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Hamilton Beach Recalls Toasters Due to Fire Hazard

The Electrical Safety Authority is notifying the public that Hamilton Beach has announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately.

Name of Product: Hamilton Beach® classic chrome 2-slice toasters

Units: 668 in Canada.

Manufacturer: Hamilton Beach Brands Inc., Glen Allen, VA.

Importer: Hamilton Beach Brands Canada, Inc.

Hazard: The heating element on these toasters can remain energized indefinitely when an item is placed in the toaster which may ignite the contents, posing a fire hazard if the toaster is near flammable items.

Incidents/Injuries: In the United States, Hamilton Beach has received 15 reports of toasters that did not pop-up as intended including three reports of minor damage to kitchen cabinets and no reports of injuries. There have been no reports of damage or injury in Canada.

Description/Models: The Hamilton Beach recall involves model 22600 toasters with specific series codes. The model number and series code are printed on the bottom of the toaster. The toaster has a chromed steel exterior, a front control panel with a rotary toast shade selector and function buttons arranged in an arc, a front removable crumb tray and Hamilton Beach printed across the front of the toaster.

Sold by: Sears Canada Online Catalog, Kitchen Stuff and The North West Company from February 2008 through November 2009 for between \$30 and \$40.

When was distributed: Approximately February 2008 through November 2009.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled toasters and contact the firm to receive instructions on how to obtain a free replacement toaster.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Hamilton Beach at (800) 379-2200 anytime, or visit the firm's website at www.hamiltonbeach.ca. General toaster safety information is available from Hamilton Beach at (<http://tinyurl.com/43va5sd>).

