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## BatteriesPlus Recalls Replacement Battery Packs Used with Cordless Tools Due to Explosion Hazard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

**Name of Product:** Rayovac NI-CD Cordless Tool Battery Packs

**Units:** About 111,800

**Importer:** BatteriesPlus LLC, of Hartland, Wis.

**Hazard:** The replacement battery pack can explode unexpectedly, posing a risk of serious injury to consumers.

**Incidents/Injuries:** BatteriesPlus has received five reports of exploding batteries. No injuries have been reported.

**Description:** This recall involves RAYOVAC-branded replacement battery packs used with cordless power tools. "RAYOVAC," "NI-CD" and a part number beginning with "CTL" are printed in white lettering on the product. The battery packs were sold in voltages ranging between 2.4 and 18 volts in various sizes and shapes. They were sold as replacement batteries to the following brand tools: Black and Decker, Bosch, DeWalt, Makita, Milwaukee, Panasonic, Ryobi and Skil.

**Sold exclusively at:** BatteriesPlus retail stores nationwide and online at [www.batteriesplus.com](http://www.batteriesplus.com) between June 2008 and October 2011 for about \$60.

**Manufactured in:** China

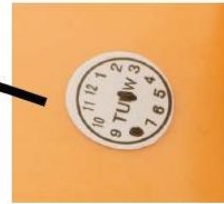
**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using and remove the battery packs from cordless tools. Consumers can contact BatteriesPlus for instructions on how to return the product for a store credit.

**Customer contact:** For more information, contact BatteriesPlus toll-free at (877) 856-3232 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's website at [www.batteriesplus.com](http://www.batteriesplus.com)

**Part Number Identification**



**CTL10002**



Call 1-877-856-3232 for help with the date codes

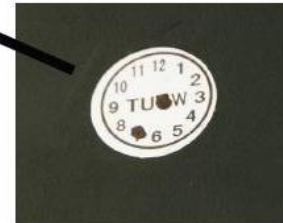
**Date Code Identification**

T = 2008, U = 2009, V = 2010, W = 2011  
(Battery Packs manufactured prior to October, 2010 are affected. Units with a W are not affected.)  
Numbers 1-12 represent the months of the year.

**Part Number Identification**



**CTL10011**



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**Part Number Identification**



**CTL10019**



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**Part Number Identification**



**CTL10032**



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Visit [BatteriesPlus.com](http://BatteriesPlus.com) for a complete list of model numbers included in this recall.

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on [www.saferproducts.gov](http://www.saferproducts.gov)

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion 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 30 years.

Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: [www.saferproducts.gov](http://www.saferproducts.gov), call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov). To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to <https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>.