



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Recall

Recall Date: June 14, 2016

Recall Number: 16-195

STIHL Recalls Battery-Powered Hedge Trimmers Due to Laceration Hazard

Recall Summary

Name of Product: STIHL battery-powered hedge trimmers

Hazard: The hedge trimmer can operate faster than expected, continue running after the trigger is released or operate by depressing either the trigger or the front handle switch individually, posing a laceration hazard.

Remedy: Replace

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled trimmer and return it to an authorized STIHL dealer for a free replacement battery-powered hedge trimmer.

Consumer Contact: STIHL Inc. at 800-610-6677 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email stihlrecall@stihl.us or online at www.stihlusa.com and click on Information and then Product Recalls for more information.

Recall Details

Units: About 8,000

Description: This recall involves STIHL model HSA 65 battery-powered hedge trimmers. “STIHL” and “HSA 65” are printed on the side of the battery compartment between the trigger and the loop handle. The hedge trimmer is gray and orange, with a loop handle, removable battery and a 20 inch hedge trimming blade.

Incidents/Injuries: STIHL Inc. has received seven reports of the trigger or front handle switch not operating properly. No injuries have been reported.

Sold at: Authorized STIHL dealers nationwide from June 2010 through April 2016 for about \$300.

Importer: STIHL Inc., of Virginia Beach, Va.

Manufacturer: VIKING GmbH, of Austria

Manufactured in: Austria

Photos



Photo 1: STIHL HSA 65 battery-powered hedge trimmer

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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

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