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CPSC, Generac Power Systems Inc. Announce Recall of Fuel Hoses Sold with Guardian® Home Standby Generators

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announces the following recalls in voluntary cooperation with the firms listed below. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. To access color photos of recalled products, go to the Commission's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

Name of product: 12" Braided Flex Fuel Hose sold with certain Guardian® Home Standby Air-Cooled Generators

Units: 20,000

Generator Manufacturer/Hose Distributor: Generac Power Systems, Inc. of Waukesha, Wis.

Hose Manufacturer: RB Royal Industries Inc., of Fond du Lac, Wis.

Hazard: The fuel hoses can leak if bent in an unreasonable fashion during installation or upon completion of installation. If an ignition source is present, a fire or explosion can occur.

Incidents/Injuries: There have been no incidents of personal injury or property damage associated with the subject flex fuel hose.

Description: The recalled 12 inch braided flex fuel hoses were used with Guardian® Home Standby Air-Cooled Generators with serial numbers 3789827 and below. The generators are about 4 feet by 2 feet by 2½ feet, tan in color, and have identification decal tags displaying the serial number. The decal tag is affixed to the black divider plate that separates the engine from the control panel and can be found by lifting the top/lid of the metal enclosure. The fuel hose came supplied with the generator kits and connects the fuel supply to the generator. The hose is 12 inches long and covered with braided steel.

Note: Generators should always be installed/positioned outside the house.

Sold at: Independent and national dealers sold these generators with the flex fuel hoses between March 2001 and September 2003 for approximately \$1500 to \$2500.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the generator if the fuel hose is bent or if the ferrules (connectors) are cracked, split or damaged in any way. Consumers with a bent hose or damaged connector should contact Generac Power Systems or a Generac authorized service dealer, to arrange for a free inspection and replacement of the flex fuel hose.

Consumer Contact: Call Generac Power Systems at 800-949-7440 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit their Web site at www.generac.com.

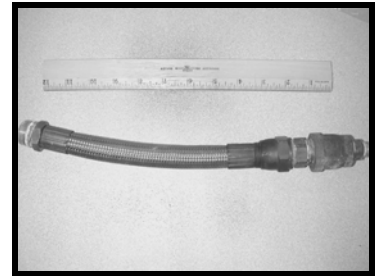
Generac's Media Contact: Stephanie Borowski at (262) 544-4811.



Guardian Air-Cooled Standby Generator



Fuel line connection with
steel braided flex fuel line



Steel braided flex fuel line

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. The CPSC's 471 employees are 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. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$500 billion annually.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

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