2014

Recall Number: 14-151

Troy-Bilt Electric Leaf Blowers Recalled by MTD Due to Laceration Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - *Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.*

Recall Summary

Name of Product: Troy-Bilt electric leaf blowers

Hazard: The blower's impeller can break and strike the operator during use, posing a laceration hazard.

Remedy: Replace

Consumer Contact: Troy-Bilt toll-free at (888) 848-6038 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.troybilt.com and click on Recalls under the Owner's Center tab for more information.

Recall Details

Units: About 134,000

Description: This recall involves Troy-Bilt electric leaf blowers with model TB180B, item number 41BA180G966 and serial numbers ranging from S1D111XK0001 through S1F152XK2008. They were manufactured between April 11, 2011 and June 15, 2012. The third through sixth characters of the serial number identify the manufacturing date. The third character is the month, for example D for April, E for May and F for June. The fourth and fifth characters are the day of the month. The sixth character is the last digit of the year of manufacture. Model, item and serial number are located on a white label on the bottom of motor housing. The 7.5 amp electric blowers are red. Troy-Bilt and TB180B appear on a sticker on both sides of the unit.

Incidents/Injuries: MTD has received 17 incident reports, including 12 injuries that resulted in lacerations requiring stitches, cuts and bruises.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled blowers immediately. Lowe's customers should return them to Lowe's for a free replacement. Consumers who bought their blowers online at www.troybilt.com should contact Troy-Bilt for a free replacement.

Sold at: Lowe's stores nationwide and online at www.troybilt.com from May 2011 through November 2013 for about \$34.

Importer: MTD Southwest Inc., of Tempe, Ariz.

Manufacturer: KingClean Electric Co., Ltd., of China

Manufactured in: China

[Below is standard language that appears in all recall announcements]

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters and household chemicals – contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 40 years.

Federal law bars any person from selling products subject to a publicly-announced voluntary recall by a manufacturer or a mandatory recall ordered by the Commission.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury go online to www.SaferProducts.gov or call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (301) 595-7054 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain news release and recall information at www.cpsc.gov, on Twitter [@USCPSC](https://twitter.com/USCPSC) or by subscribing to CPSC's [free e-mail newsletters](#).

Photos

[Photos will display in a slideshow at the top right of the recall.]



Recalled Troy-Bilt electric blower.



Model, item number and serial number location on underside.

Right Rail:

Box #1:

CPSC Consumer Information Hotline

Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall:

800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054)

Times: 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET; Messages can be left anytime

Call to get product safety and other agency information and to report unsafe products.

Box #2:

Media Contact

Please use the phone numbers below for all media requests.

Phone: (301) 504-7908

Spanish: (301) 504-7800

Link Text: View CPSC contacts for specific areas of expertise

Box #3:

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Box #4:

Report an Unsafe Product

We are 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.

Additional Boxes: (These boxes in design, but not yet implemented):

In the future, CPSC plans to add automated safety tips and safety resource boxes to all recalls based on the high-level product category that this product falls in. Examples of high-level product categories are Toys, Baby Products, Sports Equipment, etc.