

HANDOUTS: Product Recall: Torch Handles (4 pages) Skill Builders: Key Words & Phrases, Scanning, Tables & Lists

IN THE WORKPLACE: Health Canada issues product alerts and recalls that are designed to keep consumers and workers safe. “Safety alerts” are issued as suggestions, but if a product is recalled it is always considered a danger to human health or safety. This means it could cause injury, death or adverse health effects as a result of its normal use. The Health Canada website has a special section dedicated to the recall of Tools and Electrical Products.

Read the **Product Recall Alert** to locate the following information. **Highlight** the information in the document or write your answers in the space provided.

1. When was the recall issued?

2. What brand names was the product sold under?

3. How many of the affected units were sold in Canada?

4. Is a WELD-HDL 18-5 purchased in December 2014 affected?

5. What does the model number prefix 440 indicate?

6. Which Harris handles are not included in the recall?

7. What is the hazard and the related danger in using the recalled product?

8. What should a consumer do both right away and later?

9. What 2 ways is the product sold?

10. Where and by what company is the product?

11. The information in a product recall alert is divided into 3 sections. What would you title each section?

12. Google the product alert page of the Government of Canada website. Go to the “Tools and Electrical Products” section and select a product under current or past recall. Scan the alert for the required information to complete the table below.

Date of alert	
Affected products	
Model number	
Identified hazard	
Name of manufacturer	
Instructions to consumer	

Harris Products Group recalls torch handles

Starting date: July 31, 2014
Posting date: July 31, 2014
Type of communication: Consumer Product Recall
Subcategory: Tools and Electrical Products
Source of recall: Health Canada
Issue: **Fire Hazard**
Identification number: RA-40729

Affected products

Torch handles used for welding, cutting, brazing, soldering and/or heating

Product description

This recall involves two models of torch handles that were manufactured from December 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014 and sold under the Lincoln Electric Company and Harris Product Group names. The specific model of torch handles are:

- Model 18-5
- Model 85

All of the potentially affected torch handles are stamped with the model number and one of the following manufacturing codes: FM, GA, GB, and GC. Both the model number and the date code are stamped permanently into the torch handle at the end opposite to the valve.

These models are sold both individually and as part of an outfit (including hoses, tanks, regulators and other parts).

The list of products that contain the potentially-affected torch handles is as follows:

Description	Kit Model Number
WELD-HDL,85 WITH C/V	1401340
WELD-HDL,85 LECO	1401346
KIT,8525 C DLX RAD	4400250
KIT, STANDARD DUTY WE250A	4403209
KIT, 85601-510 DLX CUTWELDER BAG	4403212
KIT, 8525GX-510 DLX STEELWORKER BAG	4403224
VALVE-ASY VA85	9101228
VALVE-ASY VA63	9101230

Units with "0" above the word "Harris" and to the right of the rivet head are not included in this recall.

Hazard identified

The torch handles can leak oxygen or fuel, posing a fire hazard.

Neither Harris Products Group nor Health Canada has received reports of consumer incidents or injuries related to the use of the torch handles in Canada.

Number sold

Approximately 350 of the recalled torches were sold in Canada and approximately 13,000 in the United States through various retailers and gas distributors.

Time period sold

The recalled torch handles were sold from December 2013 to May 2014 in Canada and the United States.

Place of origin

Manufactured in Poland.

Companies:

Manufacturer: Harris Calorific International
Dzierzoniow
POLAND

Distributor: Harris Products Group
Gainesville, Georgia
UNITED STATES

What you should do

Consumers should immediately stop using the meter and contact Harris Products Group to receive a free replacement.

For more information, consumers may contact Harris Products Group by phone at 111-111-1111, Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm EST, or online and click on Recall for more information.

Please note that the Canada Consumer Product Safety Act prohibits recalled products from being redistributed, sold or even given away in Canada.

Health Canada would like to remind Canadians to report any health or safety incidents related to the use of this product or any other consumer product or cosmetic by filling out the [Consumer Product Incident Report Form](#).

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<https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2014/40729r-eng.php>

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