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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 accident 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, China
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 customers 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)

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Author: Carlos L. Perez at CPSC-HQ2
Date: 4/16/99 3:50 PM
Normal

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 =
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* April 19, 1999 6:50am

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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 East

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

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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.

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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**

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

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Monthly Progress Report for Corrective Action Plan

CASE #: RP990150

Compliance Officer: James DeMarco

Company Name: Bell Sports, Inc.

Product: BICYCLE HELMET

Reporting Dates, From: _____ To: _____ Total# of Affected Products: _____

I) PRODUCTS CORRECTED/CAPTURED BY YOUR FIRM:

Location of Products	Total Products	Corrections This Period	Total Corrections	Percentage Corrected
with Manufacturer	_____	_____	_____	_____
with Distributor	_____	_____	_____	_____
with Retailers	_____	_____	_____	_____
with Consumers	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____

II) NOTIFICATION MEASURES: (Using the categories listed below, record the number of notifications attempted by your firm during this reporting period, and record the total number of notifications to date.)

	Number for This Reporting Period	Total
Billing Insert	_____	_____
Direct Mail Letter	_____	_____
Magazine	_____	_____
Newspaper	_____	_____
Pediatrician Poster	_____	_____
Phone Call	_____	_____
Product Catalog	_____	_____
Radio	_____	_____
Retail Store Poster	_____	_____
Television	_____	_____
Video News Release	_____	_____
Web Site	_____	_____
Other/Unknown	_____	_____

III) CONSUMER AWARENESS: (Using the categories below, record the way, by numerical quantity, consumers told you they learned of the corrective action, i.e. consumer received direct mail, read magazine, etc.)

	Number for This Reporting Period	Total
Billing Insert	_____	_____
Direct Mail Letter	_____	_____
Magazine	_____	_____
Newspaper	_____	_____
Pediatrician Poster	_____	_____
Phone Call	_____	_____
Product Catalog	_____	_____
Radio	_____	_____
Retail Store Poster	_____	_____
Television	_____	_____
Video News Release	_____	_____
Web Site Hits	_____	_____
Other/Unknown	_____	_____

IV) Calls to 800 Number/Correspondence

	# From Customers This Reporting Period	Total
800 Number	_____	_____
E-mail	_____	_____
Written Requests	_____	_____

NOTE: Submit completed form by the **FIRST** of EACH MONTH to Tina Adeyeye at:
 United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance
 4330 East West Highway, Room 613
 Bethesda, MD 20814

OR, fax report to (301) 504-0359. Address any questions to Ms. Adeyeye at (301) 504-0608, extension 1223

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Office of Compliance

Firm Name: Bell Sports, Inc.
Product: BMX Bicycle Helmet

File Number: RP990150
Priority: x

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:

A. Notice:

Event:	Date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_press release	4/29/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_direct mail to over 600 dealers	4/19/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_point of purchase signs	4/19/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_advertising in trade journals BR/Velo	4/25/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _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

Firm Name: Bell Sports, Inc.

File Number: RP990150

D. Effectiveness:

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:

Accept CAP and Monitor
 Fast Track Product Recall Case

CAP APPROVALS:

Compliance Officer _____

Attorney _____

Associate Director, CRC _____

Director, CRC _____

(Only if CAP or CAP & Close approval)

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News from CPSC

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20207

For Immediate Release
April, 1999
Release # 99-

Contact:
(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 Rhythm, 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.

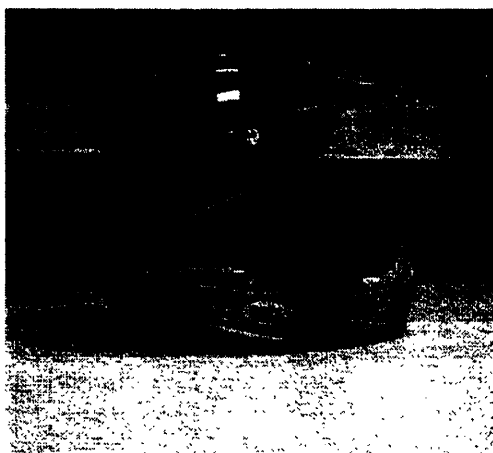
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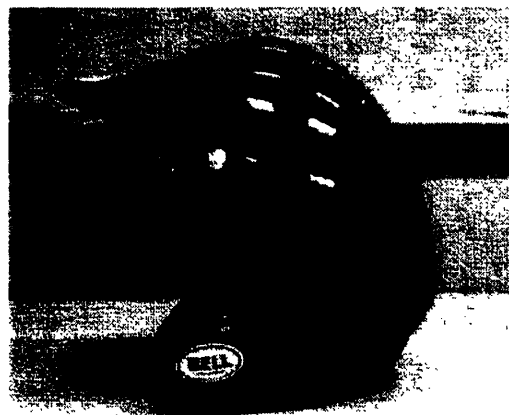
ATT: BMX Department

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? Yes No

Photos available? Yes No

Clearance Office	Signature	Approve	Disapprove	Date	6(b)6
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EXCE		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		4/23/99	
EXHR					
EXPA					
OGC					
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.

Sample No. Sub No. Sub Info
99-792-0405

Collect Date Analysis Date Report Date Rpt Transmit
04/22/1999 04/26/1999 04/19/1999 00/00/0000

Sample Condition Sample Sealed ?
 Yes No

Product Code, Name Model No.
5040 HELMETS

Destroyed by Date Destruction Authorized by
 00/00/0000 00/00/0000

Age Determination Sample Available
 YES NO

Reason (if sample is not available)

Shelf Location

Firm
BEL017 BELL SPORTS, INC.

Comments
To Scott Heh for analysis Q & D

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Author: James A. DeMarco at CPSC-HQ2

Date: 4/26/99 7:31 AM

Normal

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

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A large, stylized handwritten signature or set of initials, possibly 'JH', located in the bottom right corner of the page.

Sample No.	Sub No.	Location	User ID	Action	Action Date	Sent To
99-792-0405		CRC	JXD	RECEIVED	04/22/1999	----
99-792-0405		CRC	RLS	SEND	04/22/1999	SMPR3
99-792-0405		SMPR3	JXD	RECEIVED	04/22/1999	----
99-792-0405		ESME	JXD	SEND	04/26/1999	ESME

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Sample No. Sub No. Sub Info
99-792-0405

Collect Date Analysis Date Report Date Rpt Transmit
04/22/1999 04/26/1999 04/19/1999 0070070000

Sample Condition Sample Sealed ?
Yes No

Product Code, Name Model No.
5040 HELMETS

Age Determination Sample Available
YES NO

Destroyed by Date Destruction Authorized by
0070070000 0070070000

Reason (if sample is not available)

Shelf Location

Firm
BEL017 BELL SPORTS, INC.

Comments
To Scott Heh for analysis Q & D

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Say -

Please bring
bike helmet sample
to me - or call me

Mark

X1188

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Sample No. Sub No. Sub Info
99-792-0405

Collect Date Analysis Date Report Date Rpt Transmit
04/22/1999 04/26/1999 04/19/1999 0070070000

Sample Condition
Sample Sealed ?
 Yes No

Product Code, Name Model No.
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Age Determination
Sample Available
 YES NO

Reason (if sample is not available)

Shelf Location

Firm
BEL017 BELL SPORTS, INC.

Comments
To Scott Heh for analysis Q & D, helmets to S. on 4/26/99

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99-792-0405		SMPR3	JXD	RECEIVED	04/22/1999	----
99-792-0405		ESME	JXD	SEND	04/26/1999	ESME
99-792-0405		ESME	SRH	RECEIVED	04/26/1999	----

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TIME MANAGEMENT CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
4/23/99	PR + fund sym 076 to OCPA E Pik. Sample. arrived in Sample # 3 Entered + etc	1 ⁰

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TIME MANAGEMENT CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
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4/19/99

Email Report Receipt / PRHP's

1°

Case entered 99-150

letter (draft + ynotes)

Fax NO PD Examples

call to McBuffee

1.5°

4/20/99

Email RSV + PR Drafted
Call to / Posters
form

1°

4/20/99

McBuffee / call + email
Draft PR + Samples
coming / Data review
✓ w/ Scott Heh

1°

4/20/99

Drafted PR 99-150 ltr + form in
sect 15 DB CAP forms
+ al.

1.25°

4/21/99

Awaits Samples + Copies of draft
ltr to Healer etc.....
me PR + Tel con w/ McBuffee
+ E-mail

1°

4/21/99

Read drafts - e-mails + prepare comments
to Dean / Surf web pgz

1.5°

4/22/99

PR - Draft to OIPA -

4/22/99

Virus / OIPA has Draft. / Alan + Carlos

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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: 7-29-99,

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To: MS Adeyeye

Fax (301) 504-0359

At: USC Product Safety Commission

COMMENTS:

Here is the months for July.
Please call if you have any
questions,
Cheers
Erin.

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Monthly Progress Report for Corrective Action Plan

CASE #: RP990150

Compliance Officer: James DeMarco

Company Name: Bell Sports, Inc.

Product: BICYCLE HELMET

Reporting Dates, From: 7-2-99 To: 7-29-99 Total# of Affected Products: _____

D) PRODUCTS CORRECTED/CAPTURED BY YOUR FIRM:

Location of Products	Total Products	Corrections This Period	Total Corrections	Percentage Corrected
with Manufacturer	_____	_____	_____	_____
with Distributor	_____	_____	_____	_____
with Retailers	_____	_____	_____	_____
with Consumers	_____	<u>10</u>	<u>118</u>	_____
TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____	_____

II) NOTIFICATION MEASURES: (Using the categories listed below, record the number of notifications attempted by your firm during this reporting period, and record the total number of notifications to date.)

	Number for This Reporting Period	Total
Billing Insert	_____	_____
Direct Mail Letter	_____	_____
Magazine	_____	_____
Newspaper	_____	_____
Pediatrician Poster	_____	_____
Phone Call	_____	_____
Product Catalog	_____	_____
Radio	_____	_____
Retail Store Poster	_____	_____
Television	_____	_____
Video News Release	_____	_____
Web Site	_____	_____
Other/Unknown	_____	_____

III) CONSUMER AWARENESS: (Using the categories below, record the way, by numerical quantity, consumers told you they learned of the corrective action, i.e. consumer received direct mail, read magazine, etc.)

	Number for This Reporting Period	Total
Billing Insert	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Direct Mail Letter	<u>6</u>	<u>95</u>
Magazine	<u>116</u>	<u>28</u>
Newspaper	<u>4</u>	<u>39</u>
Pediatrician Poster	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Phone Call	<u>1</u>	<u>14</u>
Product Catalog	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Radio	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
Retail Store Poster	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
Television	<u>0</u>	<u>117</u>
Video News Release	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Web Site Hits	<u>4</u>	<u>18</u>
Other/Unknown	<u>33</u>	<u>149</u>

IV) Calls to 800 Number/Correspondence

	# From Customers This Reporting Period	Total
800 Number	<u>61</u>	<u>449</u>
E-mail	<u>4</u>	<u>18</u>
Written Requests	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

NOTE: Submit completed form by the **FIRST** of EACH MONTH to Tina Adeyeye at: United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance 4330 East West Highway, Room 613 Bethesda, MD 20814
 OR, fax report to (301) 504-0359. Address any questions to Ms. Adeyeye at (301) 504-0608, extension 1223

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

NOTICE OF INSPECTION

1. DATE 7/2/99	3. FROM (Area Office and Address) U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION 4330 East West Highway Bethesda, MD 20814
2. TIME A.M. 12:30 P.M.	

A. NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL DANNI MANZE, Floor Mgr.
B. FIRM NAME Bike Line
4. TO C. NUMBER AND STREET ADDRESS 813 Hockshorn Rd
D. CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE Montgomeryville, PA 18936-0008

Notice of inspection is hereby given pursuant to:

- Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. 1191 et seq.);
- Federal Trade Commission Act (15 U.S.C. 41 et seq.);
- Sections 16, 19 and 27 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2065, 2068 and 2076)
- Section 704(a) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 374(a)) [Authority for inspections in connection with the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970 (15 U.S.C. 1471 et seq.)] and/or
- Section 11(b) of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act as Amended (15 U.S.C. 1270(b)).

Refer to the back of this form for a discussion of inspectional authority and for pertinent statutory language.

E. PURPOSES OF INSPECTION AND NATURE OF INFORMATION TO BE OBTAINED AND/OR COPIED.

The purpose of this inspection is to obtain information; to review and obtain copies of items including but not limited to records, reports, books, documents; and labeling; and to obtain samples, in order to enforce or determine compliance with the Acts administered by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

F. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Those from whom information is requested should state whether any of the information submitted is believed to contain or relate to a trade secret or other matter which should be considered by the Commission to be confidential and whether any of the information is believed to be entitled to exemption from disclosure by the Commission under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (52 U.S.C. 552). Any statement asserting this claim of confidentiality must be in writing, and any request for exemption of the information from disclosure must be made in accordance with the Commission's Freedom of Information Act regulations, 16 CFR Part 1015.

7. SIGNATURE (Authorized CPSC Official)

Theresa Johnson, Investigator

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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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To: Tina Adeyeye At: US Consumer Product Safety
Fax 301 504 -0359

COMMENTS:

Here is our report Please let
me know if you have any question.
you can reach me at the following
~~over~~ above.

Best Regards
Erin McCarty

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Monthly Progress Report for Corrective Action Plan

CASE #: RP990150

Compliance Officer: James DeMarco

Company Name: Bell Sports, Inc.

Product: BICYCLE HELMET

Reporting Dates, From: 4-5-99 To: 5-26-99. Total# of Affected Products: 15787

I) PRODUCTS CORRECTED/CAPTURED BY YOUR FIRM:

Location of Products	Total Products	Corrections This Period	Total Corrections	Percentage Corrected
with Manufacturer	15787	15787	15787	100%
with Distributor	-	-	-	-
with Retailers	5800	1824	1824	31%
with Consumers	59	59	59	100%
TOTAL:				

II) NOTIFICATION MEASURES: (Using the categories listed below, record the number of notifications attempted by your firm during this reporting period, and record the total number of notifications to date.)

	Number for This Reporting Period	Total
Billing Insert	-	-
Direct Mail Letter	692	692
Magazine	4	4
Newspaper	-	-
Pediatrician Poster	-	-
Phone Call	-	-
Product Catalog	-	-
Radio	-	-
Retail Store Poster	1000	1000
Television	-	-
Video News Release	-	-
Web Site	2	2
Other/Unknown	-	-

III) CONSUMER AWARENESS: (Using the categories below, record the way, by numerical quantity, consumers told you they learned of the corrective action, i.e. consumer received direct mail, read magazine, etc.)

	Number for This Reporting Period	Total
Billing Insert	-	-
* Direct Mail Letter	-	-
Magazine	-	-
Newspaper	-	-
Pediatrician Poster	-	-
Phone Call	10	10
Product Catalog	-	-
Radio	5	5
Retail Store Poster	-	-
Television	112	112
Video News Release	-	-
** Web Site Hits	9	9
Other/Unknown	73	73

IV) Calls to 800 Number/Correspondence

	# From Customers This Reporting Period	Total
800 Number	282	282
E-mail	9	9
Written Requests	0	0

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OR, fax report to (301) 504-0359. Address any questions to Ms. Adeyeye at (301) 504-0608, extension 1223

consumers were notified by their dealers. (Dealer had rec'd our letter.)

** These inquiries were rec'd by email, so we assume they saw on website.

may 27-99

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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
Office of Compliance

Firm Name: Bell Sports, Inc.
Product: BMX Bicycle Helmet

File Number: RP990150
Priority: x

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN:

A. Notice:

Event:	Date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_press release	4/29/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_direct mail to over 600 dealers	4/19/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_point of purchase signs	4/19/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _x_advertising in trade journals BR/Velo	4/25/99
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _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: Corrected:

At Distributors: Corrected:

At Retailers & Consumers: 5,800 Corrected: tbd

E. Decision on corrective action:

Accept CAP and Monitor

Fast Track Product Recall Case

CAP APPROVALS:

Compliance Officer [Signature] 4/24/99

Attorney [Signature] 4/24/99

Associate Director, CRC [Signature] 4/27/98

Director, CRC [Signature] 4/27/97

(Only if CAP or CAP & Close approval)

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RECALL NOTICE

IMPORTANT SAFETY BULLETIN RE 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM, AND BELLISTIC BMX AND DOWNHILL HELMETS TO ALL DEALERS SELLING 1999 QUALIFIER, 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 CAUSE THE 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 DOWNHILL 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 DOWNHILL HELMETS, ALONG WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS, IN ORDER THAT BELL MAY COMMUNICATE WITH THEM DIRECTLY REGARDING THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER

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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.

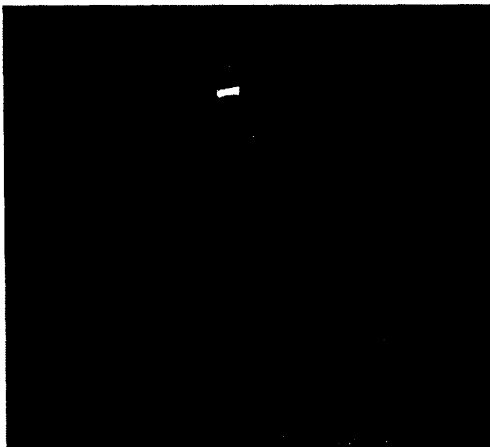
The models affected are sold under the names Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier. The date codes for the helmets are October 98 through March 99. They were sold to 690 Independent Bicycle Dealers for between \$90-\$125. The affected helmets have the model name Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier marked on 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.
Rt. 136 East
Rantoul, IL 61866
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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SAFETY ALERT FROM BELL SPORTS INC.

BELL SPORTS, INC. HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT SOME 1999 MODEL QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC 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 DISCONTINUE THE USE OF THE HELMET IMMEDIATELY, 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.

**DON L'HEUREUX
VICE PRESIDENT CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

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**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 ALL FURTHER SALES OF THE QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX HELMETS.**
- 2. RETURN ALL HELMETS TO BELL IMMEDIATELY. CALL 1 800 776-5677 TO OBTAIN AN RA NUMBER AND SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE HELMETS FREIGHT COLLECT. PLEASE ADDRESS ALL RETURNS TO ATTN: BMX DEPARTMENT.**
- 3. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR CUSTOMER LISTS TO IDENTIFY ALL PURCHASERS OF QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX 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.**
- 4. PLEASE FURNISH BELL A LISTING OF ALL PURCHASERS OF THE QUALIFIER, RHYTHM AND BELLISTIC BMX HELMETS, ALONG WITH THEIR ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS, IN ORDER THAT BELL MAY COMMUNICATE WITH THEM DIRECTLY REGARDING THIS MATTER.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

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Line	Prod	Cust #	Bill To Addr	Ship To Addr	ShlpDt	QtyOrd	QtyShip
1		79993	EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT	BIKE LINE OF MONTGOMERYVILLE 603 HORSHAM RD MONTGOMERYVILLE PA 18936 (615)361-7900/4			
2	Prod	215-361-7957			04/14/99	1	1
3		75008529					
4		79993	EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT	MOUNT AIRY BICYCLES 15780 BUSHNEY PARK RD WOBBERNE MD 21797 (301)831-5151/			
5	Prod	301-831-0111				1	0
6		750085218					
7		79993	EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT	SKI HAUS 845 SOUTH ROAD RT-9 BREUSTER NY 10509 (914)298-9597/			
8	Prod	408)370-1010/					
9		SAME				1	0
10		750085213					
11		79993	EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT	ACE BICYCLE COMPANY 3313 VILLAGE DRIVE CASTRO VALLEY CA 94546 (510)861-5000/			
12	Prod	510)861-5002			04/09/99	1	1
13		750085219					

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr BIKE LINE OF INVERNESS 5823 HWY 280 80- #105

(408)370-1010/ BIRMINGHAM AL 35242 (205)991-3335/

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(408)370-1010/ ShipDt QtyOrd QtyShip 04/09/99 1 1 (508)828-5900 750085219

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr BICYCLE BARN 839 READING ROAD EAST EARL PA 17519 (717)445-8508/*

(408)370-1010/ ShipDt QtyOrd QtyShip 04/21/99 1 1 750085219

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr STREIT'S SCHMINN CYCLERY 1274 E. SILVER-SPRING BLVD OCALA FL 34470 (352)629-2931 (352)629-2931 750085220

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Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN-HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr PITTSBURGH PRO BICYCLE 2012 MURRAY AVE PITTSBURGH PA 15217 (412)521-2453/*

Prod 412 521 1808 750085219 ShipDt 04/21/99 QtyOrd 1 QtyShip 1

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN-HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr DE VORE BICYCLE SHOP 4466 CLEVELAND AVENUE COLUMBUS OH 43231 (614)476-0962/*

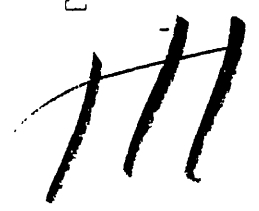
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Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN-HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr CYCLING AND FITNESS 411 E. FRANKLIN GASTONIA NC 28054 (704)865-5471/*

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Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN-HOUSE ACCOUNT Ship To Addr BIKE LINE OF BEL-AIR 5 BELLAIRE S. PARKWAY STE 1425 BELLAIRE MD 21015 (410)569-8207/*

Prod 410-569-7031 750085213 ShipDt 04/14/99 QtyOrd 1 QtyShip 1



Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN-HOUSE ACCOUNT

Ship To Addr WEST LIBERTY SCHUINN 2693 WEST LIBERTY AVENUE PITTSBURGH PA 15216 (412)343-4236/4

Prod 750085218 ShpDdt 04/14/99 QtyOrd 1 QtyShip 1

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT

Ship To Addr CENTRAL CYCLE INC 195 SQUIRE RD. REVERE MA 02151 (781)289-0761/*

Prod none ShpDdt 04/21/99 QtyOrd 1 QtyShip 1

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT

Ship To Addr SUMMIT CITY BIKE SHOP 3615 N. CLINTON FT WAYNE IN 46805 (219)464-0182/*

Prod 219 483 4931 ShpDdt 04/21/99 QtyOrd 3 QtyShip 3

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN-HOUSE ACCOUNT

Ship To Addr ROUTE 15 BICYCLE OUTLET LAKESIDE SHIPCTR-CTR 7-C ATTN: JOHN NICHOLSON LAKE HOPATCONG NJ 07849 (973)663-1935/

Prod (973)663-1964 ShpDdt 02/19/99 QtyOrd 1 QtyShip 1

Prod 750085217

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Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE AGGOUNT

Ship To Addr BICYCLE EXCHANGE 3121 LEE HIGHWAY ARLINGTON VA 22201 (703)522-1111/

Prod (408)370-1010/ ShipDt QtyOrd QtyShip

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Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT

Ship To Addr BIKETOWN USA 1604 DAWSONVILLE HWY CARNEVILLE GA 30501 (770)532-7090/*

Prod (408)370-1010/ ShipDt QtyOrd QtyShip

(770)532-5751 750085219 04/14/99 1 1

Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE ACCOUNT

Ship To Addr ANDY JORDANS BICYCLE CNTR 527 13 STREET AUGUSTA GA 30901 (706)724-2453/

Prod (408)370-1010/ ShipDt QtyOrd QtyShip

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Cust # 79993 Bill To Addr EXCHANGES-EASTERN REGION IN HOUSE AGGOUNT

Ship To Addr FOX FIRESTONE SCHUINN 331 CANAL STREET NEW SMYRNA BEAC FL 32069 (904)428-2212/

Prod (408)370-1010/ ShipDt QtyOrd QtyShip

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 MAPLES FL 34103
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 Ocala FL 34470
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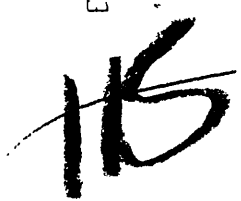
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 P. O. BOX 492708
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 (352)787-0114/

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 716 N. 14TH ST.
 LESSBURG FL 34748
 (352)787-0114/

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CURNEE IL 60031
 (647)662-8482/

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PALATINE IL 60067
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DE KALB IL 60115
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 TORRANCE CA 90501
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 ORLAND HILLS IL 60477
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US CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT REPORT DRAFT – FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY - DRAFT	PSA No.	0641.99	
	Case No.	RP990150	
	Requested By	James DeMarco, ext 1353	
	Regional Office	FOWR	
	Sample No.	99-792-0405	
	CPSC Seal		
	IDI No.		
Product:	BMX style bicycle helmet	Firm:	Bell Sports, Inc.
Request:	Test the chin straps on the helmets to the CPSC and ASTM bike helmet standards.		
Potential Hazard:	If the strap fails, the helmet could come off, increasing the risk of head and brain injury.		
Prepared by (Name and Title)		Reviewed by (Name and Title)	
Scott Heh, Mechanical Engineer		Nick Marchica – Director, Division of Mechanical Engineering	
Extension	1308		
Date	4/29/99	Date	4/29/99

Background:

The firm reported to the CPSC a defect in the chin straps in their Rhythm, Bellistic, and Qualifier helmet models. The firm is aware of one incident where the chin strap assembly became detached from a helmet during a crash. The defect is in the rivets that secure the chin straps to the helmet shell. The firm found that some helmets had improperly installed rivets that had an insufficient curl. The insufficient curl results in a less secure attachment of the chin strap with the helmet shell. According to the firm, helmets that have these defective rivets will still pass the chin strap requirements in the CPSC (and ASTM) bike helmet standards.

Testing and Findings:

The firm supplied four helmet samples. Two helmets had defective rivets and two helmets had repaired rivets. To verify that the reported defect does not result in a failure of the CPSC standard, the helmets with defective rivets were tested to the CPSC procedures for positional stability test (§ 1203.15) and retention system strength (§ 1203.16). The helmets passed the standard requirements for both tests. The chin straps did not break during either test and the chin straps kept the helmets on the test headform during the stability test. (Note: The elongation of the straps was not measured during the retention strength test because the electronic equipment was not available. The critical observation during these tests was to determine if the chin straps would break away from the defective rivets. It is break away, not elongation, that is the potential failure mode resulting from the defective rivets.)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

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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 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.

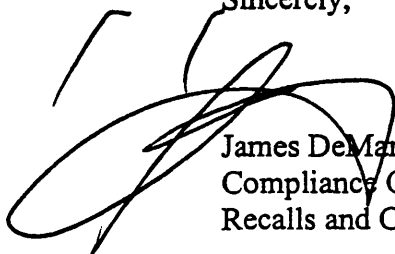
If the firm receives or learns of any information concerning other incidents or injuries, or information affecting the scope, prevalence or seriousness of the reported problem, it must report that information to this Office immediately. Additionally, if the firm receives information which might indicate 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,



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

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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.

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