



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Recall

Recall Date: April 16, 2015

Recall Number: 15-111

Homelite Recalls Electric Blower Vacuums Due to Fire and Burn Hazards

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/Homelite-Recalls-Electric-Blower-Vacuums>

Recall Summary

Name of Product: Homelite electric blower vacuums

Hazard: The blower vacuum can overheat, spark and catch on fire posing fire and burn hazards.

Remedy: Refund

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled blower vacuums and return them to any Home Depot or Direct Tools Factory Outlet store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: Homelite Consumer Products at (800) 597-9624 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.homelite.com and click on Important Safety Notice for more information.

Recall Details

Units: About 823,000 in the United States and 41,000 in Canada. (Models UT42120 and UT42120A of this product were previously [recalled](#) in February 2013.)

Description: This recall involves Homelite 12 amp electric blower vacuums with model numbers UT42120, UT42120A and UT42121. Model numbers are located on a label on the left side of the red motor housing. The blower vacuums are red and black. “Homelite BlowerVac 2 Speed Powerful 220 MPH” is printed on the side of the motor housing and on the black plastic blower tube.

Incidents/Injuries: Homelite has received 1,369 reports of blower vacuums sparking, arcing, smoking or burning, including one report of minor injury.

Sold at: Home Depot and Direct Tools Factory Outlets stores nationwide and online at www.homedepot.com from January 2010 through March 2015 for about \$40.


Importer: Homelite Consumer Products Inc., of Anderson, S.C.

Manufacturer: Changzhou Globe Tools Co. Ltd. and Cixi City Best Power Tools Co., Ltd., of China

Manufactured in: China

Note: Health Canada's press release is available at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2015/52839r-eng.php>

Photos

 A photograph showing the Homelite electric leaf blower vacuum, a black attachment, and a black bag. The blower is red and black, with a black bag attached to the side. The attachment is a long, black, cylindrical tube.	<p>Homelite electric leaf blower vacuum, attachment and bag</p>
 A photograph showing a person wearing a red shirt and blue jeans, holding the Homelite electric blower vacuum attachment. The attachment is a long, black, cylindrical tube.	<p>Homelite electric blower vacuum attachment</p>

About U.S. CPSC:

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](#).

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.

Media Contact

Please use the phone numbers below for all media requests.

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Spanish: (301) 504-7800