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CPSC, Ortovox USA Announce Recall of Avalanche Transceivers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recall in voluntary cooperation with the firm below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Ortovox M1 and M2 Avalanche Transceivers - A device worn to help locate a buried avalanche victim.

Units: About 15,500

Manufacturer: Ortovox USA, of Hopkinton, N.H.

Hazard: The batteries in these devices can become dislodged when the transceiver is struck sharply. The transceiver could fail to function properly in the aftermath of an avalanche, and result in the buried victim not being found in time to avoid serious injury or death.

Incidents/Injuries: There have been three reports by consumers of the batteries in these devices becoming dislodged. No injuries have been reported.

Description: Both models of avalanche transceivers are plastic and measure 5.5-inches by 2.5-inches by 1-inch. The M1 has a navy blue body and a yellow volume control switch. The M2 avalanche transceiver comes in two colors: glacier white (grey) with a red volume control switch, and orange with a grey volume control switch. The model name and "ORTOVOX" are written on the front of the transceivers.

Sold at: Outdoor specialty stores nationwide from January

1997 through July 2005 for about \$300.

Manufactured in: Germany.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the recalled avalanche transceivers and contact the firm to receive a new battery door that will help prevent the batteries from becoming dislodged.

Consumer Contact: Call Ortovox USA toll-free at (888) 215-3131 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.ortovox.com

To view this recall online, please visit our website at:
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