

GOVERNMENT - INDUSTRY DATA EXCHANGE PROGRAM

# **AGENCY ACTION NOTICE**

1. TITLE		2. DOCUMENT NUMBER
METABO RECALLS RAT TAIL ANGLE GRINDERS DUE TO LACERATION HAZARD		AAN-U-18-125
		3. DATE
		6 DECEMBER 2017
4. SUBMITTING AGENCY	5. AGENCY POC (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, EMAIL)	
US CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION 5401 WESTBARD AVENUE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207	SEE DOCUMENT	

#### 6. DISCUSSION

This recall involves Metabo 5-inch, 6-inch, and 7-inch rat tail angle grinders with a brake. Recalled models include WEPBA 17-125 Quick RT DS, WEPBA 17-150 Quick RT DS, and WEPB 19-180 RT DS. Serial numbers are from 70300xxxxx to 70700xxxxx. Model numbers and serial numbers are printed on a label on the bottom of the tool behind the red brake band.

# Metabo Recalls Rat Tail Angle Grinders Due to Laceration Hazard



### Rat tail angle grinder



Labeling on rat tail angle grinder

## Name of product:

Rat tail angle grinders with brake

#### Hazard:

The on-off switch can lock in the "on" position, posing a laceration hazard to consumers.

#### Remedy: Replace Repair

Recall date: December 5, 2017

# Recall number: 18-053

#### **Consumer Contact:**

Metabo toll-free at 844-470-5540 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Mondav through Fridav. email info@metabousa.com or online at www.metabo.com and click on Service for more information.

#### **Recall Details**

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#### Remedy:

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled angle grinders and contact Metabo for instructions on how to receive a free repair or a replacement angle grinder.

# Incidents/Injuries:

None reported

#### Sold At:

Industrial, construction, welding supply distributors, including Purvis Industries, WeldStar Co., Pennsylvania Tool Sales and Service, and online at OhioPowerTool.com from April 2017 through October 2017 for about \$350.

#### Manufacturer(s):

Metabowerke, GmbH, of Germany

#### Importer(s): Metabo Corp., West Chester, Pa.

**Distributor(s):** Metabo Corp., West Chester, Pa.

#### Manufactured In: Germany

Units: About 1,100

#### Report an Incident Involving this Product



**FASTTRACK** This recall was conducted, voluntarily by the company, under CPSC's Fast Track Recall process. Fast Track recalls are initiated by firms, who commit to work with CPSC to quickly announce the recall and remedy to protect consumers.

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 help 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 or by subscribing to CPSC's free e-mail newsletters.