

Sauder Woodworking Co.
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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE!

Option 1

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Fax Transmission Sheet

Date: 05/05/99
To: Jane Francis, Judith Hayes, US CPSC; Kathy Stewart, Potomac Video
From: Loren Roth *LR*
Subject: VNR SCRIPT-Take 2

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Attached, for your review, is the yesterday's script from Kathy with some changes and additions.

1. Sauder Furniture Company corrected to Sauder Woodworking Company
2. Describing injuries, Sauder suggests using the same wording as the press release.
3. Correct "swivel VCR shelf" to "swivel TV shelf".
4. Insert, "To help identify the carts, look for the Sauder name on the casters or on small metal plates inside the doors."
5. Add Sauder website address, www.sauder.com.

Regards,
Loren Roth
Corrective Action Coordinator

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SAUDER

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX 05/04/99.....1

SUGGESTED LEAD/

Woodworking

(PKG)

(NATS)

b-roll kids watching t-v

b-roll Ann

b-roll carts

SOT-Ann Brown

b-roll carts

still company

b-roll Kevin

Suggestion: use same wording as press release →

A WARNING TO CONSUMERS...NEARLY TWO-MILLION TELEVISION CARTS MADE BY SAUDER FURNITURE COMPANY ARE BEING RECALLED. REPORTER KATHY STEWART EXPLAINS THE REASON FOR THE RECALL.

(PKG)

(NATS) THIS SCENE GETS PLAYED OUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY EVERYDAY...KIDS WATCHING TELEVISION. BUT ANN BROWN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WARNS PARENTS TO BEWARE... THE CART YOUR T-V IS ON MAY NOT BE AS SAFE AS IT SEEMS.

(SOT-Ann Brown)

"These TV carts can tip over. The falling cart and TV can seriously injure a child. We want consumers to know that this is a hidden danger."

SAUDER HAS RECEIVED 13 REPORTS OF THESE CARTS TIPPING OVER, RESULTING IN TWO

INJURIES. A THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL SUFFERED ~~received~~ A skull fracture ~~FRACTURED HER SKULL~~ AND A WOMAN ~~WAS~~ ^{Bumped} ~~HIT~~ HER

HEAD. KEVIN SAUDER, PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY, A LEADING MANUFACTURER OF READY-TO-ASSEMBLE ~~WOOD~~ FURNITURE, SAYS THESE INCIDENTS PROMPTED HIM TO TAKE ACTION.

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SAUDER

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SOT-Kevin Sauder

(SOT-Sauder person)

"We're working together with the U.S.

Consumer Product Safety Commission to fix this problem as fast as possible. And we want the public to know that Sauder is committed to consumer safety."

To help identify the carts, look for the Sauder name on the casters or on small metal plates inside the doors.

THE TV/VCR CARTS BEING RECALLED COME IN BROWN, BLACK OR WHITE OAK. THEY HAVE DOUBLE DOORS, A SWIVEL ^{TV}VCR SHELF AND CASTERS. THEY COST 35 TO 49 DOLLARS AND WERE SOLD AT DISCOUNT AND OTHER RETAIL FURNITURE STORES NATIONWIDE FROM MARCH 1989 TO SEPTEMBER 1998.

SOT-Anni Brown

(ANN BROWN-SOT)

"If you have one of these carts, remove the TV and VCR and call the toll-free number to get a free repair kit right away."

b-roll repair kit
b-roll cart with kit

SAUDER WILL SEND A FREE REPAIR KIT TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE RECALL. THE COMPANY SAYS THE KIT WILL PREVENT THE CART FROM TIPPING OVER. KATHY STEWART REPORTING.

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SUGGESTED TAG:
GRAPHIC: Sauder Repair Kit
(888) 800-4590

(TAG)

YOU CAN CALL SAUDER AT 888-800-4590

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN

SEVEN A-M AND 11 P-M EASTERN TIME

FOR A FREE REPAIR KIT OR YOU CAN

CLICK THE SAUDER WEB SITE AT

~~2997777~~. *www.Sauder.com*

(3)

Author: Jane Francis at CPSC-HQ1

Date: 5/3/99 3:15 PM

Priority: Urgent

Receipt Requested

TO: kathys@newsworldtv.com at INTERNET-MAIL, lroth@sauder.com at INTERNET-MAIL

Subject: Sauder soundbite

Two slight changes to Sauder soundbites:

- Three*
- 1) Add U.S. before Consumer Product....
 - 2) Change "simple" to "easy" when talking about installing repair kit.
 - 3) Add that Sauder is recalling the carts and providing the repair kit.

With these changes made, CPSC approves the Sauder soundbites.

"We're working together with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to fix this problem as fast as possible. And we want the public to know that Sauder is committed to consumer safety and to ~~doing the right thing~~"

"We're recalling the carts and providing consumers with a free repair kit that is easy to install. The kit will stabilize the cart and prevent it from tipping over."

Also, wanted to let you know that Potomac requests different soundbites for Chairman Brown to make the video work better. Will forward these to you for your approval once they are approved here at CPSC.

Thanks

- Potomac filming Thurs. 5/6 2:45 Chairman in Congressional hearing room
- edit on Friday - 5/7
- Friday viewing of VNR in @ITPA
- to issue 5/13 - pr + VNR

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Date: 04/30/99
To: Judith Hayes
Company: Consumer Products Safety Commission Fax: 301 504 0359
From: Loren Roth *Loren Roth*
Subject: SAUDER 5155 RECALL - MISC.

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PRESS RELEASE - Following up on our telephone conversation this morning, attached is the clarified press release. Additions are bold. The identifying phrase, "on a caution label on the back of the cart" is deleted. The caution label does not have Sauder's name on it.

These changes affect the press release, consumer letter, and retail poster.

VNR - Sauder is shipping 5155s to arrive at Potomac on Tuesday, May 4. Shooting of the VNR is targeted for May 5. The script and shot list are being drafted. We recognize CPSC needs to review the shot list and script prior to actual shooting. Thank you for updating Jane Francis for me.

SOUNDBITE - Here is the proposed VNR soundbite for Kevin Sauder, Sauder Woodworking:

"Sauder is working together with the CPSC to address concerns about TV carts tipping. The free repair kit is simple to install. If you have questions about whether your TV cart is affected by this recall, please call us for assistance in identifying the cart and to order the free repair kit. Sauder is committed to consumer safety."

Regards,
SAUDER WOODWORKING CO.

Loren Roth
Recall Coordinator

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News from CPSC

Draft Press Release 4/30/1999

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Sauder has received 13 reports of these carts tipping over and the TV falling. Two injuries have been reported. A three-year-old girl suffered a skull fracture, and an adult woman suffered a bump to the head and a cut finger.

The television carts being recalled are models 5155 (brown oak), 5055 (black oak), or 5251 (white oak). Most of the carts have the name "Sauder" on the casters or on a metal plate on the inside of the cart's doors. The carts measure 29.5 inches wide, 25 inches high with casters and 15.5 inches deep. The carts can hold a television and a VCR. The shelf holding the television swivels, and there is a bottom shelf with hinged double doors.

Discount stores, home centers, and other furniture retailers nationwide sold these television carts from March 1989 through September 1998 for \$35 - \$49. The carts were sold ready-to-assemble.

Consumers should remove their televisions and VCRs from the carts immediately and call Sauder toll-free at (888) 800-4590 between 7 AM and 11 PM ET Monday – Friday to order a free repair kit. The repair kit will help prevent the cart from tipping over.

LINE DRAWING OF 5155

Provided to Jane 5/4/99

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Date: 04/28/99

To: Judith Hayes

Company: Consumer Product Safety Commission

From: Loren Roth *[Signature]*

Subject: 5155 RECALL - DRAFT CONSUMER NOTIFICATION MATERIALS

notes
4/29/99

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Attached, for your review and approval, are the following:

1. Front of the Consumer Notification Card.
2. Reverse side and text of the Consumer Notification Card.
3. Point of Purchase Counter Card.

The counter card will be self-supporting and 11" x 19" in size. Discount retailers, such as K-mart, sold the majority of the recalled units. Sauder intends to ask these retailers to display the counter cards in the furniture display and in the stores Customer Service area. Most discount retail stores do not have room to place signs by the many checkout aisles. Customer Service desks are usually conveniently placed for consumers to see signs. Placing the notification in the furniture area is also a good way to notify a large group of consumers.

I called Ms. Jane Francis earlier today. Unfortunately, she was not in so I left a message giving her a brief update of the progress Sauder has made on the recall. I also left Sauder's telephone number if she has any questions.

Finally, we have received your fax with the approved text for the press release and Chairman Brown's text.

Regards,
SAUDER WOODWORKING CO.

Loren Roth
Recall Coordinator

Call to Roth
4/29 - poster
& warranty card
ok

[Signature]

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Consumer Notification Letter-Front

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Sauder records indicate you purchased a TV/VCR cart that has been recalled for safety concerns. The model was produced in three colors: #5155 (brown oak), #5055 (black oak), or #5251 (white oak). About 2 million of these carts were sold between 1989-1998. Sauder has received 13 reports of these carts tipping and the TV falling. Two injuries have been reported. A 3-year-old suffered a skull fracture, and an adult woman suffered a bump to the head and a cut finger.

Please remove the television and VCR from your cart immediately and call Sauder toll-free at the number listed below between 7 AM and 11 PM EDT to order a free repair kit. The repair kit will help prevent the cart from tipping over.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

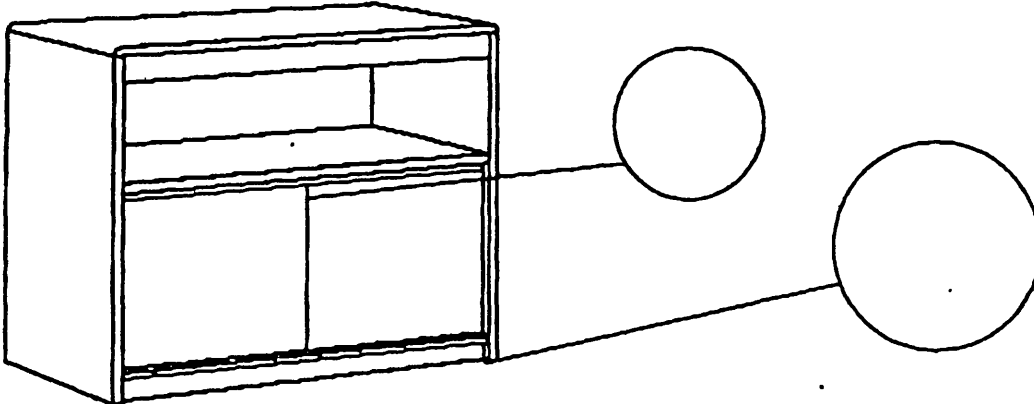


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Consumer Notification Letter - Reverse

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IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE



TO ALL OWNERS OF:

TV/VCR Cart Model #5155 (brown oak)
 #5055 (black oak)
 #5251 (white oak)

Sauder Woodworking Co. is recalling about 2 million TV/VCR carts sold between 1989-1998 after receiving 13 reports of these carts tipping and the TV falling.

Most of the carts have the name Sauder on the casters, on a caution label on the back of the cart, or on a metal plate inside the cart's doors. The carts measure 29-1/2 inches wide, 25 inches high with casters, and 15-1/2 inches deep. The shelf holding the television swivels.

If you own one of these models, call Sauder toll-free at the number listed below between 7AM and 11PM EST to order a free repair kit. The repair kit will help prevent the cart from tipping over.



1-888-800-4590

Self-Supporting Counter Card.

Actual size: 11" x 19"

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TO: Loren Roth

TITLE: _____

OFFICE: Jawler

FAX #: 419-446-4944

FROM: Judith Hays

REMARKS: Chairman's poundbite
and revised press release

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Handwritten initials/signature

Soundbites from CPSC Chairman Ann Brown

Sauder TV Cart: Taping at with TelePrompTer
HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE SUADER?

"These TV carts can tip over. The falling cart and TV can seriously injure a child. This is a danger you may not even be aware of until it's too late. If you have one of these carts, remove the TV and VCR, and call the toll-free number to get a free repair kit right away."

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(tv cart)

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[CPSC recommends that consumers use angle-braces or anchors to secure furniture to the wall and that they place TVs on lower furniture, as far back as possible.]

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recommended
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delete. 4/22/99

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Soundbites from CPSC Chairman Ann Brown

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for Jane 4/26/99


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Date: 04/23/99
To: Judith Hayes
Company: Consumer Products Safety Commission Fax: 301 504 0359
From: Loren Roth 
Subject: VNR SOUNDBITES CPSC CA980039

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Attached is Sauder's response to the proposed VNR soundbite. My understanding is that including the Chairman's soundbite in the VNR is Sauder's decision. Since work on the VNR script has not yet begun, Sauder has not made any decision regarding soundbites.

Also, later today or early Monday, I will fax you a summary of my notes from our various telephone conversations this week. This will ensure we are both drawing the same conclusions from our conversations.

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~~Soundbite from CPSC Chairman Ann Brown~~

~~CPSC Sauder TV Cart: Taping at with TelePrompTer~~
HOW DO YOU PRONOUNCE SAUDER?

"These TV carts are not stable and they can tip over seriously injuring or even killing a child. This is a danger you may not even be aware of until it's too late. If you have one of these carts, remove the TV and VCR, and call the toll-free number to get a free repair kit right away."

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Author: Judith P. Hayes at CPSC-HQ2

Date: 4/26/99 9:53 AM

Normal

TO: Jane Francis at CPSC-HQ1

Subject: Re: Chairman's soundbite

----- Message Contents

Jane,

This is the firm's revision re the soundbite:

" These TV carts may tip over. The falling TV can seriously injure a child. This is a danger you may not even be aware of until it's too late. If you have one of these carts, remove the TV and VCR, and call the toll-free number to get a free repair kit right away."

Reply Separator

Subject: Chairman's soundbite

Author: Jane Francis at CPSC-HQ1

Date: 4/21/99 3:30 PM

<WP Attachment Enclosed>

Judith, please provide this to the company--it's what we propose Chairman Brown say as her soundbite.

Also, Kathleen wants to add information in the press release about furniture tipover injuries/accidents in general and about a recent death that occurred when a tv hit a toddler on the head and the child died.

Russ and Kathleen are reviewing the press release now and I'll email it to you when they've okayed it.

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FAX #: 419-446-4944

FROM: Judith Hayes

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Author: Jane Francis at CPSC-HQ1
Date: 4/21/99 3:59 PM
Normal
TO: Judith P. Hayes at CPSC-HQ2
Subject: Revised PR--see last 2 paragraphs

----- Message Contents

Judith...it's looking like Kathleen would like to issue this May 3, 4,
or 5---again, nothing set yet.

memo
- As per AS - it may go
the second wk in of 99.
Check w/ Bush re their schedule
Attempt to do together if
possible.
As per Ann S. & Begala
PR + VNR to go wk
of 5/10/99

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Author: Jane Francis at CPSC-HQ1
Date: 4/20/99 10:40 AM
Normal
TO: Judith P. Hayes at CPSC-HQ2
Subject: UPDATE

----- Message Contents

Judith, I'll check with Russ and Kathleen about a possible release date next week....do you really think it will be ready, including vnr by then?

I've indicated ?'s I have in the release and I've left you a voice mail.

Before any shooting takes place for the video, we need to approve their slates and shot list...we need to get time on the Chairman's schedule for a soundbite. They can fax the shot list and slates over for our review,

- 4/21/99 Informed Ruth of following for OIPA
- ✓ - slates = language
- ✓ - shot list = scenes w/in VNR
- ✓ - pronunciation of "Sauden" (for Chairman sound bite) need

"how"
Sawder

confirmation of release date for VNR + p.r., products-available; retail + dist. notice ready?

both
more so
than Ruth

refer to Jane F. for OIPA assist. on VNR - R1187, 301-504-0580

- ✓ - 6 mos. = dedicated line (minimum)
- ✓ - 6 mos. = gen. 800 line w/ guidance to recall

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MS
The last page (above) is the message Begala wants to add. I have concern re the last sentence (Considering Bush's argument) as well as the statements re the PA death.

Judy H.
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4:20 pm

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~~SAMPLES DO WE HAVE? CAN WE GET 5 SAMPLES?~~ ^{yes}

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~~_____~~ ~~FOR BACKGROUND, NEED LIST OF STORES BY STATE SEELING CARTS~~ ^{being gathered at this date}

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Three television cart models are being recalled: models 5155, 5251 and 5055. (JANE, THE MODEL NUMBER IS NOT ON THE CARTS) The wooden carts are brown OAK, black OAK or white OAK. THE CARTS MEASURE 29.5 INCHES WIDE, 25 INCHES HIGH WITH CASTERS AND 15.5 INCHES DEEP. The carts can hold a television and a VCR, the shelf holding the television swivels, and there is a bottom shelf with hinged double doors. Most of the carts can be identified with the name "Sauder" on the casters, a caution label on the back, or on a metal plate on the inside of the door.

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"Sauder Woodworking is committed to consumer safety and is reacting quickly to the Consumer Product Safety Commission's concern about ready-to-assemble TV/VCR carts," said Kevin Sauder, president for Sauder Woodworking. ((Jane, I'm not crazy about this statement, and I informed the firm about my impression. What do you think?))

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Fax Transmission Sheet

Date: 04/16/99
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From: Loren Roth
Subject: 5155 RECALL PRESS RELEASE - CPSC CA980039

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1. Attached is a draft press release for your review. Written text for the Retail Poster and VNR will be based on the press release. Therefore, Sauder thinks it is best for us to agree on the press release and then Sauder will submit text for the Retail Poster and the VNR script.

Please advise us on the press release as soon as possible.

2. Instructions for the retrofit are revised and will be faxed to you separately for approval.

3. Screw length for the retrofit kit. The retrofit uses the longest screws possible. Longer screws would push through the bottom of the 5155 cart. In addition, Sauder's test lab did a quick test on the strength of the screws. Four hundred (400) pounds were placed on the front of the swivel top for 24 hours. The screws held. The 5155 cart is rated for a 95 pound 27 inch TV. I trust this will resolve the concerns of CPSC engineering staff.

Regards,
SAUDER WOODWORKING CO.

Loren Roth
Loren Roth

Corrective Action Coordinator

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Three television cart models are being recalled: models 5155, 5251, 5055. The wooden carts are brown oak, black oak, or white oak. The carts measure 29-½ in. wide by 15-½ in. deep by 25-¼ in. high. They have a swivel top, two hinged doors, and hidden casters. Most can be identified with the name "Sauder" on the casters, a caution label on the back, or on a metal plate on the inside of the door.

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LINE DRAWING OF 5155

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Discount stores nationwide sold these television carts from _(month)_ 1991 to _(month)_ 1996 for about \$39.

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PHOTO

LOREN, AS A REMINDER, PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. We will need a list of retail stores by state that sold the carts, a draft copy of the retailer poster, a draft of the distributor/retailer recall notice .
2. The VNR is negotiated and agreed to at all stages, just like the press release. Please provide a draft as soon as possible.
3. Once draft press release is reviewed, please contact me to discuss its language and any additional information that is to be provided.

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Need list of stores by state selling carts. How did we hear about the problem?

Why are they tipping over? How exactly does repair work? Is it easy to do? Need any tools?

Need samples of cart and repair kit. Need city/state/date of incidents—including incidents with injuries If sold since 1991, why just now recalling? Why stop selling in 1996 or did they change the design?

If doing a vnr, remember the vnr is negotiated and agreed to at all stages, just like the press release.

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Sauder has received eleven reports of these carts tipping over when the carts were rolled on their casters, as a television was placed on top of the cart, as the cart doors were opened, as a consumer leaned on the television cart doors, and a television was sitting on the television cart and it tipped without any interference. Sauder has received two injury reports when the television cart tipped over. A young female received a skull fracture and an adult received a bumped head and a cut finger.

Sauder is recalling television cart models 5155, 5251 and 5055. The three models are the same designed television/VCR cart, however, 5155 is brown oak, 5251 is white wash oak and 5055 is painted black. The television carts have a swivel top and four casters. The carts consist of a bottom shelf with hinged double doors and an open top shelf. The carts measure 29 ½ inches wide, 25 inches high with casters and 15 ½ inches deep.

Discount retail stores nationwide sold these television/VCR carts from (month) 1991 to (month) 1996 for about \$39.

Consumers with these recalled television/VCR carts should remove the television from the cart immediately and call Sauder at (800) between a.m. and p.m. (to determine what days 800 available). Consumers will receive a free retrofit kit to help prevent the television/VCR cart from tipping over.

*to Francis
4/7/99*

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Discussion

The installation of the new base extension increases the overall height of the TV cart by $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, however the TV cart also has a larger footprint from front-to-back through the casters. The large base extension extends the TV cart's overall depth by $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. The dimension from the front caster axle to the rear caster axle increases from $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches to $16\frac{1}{4}$ inches. This larger footprint makes the cart more stable. The new base extension did not change the side-to-side footprint, which remains at 28 inches.

Conclusion

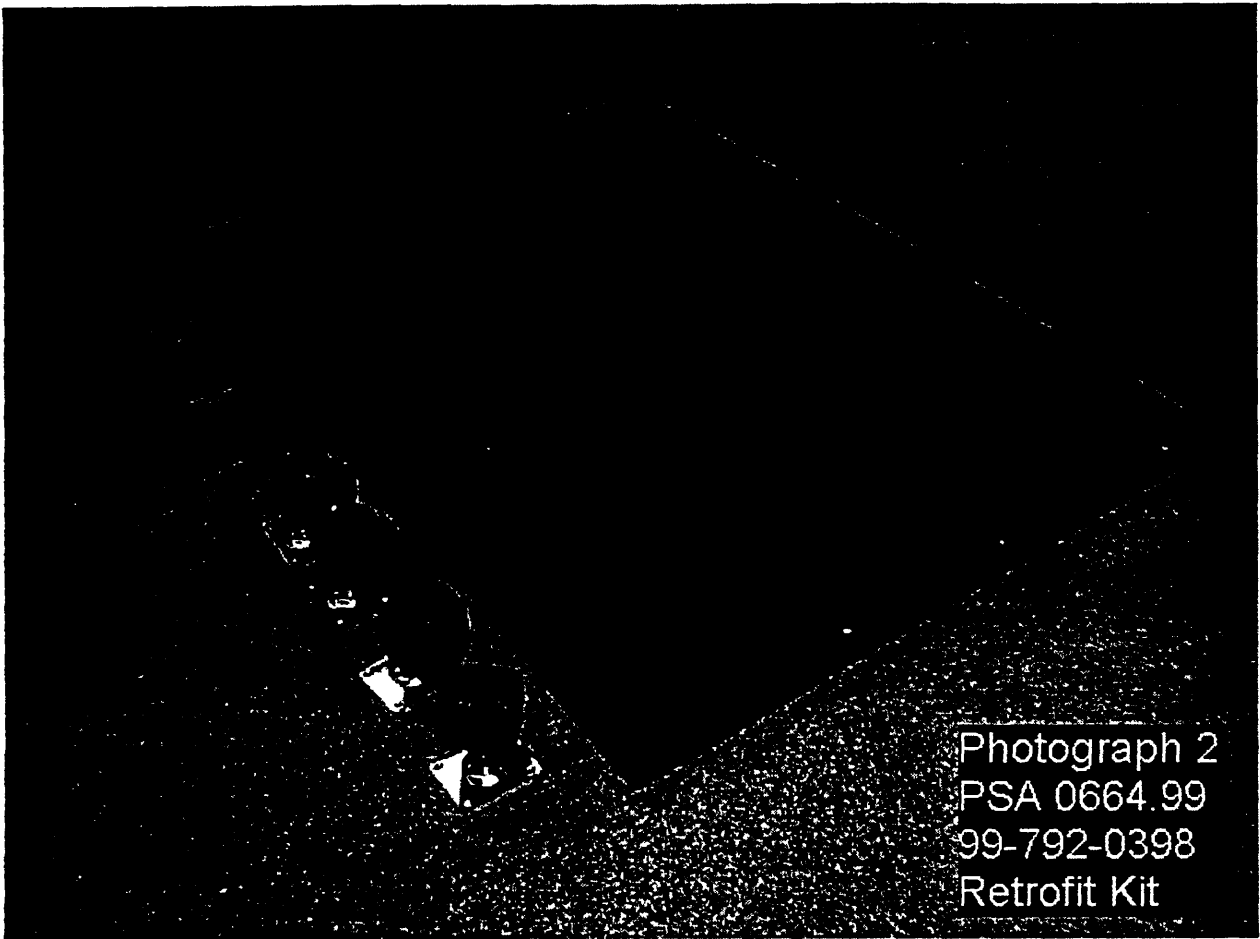
Based on the results of testing to the Tip Stability Test procedure of UL 1678, installing the new TV cart base extension retrofit kit, Sample No. 99-792-0398, allows the TV cart to comply with the UL voluntary standard and not tip over. The instructions to install the retrofit kit are clear and adequate for the consumer to understand.

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Photograph 1
PSA 0664.99
98-793-0364
TV Cart with
Test Fixture

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Photograph 2
PSA 0664.99
99-792-0398
Retrofit Kit

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ENGINEERING REPORT FOR SECTION 15	PSA # 0437.99	FOCR
	CASE # CA980039	
	SAMPLE NO: 99-792-0225	
	CPSC SEAL: N/A	
	REF: 0021.99 and 0979.98	
TO: Judith Hayes, CCA		
THROUGH: reviewed by George F. Sushinsky, Mechanical Engineer, Directorate of Laboratory Sciences		
DATE: March 31, 1999		
FIRM: Sauder Woodworking, Archbold, OH		
PRODUCT: Retrofit kit #3 for TV cart, Model 5155		
POTENTIAL HAZARD: Cart may unexpectedly tip over		
EVALUATION REQUESTED: Test cart with retrofit device according to UL 1678 (tip stability standard). Test is to be conducted with casters on the cart.		
Laboratory Analyst: submitted by Frank A. Vitaliti, Mechanical Engineer, LSE (301) 413-0178		Date: March 29, 1999

Background

The sample is a retrofit kit for Sauder TV cart Model 5155. It consists of two extension moldings, sixteen 2-inch screws, an anti-skid pad, caution label, and a two-page instruction sheet titled "5055/5155/5251 Repair Kit." The firm also sent 16 photographs showing various stages of the retrofit kit installation process.

The dimensions of the large extension molding are 29-1/2

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inches wide by 1-1/2 inches high by 6-3/4 inches deep, and the dimensions of the small extension molding are 28-3/16 inches wide by 1-1/2 inches high by 2-7/8 inches deep. See Photographs 1 and 2. These retrofit extension moldings are made of a cellulose type hard board material. In order to install the retrofit, the casters and lower skirt need to be removed from the TV cart. The moldings are attached to the bottom of the cart between the base and the casters. Each molding is applied to the base of the TV cart with 2-inch long, pan-head screws supplied by the manufacturer. The large molding is installed to the bottom front of the cart; the small molding is installed to the bottom rear. (Refer to the repair kit instructions.) The casters are reinstalled to the new extension moldings. Photograph 3 shows the TV cart with the retrofit installed.

The PSA requests LSE staff to test the TV cart (Model 5155), with the retrofit and casters installed, in accordance to UL 1678 Household, Commercial, and Professional-Use Carts and Stands, tip stability test procedure. The cart was originally tested to the UL 1678 Standard in PSA 979.98, and did not comply with the tip stability requirement. This retrofit kit is the third retrofit given to CPSC by the firm for this TV cart. The previous two retrofit kits were tested in PSA No. 021.99

Testing

The UL 1678 standard specifies using a "test fixture" to simulate a TV. It consists of a triangular-shaped metal frame with an adjustable sliding base with two sliding rails, and various weights. The center of gravity (CG) of the test fixture can be adjusted in the vertical and horizontal planes per simulated television load parameters listed in the standard in Figure 13.1 and Table 13.1. This TV cart is designed to support up to a 27-inch TV and UL states that the test fixture's total weight is 95 lbs. and its CG is 11 inches from its supporting surface.

After the weights are mounted on the test fixture, it is adjusted to balance when tipped about its front edge. The angle to which the fixture is tipped is referred to as the "angle of unstable equilibrium." For a 27-inch TV, the angle of unstable equilibrium is 20 degrees. At this angle, the test fixture is

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stable in the forward direction and will tip over in the forward direction when the angle is increased by one degree. Refer to the LSE document titled TV Cart Stability Test Procedure describe this setup procedure in more detail.

The test was performed by first placing the TV cart on a 10-degree inclined plane, then placing the test fixture on the supporting surface of the cart with an anti-skid pad under each sliding rail. With the new extension molding retrofit installed, the test fixture did not cause the TV cart to tip over.



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Discussion

With the extension moldings installed, the TV cart has a larger footprint front-to-back through the casters. The large extension molding extends the TV cart's footprint by 4-1/4 inches. (The dimension from the rear caster swivel axle to the front caster swivel axle increases from 11-1/4 inches to 15-1/2 inches.) This larger footprint makes the cart more stable. The new extension moldings did not change the side-to-side footprint, which remains at 23-1/2 inches from caster swivel axle to axle.

Conclusion

Based on the results of testing to the Tip Stability Test procedure of UL 1678, installing the TV cart extension molding retrofit kit, Sample No. 99-792-0225, allows the TV cart to comply with the tip stability requirements of the UL 1678 voluntary standard and not tip over.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT REPORT DRAFT- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY- DRAFT		PSA No: 0472.99	FOCR
		CASE: CA980039	
		REQUESTOR: Judith Hayes	
		SAMPLE: 97-491-0731(cart); 99-792-0225(retrofit)	
		CPSC SEAL: None	
		IDI No: None	
PRODUCT: Television cart and retrofit		FIRM: Sauder Woodworking	
REQUEST: The Recalls and Compliance Division requested the Division of Human Factors to review the retrofit instructions and comment on the likelihood that consumers would be able to follow the instructions without difficulty and correctly install the retrofit.			
POTENTIAL HAZARD: Cart may tip over			
Prepared by: Sharon R. White, Engineering Psychologist	DATE: 3/24/99 EXT: 1286	Reviewed by: Robert B. Ochsman, Ph.D., Director, Division of Human Factors	DATE: 3/24/99

Background

The subject product is a TV cart (model 5155) with a swivel top and casters. It consists of a bottom shelf with hinged double doors and an open top shelf. It measures 25 1/4 inches high x 29 1/2 inches wide. Based on documents supplied by the firm as well as Compliance files, there are 39 incidents involving this model. Eleven of the 39 incidents involved tip over. Of the 11 incidents, 4 occurred when victims were moving the cart, 1 occurred when the TV was being placed on the cart, 2 occurred when the TV was sitting on the cart and the cart tipped without external action, 1 when the victim opened the doors to the unit and the swivel top turned slightly, and 2 occurred for unknown reasons. One involved a complaint in which the consumer stated that leaning on the doors will cause the product to tip over.

To prevent future occurrences of tip over incidents, the firm has proposed, as a retrofit, extending the base of the cart. The repair kit includes 2 extension moldings, one measuring 2.87 inches long x 28.12 inches wide and the other 6.68 inches long x 28.12 inches wide. The remainder of the kit includes 1 anti-skid pad, a caution label, and hardware.

Discussion

The repair essentially involves extending the base of the cart. With the repair, the utility of the cart is maintained, yet, step 3 of the instructions conveys the opposite message. Step 3 tells users to discard the casters. This is likely unintentional and would be discovered by consumers as they

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are completing the repair. Overall, the instructions are relatively easy to carry out and should pose no major problems for consumers. Suggested changes are provided below.

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Content

Step 3 should be revised to state: Carefully position your unit as shown. Remove the four **CASTERS** and **LOWER SKIRT** from the bottom. To do so, remove all **SCREWS** from the **CASTERS** and **ANGLE BRACKETS**. Save the **SCREWS**. Some will be used later. Discard the **LOWER SKIRT**.

Graphics

Suggestions for improving the graphic next to step 3 include labeling the angle brackets and lower skirt for easy identification. The caption below this graphic needs to be made consistent with the suggested changes in step 3. Identifying the back of the cart (with the word **BACK**) and the swivel and nonswivel casters in the last graphic on page 2 may assist in correct installation.

Other

The top of the instructions next to the parts and hardware supplied should include the tool(s) needed.

Conclusion

Overall, the instructions are relatively easy to carry out and should pose no major problems for consumers. Suggested changes are provided.

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PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA) TECHNICAL EVALUATION REQUEST

PSA ACTION (FOR PSA COORDINATOR USE ONLY)

PSA Number :

Date Processed :

Date Requested :

Due Date :

Field Off :FOCR

Case # :CA980039

Org. Code :CCH

Priority :B

Requested Completion Date :To be negotiated with Sharon White, however, needed ASAP

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Manufacturer : Sauder Woodworking

City :Archbold

State :OH

Product : Television Cart and retrofit

NEISS Code : 1650

Brand and name, model, etc. : model 5155 TV cart and retrofit design #3

Sample number : 97-491-0731 (cart) and 99-792-0225 (retrofit device)

Sample Disposition: Return to Requester

Store at Warehouse

Other :

PI Number :

TECHNICAL EVALUATION REQUESTED: HF, Sharon White, review retrofit instructions. Comment on the likelihood that consumers would be able to follow the instructions without difficulty and correctly install the retrofit.

PSA ASSESSMENT: Dates: From : To :

Sort by Mfg.: Yes No

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NEISS Comments

NEISS Estimates

Death

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HAZARD : cart may tip over

HAZARD CODE : 32301

COPIES OF Samples: with C.O.

Files: with C.O.

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PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT (PSA) TECHNICAL EVALUATION REQUEST

PSA ACTION (FOR PSA COORDINATOR USE ONLY)
PSA Number

:0437.99

Date Processed :3/2/99

Requested by : Judith Hayes

Org. Code :XCA

Field Off :

Date Requested

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Date Submitted :3/2/99

Priority :

Case # :CA980039

Due Date:

Requested Completion Date : to be negotiated with Frank Vitaliti

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Assigned to

Manufacturer :Sauder Woodworking

City :Archbold

State :OH

Organization: :LM

Product : Television cart and retrofit design

NEISS Code :1650

Technical Off. :Vitaliti

Brand name, model, etc. : Model 5155 TV cart, and retrofit device design # 3

Request Summary:

Sample number :97-491-0731 (cart) and 99-792-0225 (retrofit device)

Sample Disposition: Return to Requester Store at Warehouse Other :

IDI Number :not applicable

EVALUATION REQUESTED: ES - Frank Vitaliti - Test cart with retrofit device according to UL 1678 (tip stability standard). Test is to be conducted with casters on the cart. Provide verbal response prior to written response.

Comments:

EPI ASSESSMENT: Dates: From : To : Sort by Mfg.: Yes No

IDI IPI NEISS Comments NEISS Estimates Death NFIRS

HAZARD : cart may unexpectedly tip over HAZARD CODE :32301

Samples: to be sent to ESEL week of 3/1/98

Files: Copy of instruction sheet faxed to Vitaliti on 3/2/99

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* CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION ENGINEERING REPORT FOR SECTION 15	PSA # 0226.99	FOER
	CASE # CA980039	
	SAMPLE NOS: 97-491-0731 and 99-490-1101, Subs 3 & 4	
	CPSC SEAL: N/A	
	REF: 0979.98 and 0021.99	
TO: Judith Hayes, CCA		
THROUGH: reviewed by George F. Sushinsky, Mechanical Engineer, Directorate of Laboratory Sciences (301) 413-0172		
DATE: March 1, 1999		
FIRM: Sauder Woodworking Archbold, OH		
PRODUCT: Swivel TV cart, Model 5155 with 1-7/16" retrofit molding		
POTENTIAL HAZARD: TV cart may tip over causing various bodily injuries		
EVALUATION REQUESTED: Determine amount of force required to cause cart to tip over on level plane. Force to be applied to molding in a downward pulling motion at three positions: center, left and right sides. Simulate a child using cart's front edge to pull himself up into a standing position. Perform evaluation with and without casters.		
Laboratory Analyst: submitted by Frank A. Vitaliti, Mechanical Engineer, LSE (301) 413-0178		Date: February 26, 1999

Background

The product is a television (TV) cart with a swivel top, four casters, and the larger retrofit molding for Model 5155. See Photographs 1 and 2. The dimensions of the cart without the molding are 29-1/2 inches wide by 24 inches high without casters (25 inches high with casters installed) by 15-1/2 inches deep. The molding is fastened to the top front edge of the cart's supporting surface, or swivel top, and measures 28-1/2 inches wide by 5/8 inch high by 1-7/16 inches deep.

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The PSA requests LSE staff to determine the amount of force required to cause the cart to tip over on a level plane. The force is to be applied to the retrofit molding in three different positions, one at a time: the center, the right side and the left side. The force is to be applied in a downward pulling motion to simulate a young child using the cart's front edge to pull himself up into a standing position. Evaluation is requested to be performed with and without the cart's casters installed.

No IDI was provided in the file for this product.

Testing

The test is setup by placing the TV cart on a level surface and mounting the test fixture onto the cart. The UL 1678 standard specifies using a "test fixture" to simulate a TV. It consists of a triangular-shaped metal frame with an adjustable sliding base with two sliding rails, and various weights. The center of gravity (CG) of the test fixture can be adjusted in the vertical and horizontal planes per simulated television load parameters listed in the Standard in Figure 13.1 and Table 13.1. Model 5155 TV cart is designed to support up to a 27-inch TV. For this size TV, UL gives the test fixture's total weight as 95 lb and its CG as 11 inches from its supporting surface.

After the weights are mounted on the test fixture, the test fixture is adjusted to balance when tipped about its front edge. The angle to which the fixture is tipped is referred to as the "angle of unstable equilibrium." For a 27-inch TV, the angle of unstable equilibrium is 20 degrees. At this angle, the test fixture is stable in the forward direction and will tip over in the forward direction when the angle is increased by one degree. Refer to the LSE document titled TV Cart Stability Test Procedure to describe this setup procedure in more detail.

The cart was tested both with the casters installed and with the casters removed. Two 1/4-inch thick metal blocking plates were taped to the floor to prevent the cart from rolling forward when the force was applied. With the casters removed, the bottom front edge of the cart, or kick plate, contacted the blocking plates.

The pull force was applied to the cart's retrofit molding to cause the cart to tip over. A C-clamp was used to grip the molding in each of three locations: first in the center, and then one inch in from each end (left end and right end) of the molding. The force was also applied in two directions: horizontally (maintaining perpendicularity to the front edge of the molding), and then downward at a 45 degree angle. The pull force was increased to the point that the cart began to tip

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over. At that point, the force was measured with a force gage. The test results are tabulated below:

FORCE AND PULL DIRECTION TO TIP TV CART ON LEVEL SURFACE

Center Pull Force (lbf)	Left Side Pull (lbf)	Right Side Pull (lbf)
WITH CASTERS		
10 in Horizontal	11 in Horizontal	11 in Horizontal
11.5 at 45 degrees	12 at 45 degrees	12 at 45 degrees
WITHOUT CASTERS		
29 in Horizontal	Swivel Top Rotates in Horizontal = N/A	Swivel Top Rotates in Horizontal = N/A
35 at 45 degrees	33 at 45 degrees	32 at 45 degrees

Discussion/Conclusion

When this TV cart was equipped with casters, a pull force ranging from 10 to 12 lbf caused the cart to tip over. With the TV cart's casters removed, an increased force was needed to tip the cart over. This increased force ranged from 29 to 35 lbf and was due to the lower center of gravity and the larger footprint of the product resting on the floor.

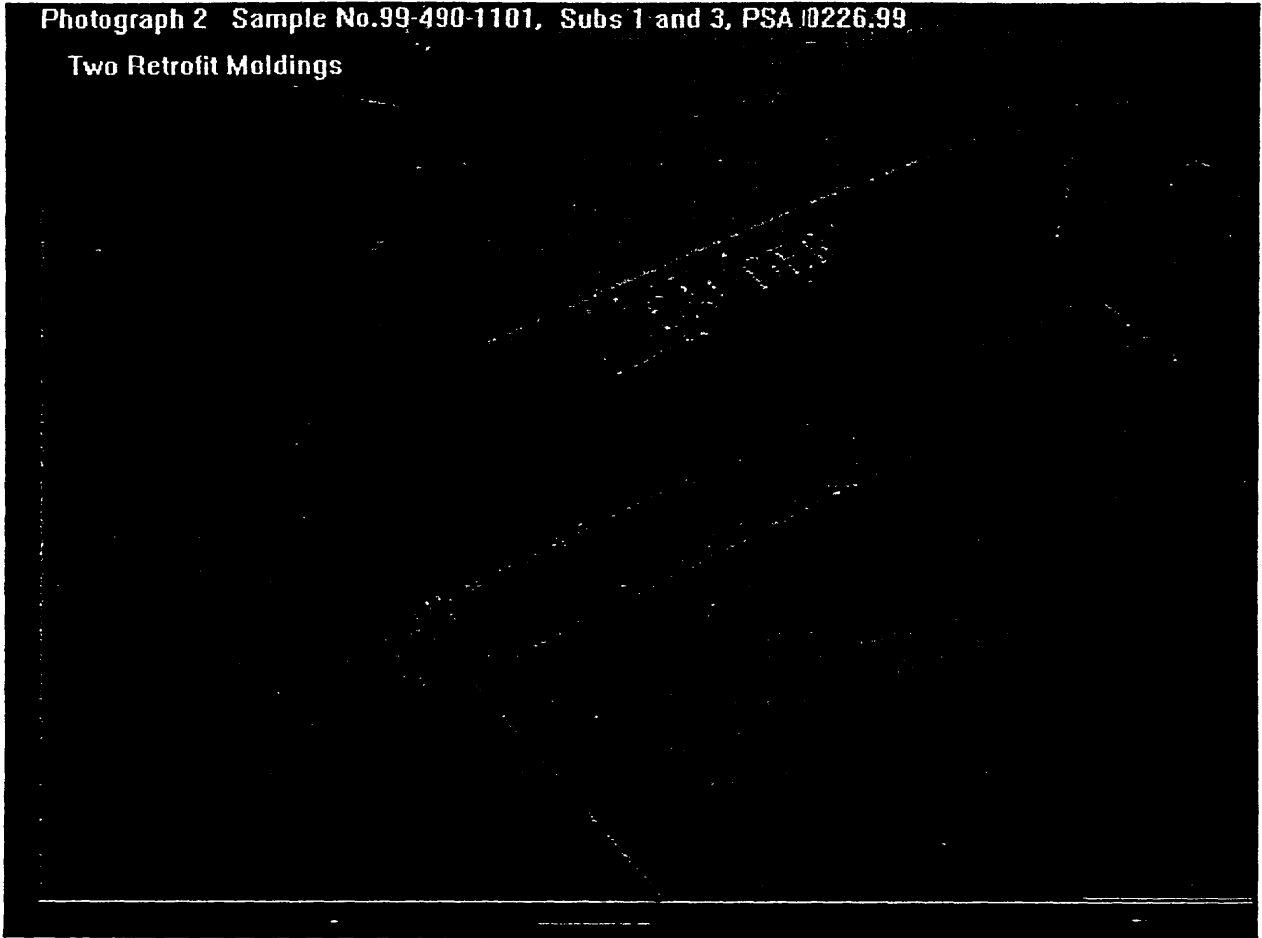
This cart was tested previously to the UL Standard in PSA 0021.99. The cart was placed on a 10-degree inclined plane with the casters removed, and tested with two different size retrofit moldings. The cart did not tip over when the larger molding was used because it shifted the center of gravity of the TV cart and test fixture further back from the front, thus making it more stable.

The results of the tests from the two PSAs hints at a relationship between the tipover force and the UL test standard using a 10-degree inclined plane. More work is needed in this area to uncover that relationship and the human factors parameters of strength and direction potentially available to cause tipover incidents.

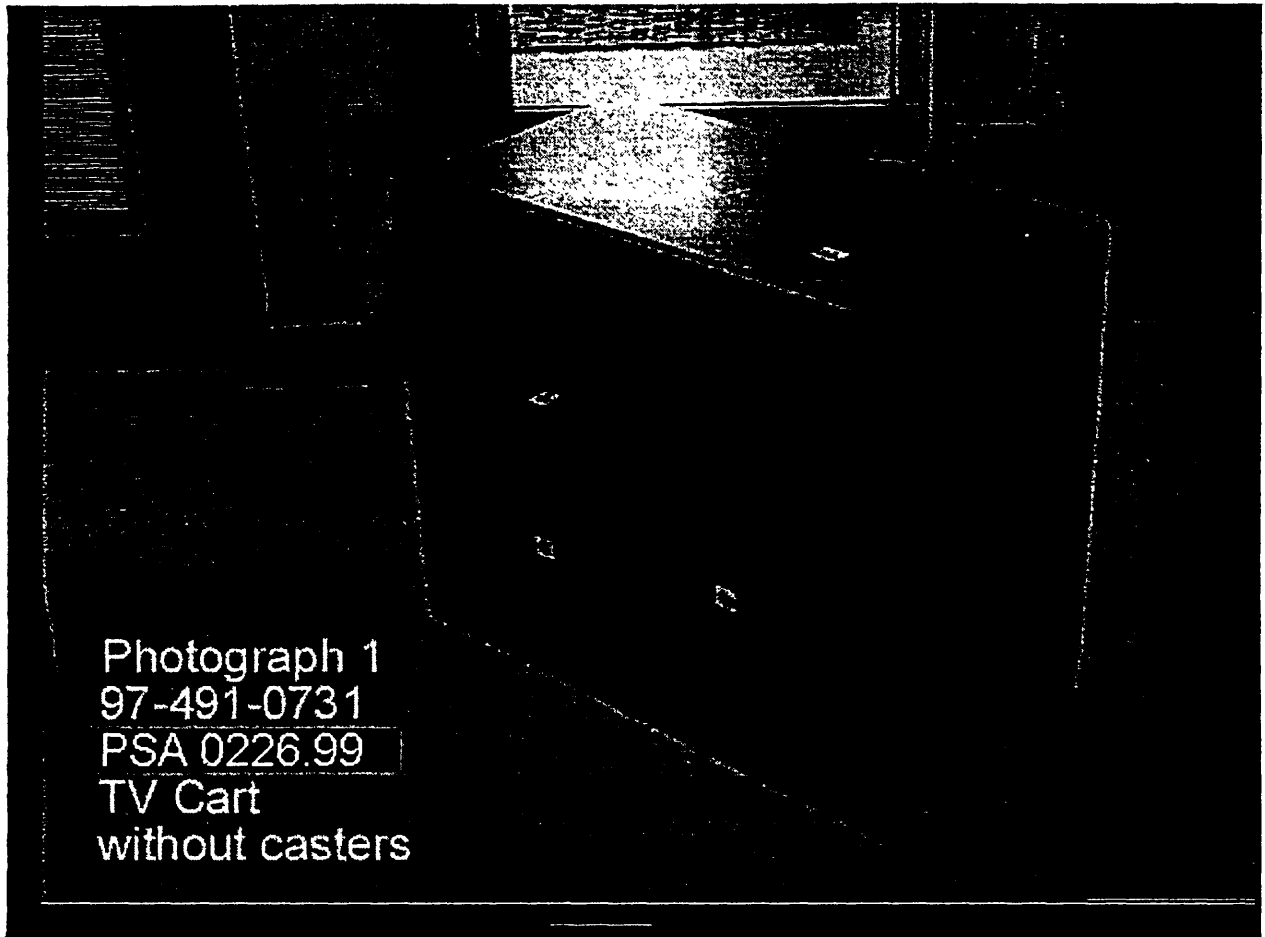
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Photograph 2 Sample No.99-490-1101, Subs 1 and 3, PSA 10226.99

Two Retrofit Moldings



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Photograph 1
97-491-0731
PSA 0226.99
TV Cart
without casters

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	CASE # CA980039	
	SAMPLE NO: 99-490-1100	
	CPSC SEAL: N/A	
	REF: 00979.98	
TO: Judith Hayes, CCA		
THROUGH: reviewed by George F. Sushinsky, Mechanical Engineer, Directorate of Laboratory Sciences (301) 413-0172		
DATE: February 4, 1999		
FIRM: Sauder Woodworking Archbold, OH		
PRODUCT: Prototype TV cart #BS55, Product # 4155		
POTENTIAL HAZARD: TV may fall from shelf causing various bodily injuries		
EVALUATION REQUESTED: Test prototype sample in accordance to UL 1678 tip stability test procedures.		
Laboratory Analyst: submitted by Frank A. Vitaliti, Mechanical Engineer, LSE (301) 413-0178		Date: February 3, 1999

Background

The product is a prototype television (TV) cart designed as a replacement for the manufacturer's Model 5155 TV cart. See Photograph 1. The prototype cart also has a swivel top and changed in design from the model 5155 TV cart in three areas: (1) the base is extended horizontally forward by one inch and ends with a quarter-round nose edge, (2) the surface beneath the swivel top (stationary top) protrudes forward of the cart's front vertical surface by one-half inch and has a quarter-round nose edge, and (3) the swivel top is setback one-half inch from the stationary top's quarter-round nose edge. The stationary

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top and swivel top quarter-round nose edges can be seen in Photograph 2. The cart is primarily constructed of particle board with a simulated wood veneer. The dimensions of the cart are 28-1/4 inches wide by 24-3/8 inches high by 15-1/2 inches deep.

The PSA requests LSE staff to test the prototype Model 4155 TV cart in accordance to UL 1678 Household, Commercial, and Professional-Use Carts and Stands, tip stability test procedure.

No IDI was provided in the file for this product.

Testing

The UL 1678 standard specifies using a "test fixture" to simulate a TV. The test fixture consists of a triangular-shaped metal frame with an adjustable sliding base consisting of two sliding rails, and various weights. The center of gravity (CG) of the test fixture can be adjusted in the vertical and horizontal planes. The UL standard also lists the simulated television load parameters from a 13- up to a 40- inch TV screen. The model 4155 prototype TV cart is designed to support up to a 27-inch TV. For a 27-inch TV, UL states that the test fixture's total weight is 95 lb and its CG is 11 inches from its supporting surface. Figure 13.1 and Table 13.1 in the UL Standard delineate these specifications for the test fixture and simulated television load parameters.

After the weights are mounted on the test fixture at the "height of CG above supporting surface" of 11 inches, the test fixture is adjusted to balance when tipped about its front edge. The angle to which the fixture is tipped is referred to as the "angle of unstable equilibrium." For a 27-inch TV, the angle of unstable equilibrium is 20 degrees. At this angle, the test fixture is stable in the forward direction and will tip over in the forward direction when the angle is increased by one degree. Steps 1 through 4 of the LSE document titled TV Cart Stability Test Procedure describe this setup procedure in more detail.

The test was performed by placing the TV cart on a 10-degree inclined plane. Steps 5 through 8 of the laboratory test procedure provide details of the testing procedure. The firm's test engineer visited the Consumer Product Safety Commission's Engineering Laboratory to observe the tests.

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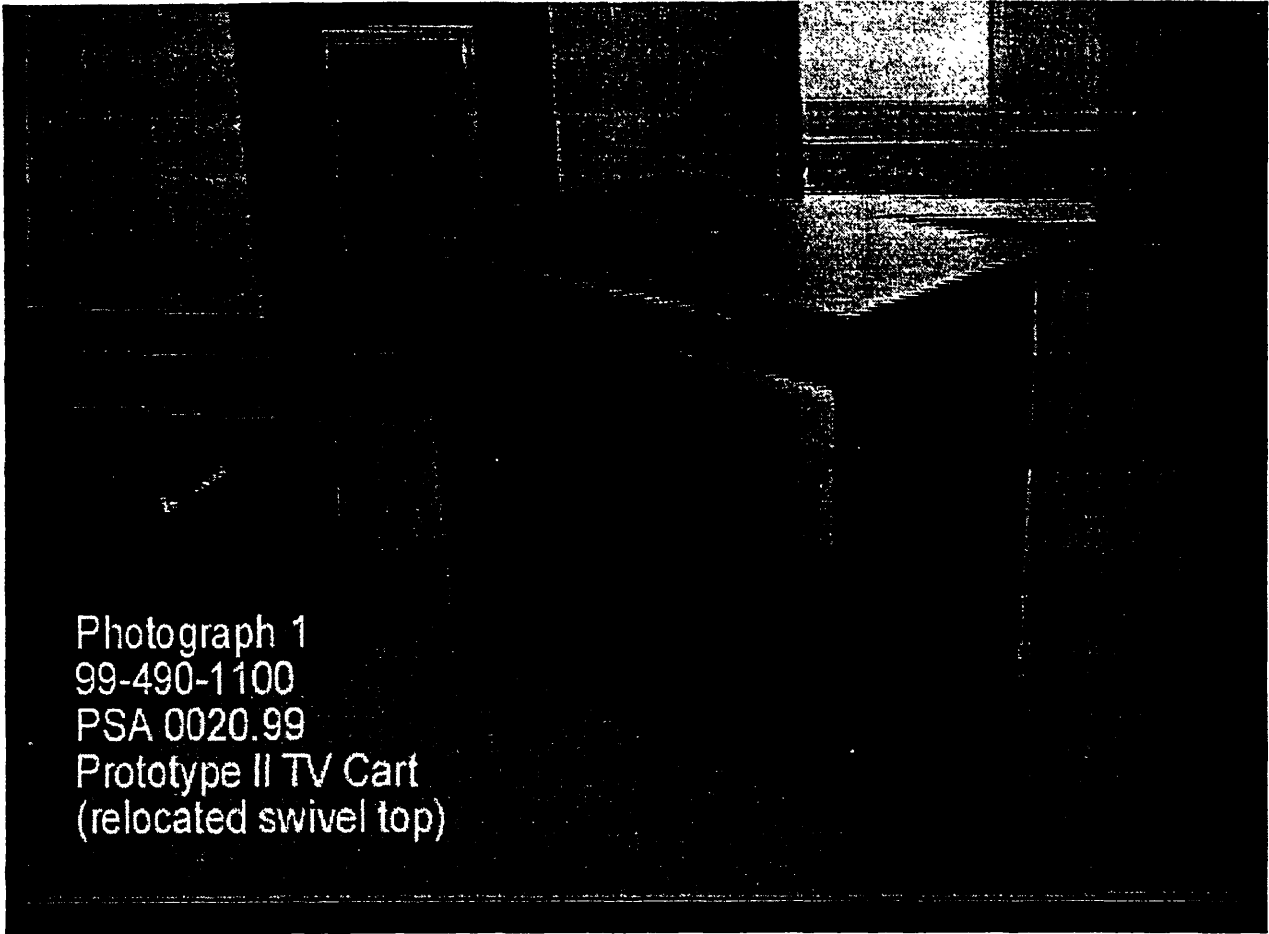
When the front edge of the test fixture's sliding base frame was placed 1/4 inch from the front edge of the swivel top's nose, the cart tipped over. When placed at 3/8 inch or greater, the cart did not tip over. Since it is possible that a consumer can place a TV at the 1/4 inch point or closer to the swivel top nose edge, the firm's test engineer suggested and then proceeded to remount the swivel top surface 1/4 inch farther back along the support surface. As remounted, the swivel top had a 1/2 inch overhang at the rear of the TV cart. (See Photograph 1.)

The cart was retested. To comply to the UL requirement of tipover, the test fixture sliding base frame front edge needed to be placed 1/8 inch or more back from the edge of the swivel top nose. When placed closer than 1/8 inch, the TV cart tipped over.

Conclusion

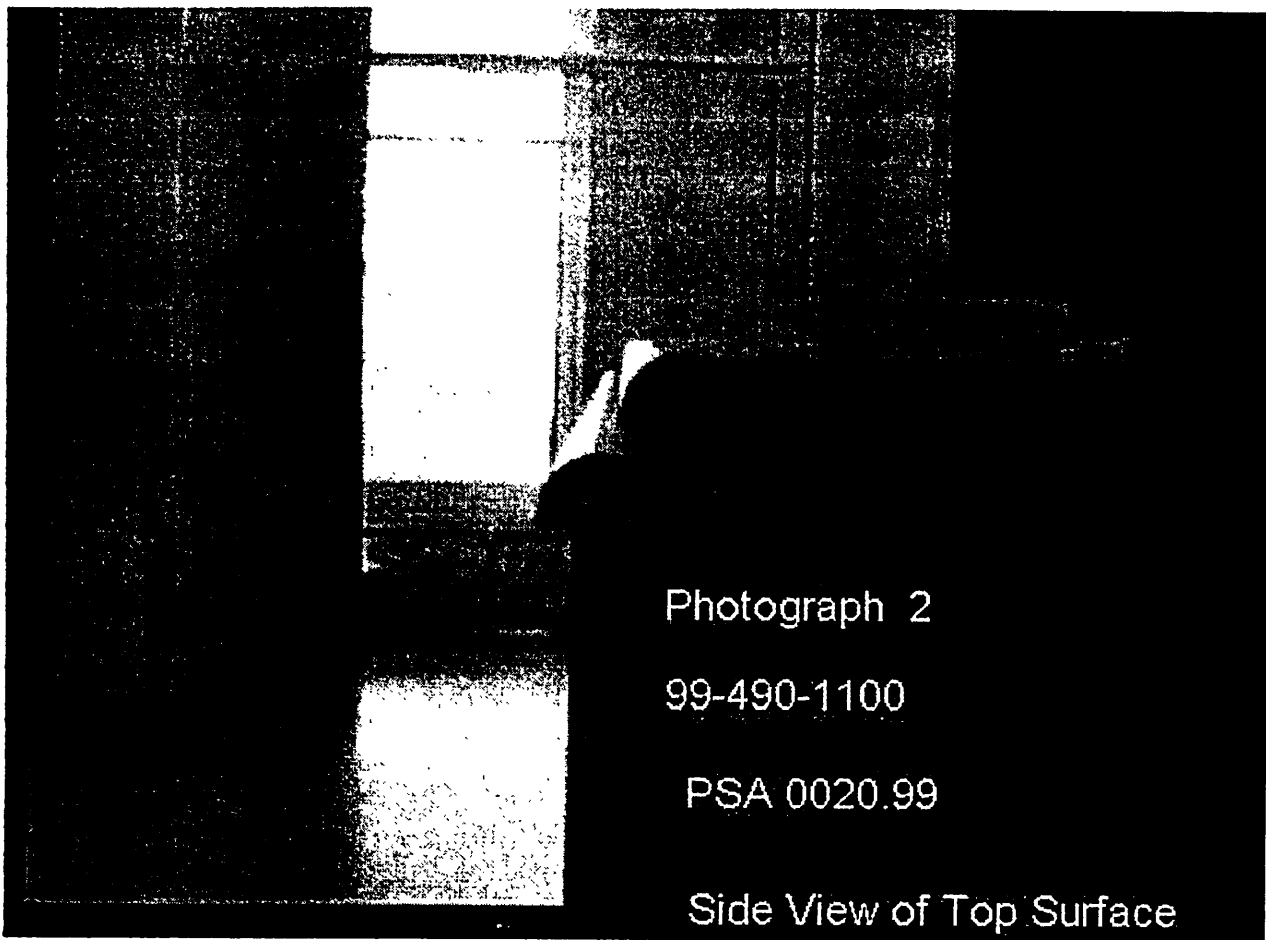
Based on results of testing to the Tip Stability Test procedure of UL 1678, the TV cart Sample No. 99-490-1100, as received, did not comply with the UL voluntary standard if the test fixture is placed less than 3/8 inch back from the nose edge of the swivel top. With the swivel top remounted 1/4 inch farther back along the supporting surface, the TV cart complied with the UL Standard when the test fixture was placed 1/8 inch or farther from the front edge of the swivel top nose.

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Photograph 1
99-490-1100
PSA 0020.99
Prototype II TV Cart
(relocated swivel top)

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Photograph 2

99-490-1100

PSA 0020.99

Side View of Top Surface

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Author: Judith P. Hayes at CPSC-HQ2

Date: 1/7/99 3:58 PM

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TO: Frank A. Vitaliti at CPSC-LSEL

Subject: PSA 0021.99 /Sauder Woodworking

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Pursuant to our conversations concerning Sauder' PSA 0021.99, please delete the portion of the PSA in which you are requested to test the retrofited unit with the anti-skid pad and without the anti- skid pad.

In its place, please test the subject unit without the casters, with the tack glides in place.

Thanks Frank!

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Author: Frank A. Vitaliti at CPSC-LSEL

Date: 12/11/98 6:22 PM

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Receipt Requested

TO: Judith P. Hayes at CPSC-HQ2

CC: George F. Sushinsky, Robert T. Garrett, Andrew G. Ulsamer, Han Lim,
Troy W. Whitfield at CPSC-HQ2

Subject: Pull Test Results on TV Cart

----- Message Contents

Judy:

Below are the tensile force test results per your urgent faxed PSA request on Sauder's TV cart Model 5155. The first set of numbers is the force required to tip the cart over with a 95 lb load on a level plane WITHOUT casters. The second set of numbers (after the dashed line) is WITH casters.

LOCATION of applied force (pull)

Middle Pull: 29 lb "horizontal" force to tip cart;
35 lb "downward" 45 degree angle force to tip cart.

Left Side Pull: "horizontal" force not feasible; swivel top rotates.
33 lb "downward" 45 degree angle force to tip cart
after swivel top stops rotating.

Right Side Pull: "horizontal" force not feasible; swivel top rotates.
32 lb "downward" 45 degree angle force to tip cart
after swivel top stops rotating.

Force required to tip TV cart WITH CASTERS installed and resting against 1/4 inch thick stop plates (to prevent cart from rolling).

LOCATION of applied force (pull)

Middle Pull: 10 lb "horizontal" force to tip cart;
11-1/2 lb "downward" 45 degree angle force to tip cart.

Left Side Pull: 11 lb "horizontal" force to tip cart, swivel top
does not rotate.
12 lb "downward" 45 degree angle force to tip cart.

Right Side Pull: 11 lb "horizontal" force to tip cart, swivel top
does not rotate.
12 lb "downward" 45 degree angle force to tip cart.

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<p align="center"> CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION PRODUCT SAFETY ASSESSMENT REPORT DRAFT- FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY- DRAFT </p>		PSA: 0054.99	FOCR
		CASE: CA980039	
		Requestor: Judith Hayes	
		SAMPLE: 99-490-1101 and 97-491-0731	
		CPSC SEAL: N/A	
		IDI #: See Files	
PRODUCT: Television Cart		FIRM: Sauder Woodworks	
<p>REQUEST: The Division of Corrective Actions has requested the Division of Human Factors to assess the likelihood that children will grip the retrofit molding and pull the cart, causing the cart to tip over. The Division was also requested to comment on any alternatively designed molding that may lessen the likelihood of children gripping and pulling the molding.</p>			
<p>POTENTIAL HAZARD: Cart may tip over</p>			
Prepared by: Sharon R. White, Engineering Psychologist	DATE: 11/24/98	Reviewed by: Robert B. Ochsman, Ph.D., Director, Division of Human Factors	DATE:
	EXT: 1286		

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Background

The subject product is a TV cart (model 5155) with a swivel top and casters. It consists of a bottom shelf with hinged double doors and an open top shelf. It measures 25 1/4 inches high x 29 1/2 inches wide. Based on documents supplied by the firm as well as Compliance files, there are 39 incidents involving this model. Eleven of the 39 incidents involved tip over. Of the 11 incidents, 4 occurred when victims were moving the cart, 1 occurred when the TV was being placed on the cart, 2 occurred when the TV was sitting on the cart and the cart tipped without external action, 1 when the victim opened the doors to the unit and the swivel top turned slightly, and 2 occurred for reasons unknown. One involved a complaint in which the consumer stated that leaning on the doors will cause the product to tip over.

To prevent future occurrences of tip over incidents, the firm has proposed, as a retrofit, molding for the swivel top, a caution label, and removal of the casters. The molding measures 28 inches long x 1.43 inches wide (front to back distance) x .62 inches deep (bottom to top distance) and is intended to prevent placement of a TV too close to the edge of the product.

Discussion

- 1) Assess the likelihood that children will grip the retrofit molding and pull the cart, causing the cart to tip over.

The subject sample was assembled with the proposed retrofit installed by staff at the Engineering laboratory and in the presence of the firm. The likelihood that children will grip

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the retrofit molding and pull the cart, causing tip over, is partially related both to the capabilities of a child and the design of the product. At age eight months, children are beginning to stand and are pulling up on furniture for support. The subject product lends itself to this activity. It has an open shelf, standing 14.62 inches high, which is lower than the sitting height of a 5th percentile seven-to nine-month old (16.3 inches). As the child pulls to a standing position, he would be capable of gripping the molding overhead to upright himself. The molding is at the front edge of the swivel top and is 24.62 inches from the floor. This exceeds the height of the smallest child (23.6 inches), but it is reasonable to assume that it would be within arm reach. Hand length for a young child exceeds two inches. The depth of the molding (.62 inches) is smaller than the inside grip¹ for the youngest and smallest of the group (.64 inches) (Snyder, Spencer, Owings, & Schneider, 1975) and is within the suggested range for surfaces that can be gripped with the fingertips (.59 - .98)(Kroemer & Granjean, 1997). The latter are based on the finger depth for adults and would be more than sufficient to enable a child to grip it.

There are also other characteristics of the molding that may affect whether a child can grip it. The gripping surface is at a 90 degree angle from the shelf surface, making it easy for a child to grip the molding. Additionally, compared to plastic which has a smooth and slippery surface, the molding is wood and has a less slippery surface. All of the above characteristics may allow the youngest and smallest children to grip the molding. While doing so, infants attempting to stand are likely to apply an outward and downward force on the cart because they are not capable of supporting their

¹The maximum diameter at which the tips of the thumb and middle finger just touch.

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