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Safety Vacuum Release System Recalled by Vacless Systems Inc. for a Repair/Replace Program to Prevent Entrapment

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: Pool Safety Vacuum Release System

Units: About 1,600

Manufacturer/Distributor: Vacless Systems Inc., of Sylmar, Calif.

Hazard: Improper plastic material found inside the recalled product has been attributed to vacuum release failures which create an entrapment hazard to swimmers and bathers.

Incidents/Injuries: Vacless Systems Inc. has received no reports of incidents or injuries.

Description: The recalled product is a black plastic device that screws into the drain hole of a swimming pool or spa circulation pump. As part of the circulation systems, the device is designed to release the vacuum in a drain line whenever a submerged drain cover of a swimming pool or spa is completely covered. The recalled product has model number SVRS10ADJ and only involves the following serial numbers found on the weather-proof label attached to the top of every unit:

061040994 through 061041353 071040437 through 071040536 071040570 through 071040574 071040627 through 071041125 081040001 through 081040667

Sold: Independent distributors or retailers for professional pool and spa products between July 2010 and September 2010 between \$480 and \$719.

Manufactured in: United States

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using their pool or spa. Distributors and dealers are directly notifying consumers of the recall and the Vacless SVRS repair program. Pool owners/operators who have not been directly notified should immediately contact Vacless Systems Inc. to implement the Vacless SVRS repair and testing procedure and to receive a replacement unit for installation. The instructions for the repair are also available at www.vacless.com

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Vacless Systems Inc. directly at (818) 899-1755 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, e-mail the firm at support@vacless.com or visit the firm's website at www.vacless.com





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 it by visiting www.saferproducts.gov

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. 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 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 (301) 595-7054. To join a CPSC e-mail subscription list, please go to https://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx. Consumers can obtain recall and general safety information by logging on to CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx.

