"Recall Information"

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: This week covers:

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(2) Hamilton Beach Recalls Toasters Due to Fire Hazard

(3) Portable Air Compressors Sold Exclusively at Advance Auto Parts Stores

Recalled Due to Fire and Electrical Hazards

(4) Pier 1 Imports Recalls Tealight Candle Holders Due to Fire Hazard

(1) J.C. PENNEY RECALLS COOKS DEEP FRYERS DUE TO FIRE AND BURN

HAZARDS

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: Cooks Deep Fryers

Units: About 27,000

Importer: JCPenney, of Plano, Texas

Hazard: The deep fryer has a faulty heating element which can cause it to overheat,

posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: JCPenney is aware of five incidents involving the deep fryers,

including one report of a minor burn and three reports of damaged countertops.

Description: The Cooks deep fryer has a brushed stainless steel exterior, a wire mesh basket with a handle, a lid with a window and black handles. The deep fryer has a 1/3-gallon capacity. "Cooks" is stamped on the side of the deep fryer. Model number 22016 is printed on the bottom of the deep fryer.

Sold exlusively at: JCPenney's stores nationwide, catalog and at www.jcp.com from August 2007 through January 2008 for about \$50.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the deep fryer and return it to the nearest JCPenney store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact JCPenney toll-free at (888) 333-6063 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.jcp.com



(2) <u>HAMILTON BEACH RECALLS TOASTERS DUE TO FIRE HAZARD</u>

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: Hamilton Beach® and Proctor-Silex® Toasters

Units: About 482,000

Importer: Hamilton Beach Brands Inc., of Glen Allen, Va.

Hazard: The toasters can remain "on" (energized) after popping up, and can ignite flammable items covering or in contact with the toaster, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Hamilton Beach has received at least 63 reports of toasters that remained "on" despite being in the "up" position. There are no reports of injuries or fires.

Description: The recalled Hamilton Beach® and Proctor-Silex® toasters are black, red, white, chrome or brushed chrome with 2-slice or 4-slice openings. Hamilton Beach or Proctor-Silex is printed on the side of the toasters. Only specific series codes of each model are included in this recall. The model number and series code are printed on the bottom of the toasters.

Toaster Model Numbers		
22145B	22779	
22145BC	22900	
22450	22903	
22559	22903H	
22625	24450	
22627C	24559	

22635	24657
22657	24779
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Sold at: Department stores, mass merchandisers, grocery stores, home center stores, and other stores retail stores nationwide, and various online retailers from August 2007 through February 2008 for between \$13 and \$40.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled toasters and contact Hamilton Beach for instructions to receive a free replacement toaster.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Hamilton Beach at (800) 574-6800 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at www.hamiltonbeach.com for Hamilton Beach® toasters, and www.proctorsilex.com for Proctor-Silex® toasters.



(3) PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSORS SOLD EXCLUSIVELY AT ADVANCE AUTO PARTS STORES RECALLED DUE TO FIRE AND ELECTRICAL HAZARDS

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: Strike Force™ Portable Air Compressors

Units: About 64,000

Supplier: All-Power America, of City of Industry, Calif.

Importer: Advance Stores Co., d.b.a. Advance Auto Parts, of Roanoke, Va.

Hazard: The compressor's motor can overheat and ignite the protective cover, posing a fire hazard to consumers. Also, the cover might not prevent internal components from being touched, which poses an electrical shock hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received four reports of fires. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recall involves the 4.6 gallon, 3.5 HP Strike Force[™] brand portable air compressor and includes the following model and serial numbers:

Model Number	Serial No.
BMM2524 (25254)	JWAPC4005xxxxxxxxx
AC251FT (2516)	YFJAC4005xxxxxxxxx
APC4005 (4005)	CSCC4005xxxxxxxxxxx

The compressor has twin air tanks that are black-colored. The model and serial numbers are located on the compressor's housing.

Sold at: Advance Auto Parts stores nationwide and online at www.partsamerica.com from October 2006 through December 2007 for about \$90.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the air compressor immediately and return it to any Advance Auto Parts store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For further information, contact All-Power America toll-free at (888) 896-6881 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, or visit either www.allpoweramerica.com or www.advanceautoparts.com



(4) PIER 1 IMPORTS RECALLS TEALIGHT CANDLE HOLDERS DUE TO FIRE HAZARD

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: Silver Square Tealight Candle Holder

Units: About 18,000

Importer/Distributor: Pier 1 Imports, of Fort Worth, Texas

Hazard: The spacing of the holes in a concentrated pattern allows the holder to heatup. This can cause the tealights to burn unexpectedly fast and with a higher flame height than normal, posing a fire hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Pier 1 Imports has received seven reports of high flames. No injuries have been reported.

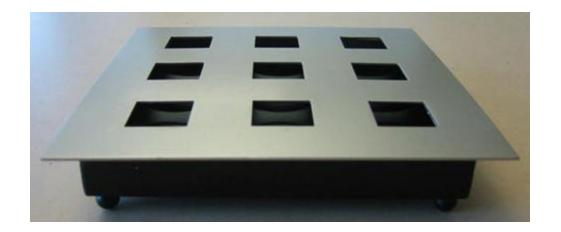
Description: The metal Tealight Candle Holder measures 7" x 7" and has a silver metallic top with a black base. It has nine square openings for use with tealight candles. The product's SKU number 2174941 can be located on the bottom of the base.

Sold by: Pier 1 Imports stores nationwide from June 2007 through December 2007 for between \$6 and \$25.

Manufactured in: Philippines

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the tealight holder immediately and return it to any Pier 1 Imports store for a refund of the purchase price or a store credit. Refunds will be determined based on price paid.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Pier 1 Imports at (800) 245-4595 between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. CT Monday through Saturday and between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. CT Sunday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.pier1.com



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