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Greenlee Recalls Utility Knives Due to Laceration Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - 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. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Folding Pocket Utility Knife

Units: 1,800

Manufacturer: Greenlee Textron Inc., of Rockford, Ill.

Hazard: The blade locking mechanism can fail, allowing the blade to fold inward toward the handle, posing a laceration hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: The firm has received one report of the blade lock failing. No injuries have been reported.

Description: This recall involves Greenlee Hawk Bill folding pocket utility knives with model numbers 0652-27 and UT652-27. The models are identical. Each has a single curved 2.6-inch stainless steel blade and a 4-inch green and black plastic handle. The Greenlee name and logo are printed on the blade. Model numbers are printed in the upper right corner of the boxes in which the knives are packaged.

Sold by: Distributors of professional tools and products nationwide from September 2011 through November 2011 for about $20.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled knife and return it to the distributor for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Greenlee toll-free at (800) 435-0786 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT or visit the firm's website at www.greenlee.com

Hawk Bill Folding Knife

Box for the Hawk Bill. The model number can be found on the upper right corner.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (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 your experience with the product on www.saferproducts.gov

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than $900 billion 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 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: www.saferproducts.gov, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx.

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