Ladder Safety Recall



Bauer Ladders

Ladders included in this recall: All Fiberglass and Aluminum Series Bauer Ladders Manufactured Between May 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003

EXCEPT:

- · Bauer Series 221 (16 through 28 feet)
- Bauer Series 222, 223, 225, 231, 233, 234, 236, 237, 371, 372
- All Aluminum Planks and Stages and All Wood and Steel Ladders

Some solid aluminum rivets can fail posing a risk of ladder collapse and serious injury or death.

DISCONTINUE USE IMMEDIATELY

E-mail Bauer Corporation at recall@bauerladder.com or call Bauer Corporation at 1-877-236-4973 to arrange for inspections and/or repair or replacement.

For additional information concerning this ladder recall, go to www.bauerladder.com/recall



BAUER LADDER VOLUNTARY SAFETY RECALL REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

TO: Distributor of Bauer Ladders

FROM: Bauer Corporation, via Certified Mail

DATE: October 8, 2003

SUBJECT: Ladder Recall

We have recently been made aware of a failure in solid aluminum rivets supplied to Bauer Corporation by a third party supplier for use in certain ladders manufactured by Bauer. We have determined that these ladders manufactured between May 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003 may contain rivets that could fail under certain circumstances.

Although no injuries have been reported to date, the failure of these solid aluminum rivets could result in ladder collapse and serious injury or death. Due to the nature of the potential failure, even if rivets appear to be intact upon a visual inspection, this does not mean that the rivets will not ultimately fail. The risk of rivet failure may increase over time.

Bauer is undertaking a voluntary safety recall of all ladders that may contain these rivets. This recall affects all Bauer fiberglass and aluminum ladders manufactured between May 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003, EXCEPT FOR the following:

Bauer Product Series EXCLUDED From Recall

Aluminum Extension Ladders Series 221 (16'-28' length only), Series 222 (All), Series 225 (All); Aluminum Straight Ladders Series 223 (All), 231 (All), 233 (All), and 237 (All); Aluminum Vault Ladders Series 236 (All); Fiberglass Multipurpose Series 371 (All) and Fiberglass Series 372 (All); Aluminum Stages & Planks (All);

ALL OTHER BAUER FIBERGLASS AND ALUMINUM LADDERS NOT LISTED ABOVE ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE VOLUNTARY RECALL. For a list of individual SKU's affected by the recall and other information regarding the recall, go to www.bauerladder.com/recall.

How to Determine the Date of Manufacture & Manufacturing Part Number

Locate the NOTICE label affixed to the side rail of the ladder. The date of manufacture is listed below the work order number. The 5-Digit Bauer Manufacturing Part Number (e.g., 30406, 31028, etc.) is listed above the work order number. All ladders manufactured before May 31, 2002 or after March 31, 2003 DO NOT contain the suspect rivets and may continue to be used.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION IMMEDIATELY

Examine your Bauer ladder inventory immediately. Separate and remove from service 1. and/or sale all Bauer fiberglass and aluminum ladders manufactured between May 31, 2002 and March 31, 2003, EXCEPT those items specifically excluded and listed above. DO NOT continue to sell or use any Baner ladders subject to the recall.

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