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FreeMotion Fitness Inc. Recalls Exercise Machines – Weights Can Unexpectedly Drop, Hit Users

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Free Motion Fitness, Inc., today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer products. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of products: FreeMotion Cable Cross and Dual Cable Cross Exercise Machines

Units: About 5,600

Distributor: FreeMotion Fitness Inc., of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Hazard: The selector pin for the weight plates can slip out of its slot if the edges of the pin are worn, allowing the weights to drop suddenly. Falling weight plates can hit consumers using the machines.

Incidents/Injuries: FreeMotion has received **nine** reports of consumers receiving contusions to the head and shoulders from falling weights after pins disengaged.

Description: The recall includes FreeMotion Cable Cross and Dual Cable Cross Exercise Machines with model numbers GZFM6006 and GZFM6024. The recalled machines can be identified by the name Cable Cross located on the upper frame. The FreeMotion Cable Cross machines are used to exercise by pulling on cables on each side of the machine to raise a series of weight plates. The arms where the cables enter the machine can be moved through an arc using 13 position points spaced from straight down to straight up. An enclosed weight stack is situated directly in front of the user for selection of the amount of weight to be raised.

Sold by: Exercise specialty stores nationwide and through direct sales from FreeMotion from **December 1999 through May 2006 for between \$3,750 and \$4,500.**

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should stop using these machines and contact FreeMotion Fitness to receive a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: Call FreeMotion Fitness Inc. at (800) 201-2109 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or go to the company's Web site at www.freemotionfitness.com.

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. 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.

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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