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New Information On Hair Dryers; CPSC Hot-Line Swamped By Calls

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 17 -- Amidst an overwhelming level of consumer telephone inquiries, CPSC has prepared an updated listing of those hair dryers which are believed to contain asbestos, based on recent information provided CPSC by various manufacturers and retailers.

Since an initial preliminary list was issued April 6th by CPSC, five major corporations and one major retailer have identified more than 40 additional models of hair dryers manufactured with asbestos. This supplemental information brings to 111 the number of different models with asbestos, as disclosed by industry.

CPSC staffers currently are handling more than 2,500 consumer inquiries about asbestos in hair dryers every day on the nationwide CPSC Hot-line. But according to telephone company sources, as many as 6,000 callers every hour are unable to get through to the Hot-line because of the heavy load of inquiries. Since early April this level has occasionally caused technical over-load problems for the telephone company's East Coast toll-free systems and its communications satellite.

The regular CPSC Hot-line crew of three has been supple **New Hair Dryer Data**

The new data, submitted in response to the first Special Orders sent by CPSC to major manufacturers and retailers early this month, identifies 44 additional models of hand-held dryers and styles, as well as 1 model of the salon type used by consumers at home and in commercial hair-styling establishments. These major manufacturers and retailers account for about 90 per cent of the annual U.S. sales of hair dryers.

A second assembly of CPSC Special Orders seeking comparable information has been sent to 69 small domestic manufacturers and importers of hair dryers. CPSC expects to receive most of the responses to these Special Orders by the end of next week.

Additionally, CPSC staff is seeking approval from the Commissioners to issue a third group of Special Orders to about 50 manufacturers and importers of hair dryers used in commercial salons. Most of the manufacturers of these models are distinct from the companies which produce and sell the hand-held variety.

Toll-Free Telephones for Manufacturers:

Clairol, Inc.	800-223-5800
Conair Corp.	800-631-5391
Gillette Co.	800-328-9208
General Electric	800-241-9992 or 1-800-241-5822
Norelco	800-223-1828

Interim List Of hair Dryers That Contain Asbesto And Those That Do Not Information Obtained From Manufacturers and Private Labelers

Company	Models with Asbestos	Company Actions and Policy	Models without Asbestos
American Electric Corporation 9937 W. Jefferson Blvd Culver City, CA 90020	none	Company has never used asbestos in any of its hair dryers.	all
Clairol 345 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022 Appliance Division Salon Division Toll-free 800-223-5800	* son-of-Gun Style Nos. TD-1, TD-2 (Asbestos decorative element) * Super Zap Style No. sz-1	Ceased distribution Sept. 78	* 1 For the Road (MD-1) * The Dry Guy (CH-1) * The Hot Stuff (RBD-1000), (RBD-2) * The Pro Gun 1000 (GD-100) * The Pro Gun 1200 (GD-200) * The Pretty Power (AFD-1) * The Air Brush (AB-1, AB-2, AB-3) * The Zap

			Possibly Others
Conair Corporation 11 Executive Avenue Edison, NJ 08817 toll-free: 300-631-5391 (This telephone number is used for many business purposes, therefore it may often be engaged.)	* Style Stream 070-- Made in Hong Kong ** Pistol Power 0991 --Made in Hong Kong 1200 * Dial 'N Dry 140V--Made in Hong Kong * Pro Style 065-Made in Hong Kong 1200 Serial numbers 1277, 0178, 0278, 0378 0478, 0578, 0678 (See list of models without asbestos for additional information regarding model 065) * Jr. Pro 066--Made in Hong Kong 1000 * Thermo Styler 067 --Made in Hong Kong (Hot Comb)	Company has stopped all manufacturing and shipping of hair dryers made with asbesto heat shields. Company is responding to consumer calls, informing consumers of models which do contain asbestos and those which do not.	078 078-A 099-R 088 AW1 AW2 124-F 063 098-P 064 075 100 082 062 061 060 080 (Majority of dryers of model 065 do not contain asbestos but company is not yet able to specifically identify them)
General Electric Company Housewares Division 1285 Boston Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06602 Toll-free: 300-241-9992 or l-800-241-5822	Hand Held Pro Pistol PRO-l/5105-013---Power Pro Pro Pistol PRO-2/5108-005---Super Pro Pro Pistol PRO-3/5107-01l---Pistol Pro Pro Pistol PRO-4/5109-00l---Pro Dryer Pro Pistol PRO-5/5110-013---Power Pro	Company has discontinued shipping hair dryers with asbestos insulation. Company will retro-fit with a non-asbestos liner all GE hair dryers which are asbestos insulated after they are brought in by concerned consumers.	Not yet identified.

Pro Pistol
any PRO-6 ---Super Pro Dryer

Pro Pistol
PRO-10/5115-013---Power Turbo

Pro Pistol
**PRO-11/5116-005--Super Turbo

Power Brush
PB-I/5113-005 ----Power Brush

Styling Dryer
SD-112 ----------Styling Dryer

Styling Dryer
SD-4/5101-013 ----Styling Dryer

Styling Comb
STC-I/IA---------Styling Comb

Styling Comb
STC-2 ----------Mist Styling Comb

The Gillette Company Appliance Division Prudential Tower Building Boston, Mass. 02199 Toll-free: 800-328-9208	**Model Number** THD-2 THD-2A HD-3 HD-4 HD-5 ** AD-6 --Bonnet Dryer	**Brand Name** Max Max Plus Max for Men Max Supermax Maxhatter	In 1974 company stopped using asbestos in hair dryers. Upon request by a consumer possessing one of the model hair dryers (containing asbestos), Gillette will give a replacement unit.	Model Number HD-7 HD-9 HD-10 HD-12 9010 906 909 916 918 919 921 935 942	Brand Name Supermax Max for Me Mighty Max Promax Promax Compact Max 1000 Supermax Curley To Supermax Two Ad-justable Supermax Two Supermax Two for Men Supermax Two 1000 Supermax Swival Promax Compact 1200
Hamilton Beach Div. of Scovill Manufacturing Co. 59 Mill St. Waterbury, Conn. 06720 203/757-6061	* Hamilton Beach Model 480 - (current) * Models 3830 (Made in Japan) 479,423,3850,1858,434 433,432,477,478 * Models 4881 Made in Hong Kong 481) * Model 425 Possibly others; company is continuing its search for information		Shipments of current model 48(suspended March 1979.		Possibly all others.

Montgomery Ward & Company Montgomery Ward Plaza Chicago, IL 60671 Montgomery Ward brand)	Last five digits of model number: Current stock. 19361 all units 19363 all units 19367 Some have; some don't. 19368 Some have; some don't. Not current stock. 19369 all units 19373 all units 19374 all units 19375 all units Not current stock. "In heater support system. Unknown whether exposed to air stream." 19382 some have; some don't. 19387 some have; some don't. 19388 some have; some don't.	Company instructed catalog and retail stores to halt sales of Montgomery Ward brand dryers containing asbestos. Has stopped buying hair dryers containing asbestos paper.	All models not identified on this list as containing asbestos.

J. C. Penney, Inc. 1301 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10019 Product Safety Coordinator: William Meiter Retail Lot No. 064-1050A 064-1121 064-1145 064-1146 064-1180 064-1190 064-1186 1210 (Treasury Div.) 1213 (Thrift Drug Store Div.)	The company believes that some of these dryers may or may not contain asbestos and is investigating: Catalog Lot Description No. (corresponds to retail lot no.) 6623979 1000 watt pro dryer 6622351 1000 watt rotary styler dryer 6621197 1200 watt pro dryer 6624290 1200 watt pro dryer 6622518 1400 watt pro dryer 6622526 1200 watt adjustable pro dryer 6622435 1200 watt pro dryer 1200 pro dryer 1200 adjustable pro dryer	Sales of all hair dryers that may contain asbestos have been stopped. When determination of hazard is made by CPSC, the company will decide what consumer action to take.	Approximately 47 models do not contain asbestos, The company will provide this information in the very near future.
Korvettes, Inc. 450 W. 33rd Street New York, NY 10001	Company also sells national-brand dryers which may contain asbestos. Information about those brands is listed under the manufacturer of the dryer. (Korvettes' brand) ** HA 22M-1200 Watts ** HA 2214-1400 Watts-no asbestos in new model which has same	In December, 1978, the company stopped buying Korvette name brand dryers containing asbestos.	Not yet identified.

	number ** HA 1214-1400 Watts * Model 23A--1000 Watt Brush Styler * Model E-2100--1000 Watt Compact Hair Dryer		
North American Philips Corporation Consumer Relations Department 100 E. 42nd Street New York, NY 10017 Toll-free Consumer Number: 800-223-1828	Made in 1975 and before: ** HB-1700 Norelco 1000 (Black color) Contain asbestos-wrapped coil supports, not asbestos heat shields. Made in 1973 and before: ** HB-2600 Styler Dryer (Green color) ** HB-3600 Styler Dryer (Tan color) ** HB-3601 Styler Dryer (Tan color) Last made in December 1972: ** HC-1107 Hot Comb (Brown color)	No hair dryers with asbestos produced since 1975. Company will exchange model HB-1700 Norelco 1000 for a new asbestos-free model at the request of consumers.	All others
Schick, Inc. 216 Greenfield Road Lancaster, PA 17601	PD-1001 PD-1001-A PD-1201	Company will replace their models containing asbestos with new models at consumer request, either by mail or at 450 authorized centers. Company stopped using asbestos in 1975.	Current design contains no asbestos but models are not yet Identified. Previously sold models without asbestos are not yet identified.

Sears, Roebuck & CO. Sears Tower Chicago, IL 60684 For information: Call nearest Sears Store	253.6314 253.6369 253.6385 253.8700 253.8714 253.8736 253.8754 253.8782 253.8783 253.6374 253.6377 253.8704 320.6350 320.8706 These are raised numbers permanently molded into the pistol grip of these dryers.	Current Current Current Current Current Current Current Current Current	Company does not now purchase for sale hair dryers made with asbestos. All 14 models with asbestos heat shields have been removed from store shelves and sales halted. Normal consumer policy applies: "Satisfaction guaranteed or money back."	All models not identified on this list as containing asbestos.
Sperry Rand Corp. (Remington) 1290 Avenue of the Americas New York, N.Y. 10019	Remington Models never had an asbestos heat shield, but Heat Wands have heater mounts with "asbestos glass laminate core," in some of the following models: * HW-1 * HW-2 * HW-3 * HW-4 * HW-6 Heater supports with "inorganically bonded asbestos," in some of the following hair dryer models: * PD-600 * PD-750 * PD-850 * PD-900		Importation, manufacture and sale of all electric hair dryers discontinued in 1978. No Sperry Rand hair dryer ever contained an asbestos heat shield.	All others.
Sunbeam Corporation	**Northern**		Production of hair dryers with	Partial List Northern Models:

2001 South York Rd. Oak Brook, Ill. 60521	* Model 1821 (700 Watt professional dryer) * Model 320.6350 (700 watt professional dryer) * Model 320.8706 (700 watt professional dryer)	asbestos stopped more than two years ago.

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Model *202 Air Jet Hair Dryer
*301 Styling Dryer
*302 Blo-Wave Hair Dryer
*370 Styler Dryer

Sunbeam	Catalog No.
*D-CW Professionaire	52-91 & D-11
*52-9C Professionaire	52-91
*52-9K Professionaire	52-91
*52-9H Professionaire	52-94
*52-9P Professionaire	52-94
*52-125 Professionaire	52-128
*52-9R Professionaire	52-9R

1886
1889
1889-2
1889-3
6821
1881
1881-1
1881-2
1881-3
1832
1832-6
1826

Sunbeam Appliance:
52-351
52-288
52-188
52-167
52-214
52-191
D-3
D-4
D-4A
D-5,D-5A(52-34)
D-6,D-6A
D-8 (52-61)
52-73
52-87
52-101

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than $700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard or can injure children. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals - contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.