



## ECHO Recalls Backpack Blowers and Replacement Shoulder Straps Due to Laceration and Impact Hazards

**Recall Date:** March 5, 2020

**Recall Number:** 20-086

**Recall Summary:** ECHO and Shindaiwa Backpack Blowers and replacement straps

**Description:** This recall involves ECHO and Shindaiwa brand 2-cycle gas powered commercial backpack blowers with shoulder straps. This recall also includes replacement shoulder straps. The model and serial numbers can be found on the blower's engine block. The ECHO or Shindaiwa logo appears on the shoulder strap, and the replacement strap part number appears on the plastic bag at the time of sale.

**Recall Details:** Units: About 67,700 blowers and 6,600 replacement straps

**Hazard:** The blower's shoulder straps, plastic buckles, or the anti-static ground wire can be drawn into the blower fan and fan housing causing plastic pieces to be expelled from the machine, posing laceration and impact hazards.

**Incidents/Injuries:** The firm has received 62 reports of incidents, including one minor injury, when pieces of blower were expelled from the machine, hitting a consumer in the neck.

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the backpack blowers and return them to an authorized ECHO or Shindaiwa dealer for a free repair. To locate the nearest authorized dealer, go to the ECHO Store Locator at [www.echo-usa.com](http://www.echo-usa.com) or the Shindaiwa Dealer Locator at [www.shindaiwa-usa.com](http://www.shindaiwa-usa.com).

**Sold At:** Independent ECHO and Shindaiwa outdoor power equipment dealers and online at [www.HomeDepot.com](http://www.HomeDepot.com) and [www.Grainger.com](http://www.Grainger.com) between August 2018 and February 2020 for about \$600 for blowers and \$30 for replacement straps.

**Manufactured In:** United States by ECHO Inc., of Lake Zurich, Ill.

### **Consumer Contact:**

ECHO at 800-432-3246 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at [www.echo-usa.com](http://www.echo-usa.com) and click on "Product Recalls" for more information, or Shindaiwa toll-free at 877-986-7783 from 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit the firm's website at [www.shindaiwa-usa.com](http://www.shindaiwa-usa.com) and click on "Product Recalls" for more information.

*Product photos and additional information available here:* <https://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls/2020/ECHO-Recalls-Backpack-Blowers-and-Replacement-Shoulder-Straps-Due-to-Laceration-and-Impact-Hazards>

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