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Safety Alert – Bosch Grinders GWS 20 / GWS 22

The Health and Safety Authority has been made aware of a safety-related product recall by Bosch Power Tools for angle grinders.

The recall affects the following angle grinders (Products);

Series GWS 20, and GWS 22 from the production period June through to August 2016



The company has ascertained that, due to a faulty component, the cutting or grinding disc together with the fastening fixture (spindle) could become detached during operation on a number of angle grinders. This could lead to serious injury to operators or others.

Bosch has decided to recall all potentially affected products with immediate effect.

Products

The Products listed in the tables below are affected: Products manufactured of Series GWS 20 and GWS 22, from the production period June through to August 2016. They can be identified in the following ways;

Name Part no.		Manufacturing year/month (see packaging label explanation below)
GWS 20	0601850L...	06, 07, 08.2016 (606,607,608)
	0601850M... 06018501...	06, 07, 08.2016 (606,607,608)
	0615990...	07-11.2016 (607,608,609,610,611)
GWS 22	0601881... 1607000...	06, 07, 08.2016 (606,607,608)
	0615990...	07-11. 2016 (607,608,609,610,611)

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On the tool's original packaging:

The first digit of the number outlined in red indicates the production year, the next two digits indicate the production month. A product with the numerical sequence 510 was therefore manufactured in October 2015 (“5” for the year 2015 and “10” for the month October). Accordingly, the number outlined in this case indicates the manufacturing month June 2016 (“6” for the year 2016 and “06” for the month June).



Model	Device Product number	Serial number
GWS 20-230 H	3601H50102 / 3601H50L01 / 3601H50L03 / 3601H50L62 / 3601H50L72 / 3601H50L73	606... - 608...
GWS 22 - 180 H	3601H81102 / 3601H81L02 / 3601H81L62 / 3601H81L72	606... - 608...
GWS 22 - 230 H	3601H82103 / 3601H82L03 / 3601H82L63 / 3601H82L73	606... - 608...



What to Do

With immediate effect, the angle grinders involved should no longer be used or provided to others.

Circulate this Safety Alert to Equipment Controllers, Site Managers & Site Supervisors

On operational sites circulate this bulletin to Beck and Pollitzer operational personnel, Original Equipment Manufacturers, contractors and any others who may potentially use angle grinders.

Angle grinders identified as potentially faulty must be removed from service & quarantined immediately – the plug should be removed to prevent any further use.

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What to Do (Continued)

For Beck and Pollitzer equipment the faulty angle grinders must be returned to the Business Unit or hire company who provided them.

Users can check online whether their angle grinder is affected on the www.anglegrindercare.com website.

If affected, owners / Equipment Controllers should call, as soon as possible, the Bosch service number 00800 83 646 704.

Bosch has advised of the following contact details for those with queries and those wishing to arrange replacement of the potentially affected grinders.

Contact details

Service hotline: 00800 83 646 704

E-Mail: boschservicecentre@bosch.com