State = Zip =

Generic Description of Product = Bicycle helmets for use in BMX riding/racing and Downhill Mountain Biking/racing Brand = Bell Model No = Qualifier, Rhythm, Bellistic Serial Nos = Z10091 through Z20870 Date Codes = OCT 98 through FEB 99 UPC = 768686852121 Retail Price = \$90-125

Certification/Standards information = All helmets are certified to the CPSC Bicycle Helmet Safety Standard; 16CFR part 1203.

Defect/Problem = Improperly set retention strap rivets in some helmets.

How and When Discovered = This condition was first discovered when a consumer reported to us on

March 9, 1999 that his son had been involved in a BMX racing accident in which he had struck his head. The date of the accient is not known, but it is believed to have occurred the preceding weekend. During the accident, the chinstrap became detached from the helmet. The helmet did not come off and the boy was not injured.

Type of Hazard = other

Discussion of Known Injuries = No injuries have been reported in connection with the products.

Distribution of Product = nationwide
Limited/Regional =

Total Number of Products Involved = 10473 With manufacturer = 4584 With distributor = 0 With retailers = 5889 With consumers = unknown

Production/Importation began = 10/98
ended = 2/99

Distribution began = 12/98 ended = 3/99

Filing Firm is = private labeler

Manufacturer/Importer Name and Address (if not filing firm):
Manufacturer/Importer Name = Zuhai Safety Helmets Manufacturer
Company., Ltd.

Address = Ding Jai Wan Industrial Building; Sanzao Zuhai Guangdong,

City = Guangdong

State = na

Zip = na

Information about any other firms involved (component part supplier, retailers, etc.) = Bell Sports distributes helmets manufactured by Zuhai Safety

Helmets for sale to its retail customers. Bell had sold affected helmets to 694 stomers at the time it became aware of the problem described here.

Corrective Action Taken = Upon notice from consumer, helmets were inspected, and it

was determined that the rivet curl was the source of the problem. With that determination, the manufacturer was notified, and production ceased, on 3/30/99. Quality Control procedures at the manufacturer's facility were revised to include 100% inspection of rivets prior to final assembly of the helmets. Bell undertook efforts to rework helmets already in inventory, and to prepare to rework helmets retrieved from retailers and consumers. Notification was made to Retailers by fax on 4/1/99, and is actively being followed up with telephone calls and a registered letter sent to Retailers on 4/15/99. Plans are in place for point-of-purchase notifications of consumers; Announcements in industry publications and consumer publications; and a press release, which is presumed to be drafted in conjunction with the Commission.

Stopped = Production, Distribution, Retail Sale

Notification Measures Taken = , Distribution Chain,

When, How and Type of Notification = 4/1/99: Notice by fax to retailers (Safety Bulletin)

4/15/99: Notice by Registered Mail to retailers (Recall Notice)



4/16/99 3:50 PM

Author: Carlos L. Perez at CPSC-HQ2

Date:

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TO: James A. DeMarco

Subject: Fast Track Internet form Sec15 submission ----- Message Contents

Jay: Please handle this Bell helmet Fast Track matter.

thanx, carlos

Forward Header

Subject: Fast Track Internet form Sec15 submission

Author: Murray S. Cohn at CPSC-HQ1

Date: 4/16/99 2:40 PM

4/16/99 1:45:11 PM

Confidential = Yes

Fast Track = Yes

Filing Firm Name = Bell Sports, Inc.

Address = 6350 San Ignacio Ave.

City = San Jose

State = CA

Zip = 95119

Phone = (408)537-3400

Ext =

Fax = (408)362 - 9848

Web Site = www.bellsports.com

Contact Person = Dean McGuffee; Don L'Heureux; Tom Baker

Title = Director of Quality

Phone = (408)574-3505

Ext =

Fax = (408)362 - 9848

E-mail = Dean_McGuffee@bellsport.com

If address is different from above:

Firm =

Address =

City =

State =

Zip =

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riding/racing and Downhill Mountain

Biking/racing

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE Recalls and Compliance Division Email: jdemarco@cpsc.gov James DeMarco Compliance Officer Tel:301-504-0608, Ext. 1353 Fax: 301-504-0359

Certified Mail/Telecopy 408/362-9848

Dean McGuffee Director of Quality Bell Sports, Inc. 6350 San Ignacio Ave San Jose, CA 95119

Re:

CPSC RP990150 Bell Sports, Inc. BMX Bicycle Helmet

Dear Mr. McGuffee:

Thank you for your report of April 19, 1999 under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, as amended (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b), and for promptly initiating a corrective action plan to address the reported problem. In your report you indicated that three models of Bell BMX helmets have a defective chinstrap snap, that may not hold in the event of a fall or crash.

To address the problem, the firm has agreed to take the following action: 1) Replace strap free of charge to consumers; 2) Written notice to all dealers, including a posted notice; 3) Joint-press release; and 4) Web-site announcement of recall.

The staff of the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reviewed the actions submitted by Bell Sports, Inc. concerning the BMX Bicycle helmet chinstraps. Acting under delegation from the Commission, the staff has accepted the plan as adequate.

Please continue the corrective actions implemented and initiate any others contained in the plan accepted by the staff. The Office of Compliance will be monitoring the firm's corrective action plan. Please submit monthly progress reports of the recall, using the enclosed form, to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance, Tina Adeyeye, 4330 Feet

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West Highway, Room 613, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001 by the first of each month or fax to (301) 504-0359. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Adeyeye on (301) 504-0608 extension 1223. Please reference the CPSC file number in your response.

When your firm determines the corrective action plan has been implemented to the best of its ability and as many products as possible have been removed from the marketplace, it may submit a final progress report, referencing the file number, and request that the file be closed. At that time the staff will review the plan's progress and decide whether the file should be closed. The Office of Compliance will evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. The staff could seek broader corrective action if the corrective action plan does not prove effective.

If the firm receives or learns of any information concerning other incidents or injuries, or information affecting the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the reported problem, it must report that information to this Office immediately. Additionally, if the firm receives information which might indicate that its corrective actions are not satisfactory in eliminating the problem or that the effectiveness of the corrective action program is less than has been anticipated, it must report that information to this Office immediately.

Section 6(b)(1) requires the Commission to give notice thirty days in advance of the intended disclosure of information that identifies the manufacturer or private labeler of a product. The staff is enclosing a summary of the corrective action plan. The Commission publishes a list of product recalls and other corrective actions initiated by firms in an Annual Report to Congress. This information is also occasionally used in lists for specific product categories. This letter gives the firm its opportunity under section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(1), and 16 C.F.R. Part 1101, to comment on the accuracy of the information.

The staff has made every effort to assure that the enclosed information is accurate. If, however, the firm believes that the information is not accurate, please send comments to me. The firm's comments must be received within twenty-three calendar days of your receipt of this certified letter if they are to be considered. Please include with any comments specific information to support any claim that the information is not accurate. If the Commission decides to disclose the information, unchanged, over any accuracy objections, it will give the firm ten (10) working days notice, as required by section 6(b)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(2).

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 504-0608, extension 1353.

Sincerely,

James DeMarco
Compliance Officer
Recalls and Compliance Division

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Enclosures:

Corrective Action Summary Progress Report Form

cc:

Consumer Product Safety Commission Western Regional Center 1708 Arvada Drive .Richardson, TX 75081-2132

Judith Hayes, CRC Tina Adeyeye, CRC Page 4 RP990150

> Voluntary Corrective Action Plans Under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

The following is a list of voluntary corrective action plans recently accepted by the Commission (or the staff acting under authority delegated by the Commission). A firm's taking corrective action does not constitute admission by the firm that a substantial product hazard exists.

Space does not permit the staff to give a complete list of the specific model numbers of the products involved in each of these corrective actions. Consumers who believe that they have a product affected by one of these actions should follow the instructions given in this list or contact either the manufacturer or the Commission to determine if their product is one of those affected.



Voluntary Corrective Action Plans Under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

DATE	FIRM AND PRODUCT	ALLEGED HAZARD	REMEDY
00/00	Bell Sports, Inc.	If chinstrap of bike helmet fails,	Fix and replace/re-work rivets
	San Jose, CA 95119	helmet can come off during a fall or crash	dealers, retailers and
	BMX Bicycle Helmet - BELLISTIC, QUALIFIER, RHYTHM		consumers; & press release, plus ads.

Monthly Progress Report for Corrective Action Plan

CASE #: RP990150		Compliance	Officer: <u>James DeMarco</u>	
Company Name: Bell Sp	orts. Inc.		luct: BICYCLE HELMET	7
Reporting Dates, From:			ected Products:	
				
I) PRODUCTS CORRECT	CTED/CAPTURED BY Y	OUR FIRM:		
Location of Products	Total Products Correct	ions This Period	Total Corrections	Percentage Corrected
with Manufacturer				
with Distributor				
with Retailers				
with Consumers				
TOTAL:				
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United States Consumer	Product Safety Commissi	on, Office of Complia	ince	
4330 East West Highway	, Room 613			
Bethesda, MD 20814			_	
OP fax report to (3)	01) 504_0350 Address	any questions to	Me Adayaya at (311)	504-0608 extension 1223

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION Office of Compliance

Firm Name: Bell Sports, Inc. Product: BMX Bicycle Helmet	File Number: Priority: x	RP990150
CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:		
A. Notice:		
Event:	Date:	
x_press release	4/29/99	
_xdirect mail to over 600 dealers	4/19/99	
_x_point of purchase signs	4/19/99	
_x_advertising in trade journals BR/V	elo4/25/99	
_xRecall Notice on website	4/23/99	
B. Repair, replacement, refund:		
_xrepair approved by technical supp	ort	
_xreplacement with product approved	by technical	support
C. Procedures:		
_xDistribution chain recall _xmfr/importer leve _xwholesaler/distri _xretailer level _xconsumer level		
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_xToll-free line 1-800-456-BELL		
_xWeb Site announcement of Recall		~~10

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Total Products Involved: 5,800 Corrected: tbd

At Manufacturer:

Corrected:

At Distributors:

Corrected:

At Retailers & Consumers: 5,800 Corrected: tbd

E. Decision on corrective action:

x Accept CAP and Monitor x Fast Track Product Recall Case

CAP APPROVALS:
Compliance Officer
Attorney
Associate Director, CRC
Director, CRC
(Only if CAP or CAP & Close approval)



U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

For Immediate Release April, 1999 Release # 99Contact: (301) 504-0580 Ext. 2211

CPSC, Bell Sports Inc. Announce Recall of Bicycle Helmets

WASHINGTON, D.C. – In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Bell Sports Inc., of San Jose, Calif., is voluntarily recalling about 5,800 bicycle helmets used for BMX and downhill mountain biking and racing. A defect with the helmets' chin strap rivets can result in the helmet coming off the rider's head in the event of a fall or crash. If the helmet comes off, serious head injury could result.

Bell Sports is aware of one incident where the chin strap assembly became detached from a helmet during a crash. No injuries were reported. [NO HEAD INJURIES?]

These bike helmets are red, green, black, white [BLACK AND WHITE COMBO TOO, OR ONLY SOLID?] and "Tear Away," which is multicolored [WHAT COLORS?]. They were sold under the model names Rhytim, Bellistic and Qualifier, which is written on their packaging [NOT WRITTEN ANYWHERE ON HELMET?]. The date codes for the recalled helmets are October 1998 through March, 1999. [WHERE IS THIS WRITTEN? WHAT FORM?] "BELL" is written on the sides of these helmets.

PHOTOS

IS THE PHOTO OF THE RHYTHM OR BELLISTIC?

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Independent bicycle dealers sold these helmets from October 1999 through April 1999 [CORRECT?] for between \$90 and \$125.

Consumers should immediately stop using these helmets and call or write Bell Sports to receive the replacement chin strap rivets, or they can send the helmet to Bell Sports for a free replacement helmet [OR REPLACEMENT? CHOICE OF REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT?]. To order the repair kit or for more information, consumers should call Bell Sports at (800) 456-BELL between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT Monday through Friday. For a free replacement helmet [SAME COLOR AND MODEL? PLUS POSTAGE COSTS?], consumers should mail their helmets to Bell Sports Inc., Route 136 East, Rantoul, IL 61866, ATTN: BMX Department [BOTH TYPES OF HELMETS SENT HERE?]. Consumers also can contact Bell Sports through their website at www.bellsports.com.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. 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 http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. For information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call the above numbers or visit the web site at http://cpsc.gov/about/who.html. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at http://www.cpsc.gov. To establish a link from your web site to this press release on CPSC's web site, create a link to the following address: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml99/99XXX.html. ####

Editor's Note: To access a full-color version of the product photo in JPEG (JPG) format, go to this press release on CPSC's web site at: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml99/99XXX.html
To download, place the cursor on the image, click and hold the mouse button (right mouse button for PC users), and use the "save as" menu to save the image in the desired location.

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HOW DID WE LEARN ABOUT THE PROBLEM?

WHEN REPORTED TO US? FAST TRACK?

MORE INFO AVAILABLE ON INCIDENT? CITY/STATE/DATE?

LIST OF RETAILERS AVAILABLE/ CITY/STATE?

WHO MAKES THE HELMETS? WHAT COUNTRY?



In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), Bell Sports Inc., of San Jose, CA are voluntarily recalling 5,889 helmets used for BMX bicycle riding/racing and Downhill Mountain biking/racing. A potential defect with improperly set retention strap rivets could allow the helmet to come off of the riders head in the event of a fall or an accident. If the helmet were to come off during an accident, serious head injury could result.

Bell Sports, Inc, is aware of one incident, without injury, where the chin strap assembly became detached from a Rhythm model helmet during an accident. Bell Sports is unaware of any other reported incidences.

The models affected are sold under the names Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier. The date codes for the helmets are October 98 through March 99. They were sold to 690 Independent Bicycle Dealers for between \$90-\$125. The affected helmets have the model name Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier marked on the outer carton and come in the following colors: Bright Red, Bright Green, Tear Away (Multi color), Black and White.

Consumers/owners should immediately stop using the helmets and call Bell Consumer Services at 1-800-456-BELL or mail the helmet to Bell Sports at Bell Sports Inc.

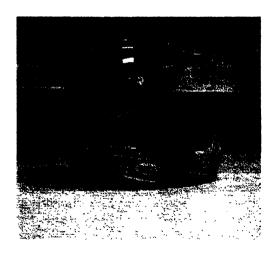
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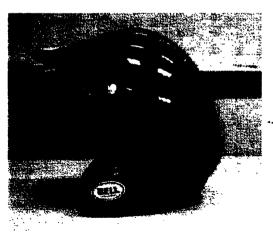
ATT: BMX Department

for immediate repair of the chinstrap rivets/and or replacement. For more information call 1-800-456-BELL. between the hours of 8am and 5 pm CDT M-F. Consumers can also contact BELL thru their website at www.bellsports.com

RHYTHM/BELLISTIC



QUALIFIER





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EXCE NEWS RELEASE REVIEW/CLEARANCE

DATE: April 23, 1999

SUBJECT OF RELEASE: RP990150

PROPOSED RELEASE DATE: 4/29/99 RECALL PRIORITY CLASS: X

SECTION 15 RECALL: XXX CIVIL PENALTY SETTLEMENT:

For additional information contact: JAY DEMARCO X 1353

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY: FIRM REPORTED ON 4/19 UNDER NO PD PILOT PROGRAM ABT POTENTIAL CHINSTRAP FAILURE ON BIKE HELMET. CAP IS UNDERWAY.

The exact text of the proposed release has been negotiated with the firm. Any changes must be conveyed to EXCE for possible renegotiations with this firm.

Products available?

x Yes

No

Photos available?

x Yes No

Clearance Office	Signature	Approve	Disapprove	Date	6(b)6
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OEX					

OGC and OEX should each return this form and the attached release to EXPA after it has been reviewed and initialed/signed. The 6(b)6 column indicates clearance is in accordance with CPSC Directive 1450.2 concerning whether the information is accurate and not misleading.

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Age Determination	Sample Available	Reason (if sample is not ava	ilable)
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Author: James A. DeMarco at CPSC-HQ2

Date: 4/26/99 7:31 AM

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Receipt Requested TO: Scott R. Heh

CC: Carlos L. Perez, Richard L. Stern

Subject: Helmet samples

----- Message Contents

Scott

As soon as sample room three opens, I'll get you the samples. I will need a response [verbally] by early this afternoon; also once I log samples out to you @ ESME, you should log them in at ESME and then out back to me for storage in Sample room three until OIPA needs them for the PR. OK Jay 1353



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16. Supporting documents attached: Invoice No. and Date: Shipping Record and Date: Affidavit Signer's name, title and date:		Dat	te Shipped:	
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ON COLLECTION REPORT (LAB COPY) *99-792-0405* CPSC

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^{4. FROM:} PAMELA ROBINSON, MASC	5. HOURS EXPENDED TRAVEL
INVESTIGATOR OFFICE	1.0 1.5
6. TYPE OF FOLLOW-UP: 🗶 ON-SITE TELEPHONE	7. DATE INSPECTED: 7/2/99
8. FIRM INSPECTED: Name: BIKE LINE	9. FIRM INITIATING THE RECALL: Name: BELL SPORTS INC.
Address: 803 HORSHAM RD.	Address:
City/State/Zip: MONTGOMERYVILLE, PA 18936	City/State/Zin: R1. 130 EAS1
10. PRODUCT RECALLED:	RANTOUL, IL 61866
BMX BICYCLE HELMET	HEAD INJURY
12. TYPE OF CONSIGNEE: Wholesaler X Retailer	Consumer OtherSpecify
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13. PERSON(S) INTERVIEWED: Name & Title: DONNA MANZE,	FLOOR MANAGER
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RECALL NOTIFICATION PRESENTED TO INVESTIGATOR? 🗶	No Yes(Notice Date):
15. DID FIRM FOLLOW RECALL INSTRUCTIONS? N/A	No 🗶 Yes
WAS PRODUCT TAKEN OFF SALE? No Ye	s Date:
16. WAS SUB-RECALL INVOLVED? X N/A NO Yes	s (If "Yes" discuss details/mechanism under "REMARKS")
17. WERE RECALL/REPURCHASE OR CORRECTIVE ACTION PLA	NN NOTIFICATION SIGNS POSTED? N/A No 🗶 Yes
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FAX COVER SHEET From Erin McCarty

6350 San Ignacio, San Jose, CA 95119 PHONE: (800) 776-5677 x 3499 FAX: (408)224-6871

Date: 5-27-99

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Fax 301 504-0359 At: US consumer Product Safety

COMMENTS:

Here is one report Please let me know if you have any question. you can reach me at the following if all above.

Best Regards Ein McConty

Monthly Progress Report for Corrective Action Plan

CASE #: RP990150 Company Name: Bell S Leporting Dates, From	ports. Inc.	ompliance Officer: James DeMarco Product: BICYCLE HELME otal# of Affected Products: 15	I Fs7
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* consumers were notified by frein dealers. (Dealer Mod * rec't our letter. ** These inquire were rec't by email, so we assume they saw an website.

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION Office of Compliance

Firm Name: Bell Sports, Inc. File Number: RP990150 Product: BMX Bicycle Helmet Priority: x CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: A. Notice: Event: Date: x press release 4/29/99 x direct mail to over 600 dealers 4/19/99 x point of purchase signs 4/19/99 x advertising in trade journals BR/Velo4/25/99 x Recall Notice on website 4/23/99 B. Repair, replacement, refund: x repair approved by technical support x replacement with product approved by technical support C. Procedures: x Distribution chain recall x mfr/importer level x wholesaler/distributor level x retailer level x consumer level x Return to retailer x repair or replace _x_At dealer x_At Retailer x Toll-free line 1-800-456-BELL x Web Site announcement of Recall

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Firm Name: Bell Sports, Inc.

File Number: RP990150

D. Effectiveness:

Total Products Involved: 5,800

Corrected: tbd

At Manufacturer:

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At Distributors:

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At Retailers & Consumers: 5,800 Corrected: tbd

E. Decision on corrective action:

x Accept CAP and Monitor x Fast Track Product Recall Case

CAP APPROVALS:

Attorney

Compliance Officer

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RECALL NOTICE

IMPORTANT SAFETY BULLETIN RE 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM, AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILL HELMETS TO ALL DEALERS SELLING 1999QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILL HELMETS:

BELL SPORTS, INC. HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SOME 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILL HELMETS MAY HAVE A MANUFACTURING DEFECT IN THE RETENTION SYSTEM WHICH COULD CAUSETHE HELMET TO BE EJECTED IN AN ACCIDENT.

PENDING OUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER, WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING: PLEASE DISCONTINUE ALL FURTHER SALES OF THE 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILE HELMETS. RETURN ALL HELMETS TO BELL IMMEDIATELY. CALL 1-800-776-5677, EXT. 3430 TO OBTAIN AN RA NUMBER AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE HELMETS FREIGHT COLLECT. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL RETURNS TO ATTN: BMX DEPARTMENT. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CUSTOMER LISTS TO IDENTIFY ALL PURCHASERS OF 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILL HELMETS AND ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY THOSE CUSTOMERS TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF THESE HELMETS. INSTRUCT THEM TO CONTACT BELL AT 1-800-456-BELL FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE RETURN OF THEIR HELMET FOR EXAMINATION, REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT: PLEASE FURNISH BELL A LISTING OF ALL PURCHASERS OF THE 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILE HELMETS, ALONG WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS, IN ORDER THAT BELL MAY COMMUNICATE WITH THEM DIRECTLY REGARDING THIS MATTER.

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission (CPSC), Bell Sports Inc., of San Jose, CA are voluntarily recalling 5,889 helmets used for BMX bicycle riding/racing and Downhill Mountain biking/racing. A potential defect with improperly set retention strap rivets could allow the helmet to come off of the riders head in the event of a fall or an accident. If the helmet were to come off during an accident, serious head injury could result.

Bell Sports, Inc, is aware of one incident, without injury, where the chin strap assembly became detached from a Rhythm model helmet during an accident. Bell Sports is unaware of any other reported incidences.

The models affected are sold under the names Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier. The date codes for the helmets are October 98 through March 99. They were sold to 690 Independent Bicycle Dealers for between \$90-\$125. The affected helmets have the model name Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier marked on the outer carton and come in the following colors: Bright Red, Bright Green, Tear Away (Multi color), Black and White.

Consumers/owners should immediately stop using the helmets and call Bell Consumer Services at 1-800-456-BELL or mail the helmet to Bell Sports at Bell Sports Inc.

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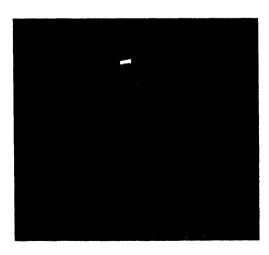
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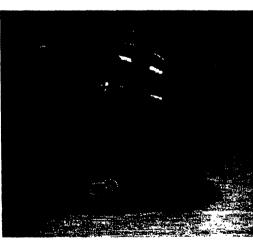
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for immediate repair of the chinstrap rivets/and or replacement. For more information call 1-800-456-BELL. between the hours of 8am and 5 pm CDT M-F. Consumers can also contact BELL thru their website at www.bellsports.com

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SAFETY ALERT FROM BELL SPORTS INC.

To Co

BELL SPORTS, INC. HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SOME 1999 MODEL <u>QUALIFIER</u>, <u>RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC</u> BMX AND DOWNHILL HELMETS PURCHASED BETWEEN DECEMBER OF 1998 AND MARCH 1999 MAY HAVE A MANUFACTURING DEFECT IN THE RETENTION SYSTEM WHICH COULD CAUSE THE HELMET TO BE EJECTED IN AN ACCIDENT.

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY YOUR LOCAL BELL SPORTS DEALER THAT YOU MAY HAVE PURCHASED ONE OF THESE HELMETS. IF SO, PLEASE <u>DISCONTINUE</u> THE USE OF THE HELMET <u>IMMEDIATELY</u>, AND CONTACT BELL SPORTS CONSUMER SERVICES AT 1 800 456-BELL FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THE RETURN OF YOUR HELMET FOR EXAMINATION, REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT.

IF YOUR HELMET CONTAINS A RED DOT ON THE SIZE LABEL ON THE HELMET INTERIOR, PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL: 1-800-456-BELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

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VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE AFFAIRS



IMPORTANT SAFETY BULLETIN RE QUALIFIER, RHYTHM, AND BELLISTIC BMX HELMETS

TO ALL DEALERS SELLING QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX HELMETS:

BELL SPORTS, INC. HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SOME QUALIFEIR, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX HELMETS MAY HAVE A MANUFACTURING DEFECT IN THE RETENTION SYSTEM WHICH COULD CAUSE THE HELMET TO BE EJECTED IN AN ACCIDENT.

PENDING OUR INVESTIGATION INTO THIS MATTER, WE ARE REQUESTING YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. PLEASE DISCONTINUE <u>ALL</u> FURTHER SALES OF THE <u>QUALIFIER</u>, <u>RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC</u> BMX HELMETS.
- 2. RETURN ALL HELMETS TO BELL IMMEDIATELY. CALL 1 800 7765677 TO OBTAIN AN RA NUMBER AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE
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Dean McGuffee Director of Quality Bell Sports, Inc. 6350 San Ignacio Ave San Jose, CA 95119

Re:

CPSC RP990150 Bell Sports, Inc. BMX Bicycle Helmet

Dear Mr. McGuffee:

Thank you for your report of April 19, 1999 under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, as amended (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b), and for promptly initiating a corrective action plan to address the reported problem. In your report you indicated that three models of Bell BMX helmets have a defective chinstrap snap, that may not hold in the event of a fall or crash.

To address the problem, the firm has agreed to take the following action: 1) Replace strap free of charge to consumers; 2) Written notice to all dealers, including a posted notice; 3) Joint-press release; and 4) Web-site announcement of recall.

The staff of the Office of Compliance of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has reviewed the actions submitted by Bell Sports, Inc. concerning the BMX Bicycle helmet chinstraps. Acting under delegation from the Commission, the staff has accepted the plan as adequate.

Please continue the corrective actions implemented and initiate any others contained in the plan accepted by the staff. The Office of Compliance will be monitoring the firm's corrective action plan. Please submit monthly progress reports of the recall, using the enclosed form, to U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance, Tina Adeyeye, 4330 East

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West Highway, Room 613, Washington, D.C. 20207-0001 by the first of each month or fax to (301) 504-0359. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Adeyeye on (301) 504-0608 extension 1223. Please reference the CPSC file number in your response.

When your firm determines the corrective action plan has been implemented to the best of its ability and as many products as possible have been removed from the marketplace, it may submit a final progress report, referencing the file number, and request that the file be closed. At that time the staff will review the plan's progress and decide whether the file should be closed. The Office of Compliance will evaluate the effectiveness of the plan. The staff could seek broader corrective action if the corrective action plan does not prove effective.

If the firm receives or learns of any information concerning other incidents or injuries, or information affecting the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the reported problem, it must report that information to this Office immediately. Additionally, if the firm receives information which might indicate that its corrective actions are not satisfactory in eliminating the problem or that the effectiveness of the corrective action program is less than has been anticipated, it must report that information to this Office immediately.

Section 6(b)(1) requires the Commission to give notice thirty days in advance of the intended disclosure of information that identifies the manufacturer or private labeler of a product. The staff is enclosing a summary of the corrective action plan. The Commission publishes a list of product recalls and other corrective actions initiated by firms in an Annual Report to Congress. This information is also occasionally used in lists for specific product categories. This letter gives the firm its opportunity under section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(1), and 16 C.F.R. Part 1101, to comment on the accuracy of the information.

The staff has made every effort to assure that the enclosed information is accurate. If, however, the firm believes that the information is not accurate, please send comments to me. The firm's comments must be received within twenty-three calendar days of your receipt of this certified letter if they are to be considered. Please include with any comments specific information to support any claim that the information is not accurate. If the Commission decides to disclose the information, unchanged, over any accuracy objections, it will give the firm ten (10) working days notice, as required by section 6(b)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2055(b)(2).

Thank you for your continued cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 504-0608, extension 1353.

Sincerely,

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Corrective Action Summary Progress Report Form

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> Voluntary Corrective Action Plans Under Section 15 of the Consumer Product Safety Act and Section 15 of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act

The following is a list of voluntary corrective action plans recently accepted by the Commission (or the staff acting under authority delegated by the Commission). A firm's taking corrective action does not constitute admission by the firm that a substantial product hazard exists.

Space does not permit the staff to give a complete list of the specific model numbers of the products involved in each of these corrective actions. Consumers who believe that they have a product affected by one of these actions should follow the instructions given in this list or contact either the manufacturer or the Commission to determine if their product is one of those affected.

