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CPSC, Valley Dynamo Announces Recall of Air Hockey Tables

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturers named below, today announced voluntary recalls 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 product: Air Hockey Tables Units: approximately 15,000 Manufacturer/Importer: Valley Dynamo, of Richland Hills, Texas

Hazard: The blower motor, located under the table, has an opening large enough for a child's finger, posing a laceration hazard.

Incidents/Injuries: Valley Dynamo is aware of a minor laceration injury to a child who crawled under the air hockey table and stuck his finger in an exposed opening.

Description: This recall involves Arctic Flash, Arctic Wind and Air Elegance model air hockey tables. The Arctic Flash model has an overhead scoring display and black-light graphics. It measures 45-inches wide and 65-inches tall and 85-inches long. The Arctic Wind measures 45-inches wide and 31-inches high. The words "Arctic Wind" or "Arctic Flash" are printed on the table's play field.

Sold at: Sporting good and specialty stores nationwide since 1994 for between \$1,000 and \$2,200.

Manufactured in: United States.

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the product and contact Dynamo for instructions on receiving a free repair kit.

Consumer Contact: Call Dynamo toll-free at (800) 248-2837 (Option #2) between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit the firm's web site at www.valley-dynamo.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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