



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission – Recall

Recall Date: April 16, 2015

Recall Number: 15-112

OWT Industries Recalls Electric Blower Vacuums Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Sold Exclusively at Walmart

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2015/OWT-Industries-Recalls-Electric-Blower-Vacuums>

Recall Summary

Name of Product: Expert Gardener electric blower vacuums

Hazard: The blower vacuum can overheat, spark and catch on fire posing fire and burn hazards.

Remedy: Refund

Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled blower vacuums and return them to any Walmart store for a full refund.

Consumer Contact: OWT Industries at (800) 597-9624 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.expertgardentools.com and click on Important Safety Notice for more information.

Recall Details

Units: About 225,000 in the United States. (Models 20254EG and 20254EGC of this product were previously recalled in February 2013.)

Description: This recall involves Expert Gardener 12 amp electric blower vacuums with model numbers 20254EG, 20254EGA, 20254EGB, 20254EGBC, 20254EGC and 21254EG. Model numbers are located on a label on the left side of the motor housing. The blower vacuums are green and black. “Expert Gardener” and “Blower Vac 2 Speed Quiet 150 MPH Powerful 220 MPH” are printed on the side of the green motor housing and on the black plastic blower tube.

Incidents/Injuries: OWT has received 16 reports of blower vacuums sparking, arcing, smoking or burning. No injuries have been reported.

Sold exclusively at: Walmart stores nationwide and online at www.walmart.com from January 2012 through March 2015 for about \$40.

Importer: OWT Industries Inc., of Pickens, S.C.

Manufacturer: Changzhou Globe Tools Co. Ltd. and Cixi City Best Power Tools Co., Ltd., of China

Manufactured in: China

Photos

	Expert Gardener electric leaf blower vacuum
	Expert Gardener electric blower vacuum attachment and bag

About U.S. CPSC:

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

Please use the phone numbers below for all media requests.

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