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Slingshots Recalled by Daisy Manufacturing Due to Risk of Serious Eye Injury

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the manufacturer named below, today announced voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should immediately contact the Company for refund or replacement. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site: www.cpsc.gov.)

Name of product: "The Natural" Slingshot

Units: About 104,500

Manufacturer: Daisy Manufacturing Co., of Rogers, Ark.

Hazard: If the slingshot band slips out of its frame during use, the ball at the end of the tubing can strike the user, resulting in serious facial injuries.

Incidents/Injuries: Daisy has received at least three reports of injuries: a 12-year-old boy who was blinded in one eye; a 16 year-old boy who has decreased vision; and an 11-year old boy who has three broken teeth.

Description: The two metal frame slingshots being recalled are the Daisy Models ERG-100 and ERG-300, marketed under the name "The Natural." The model number is written on the packaging. These slingshots have an offset fork design, a sling made of bright green tubing with a black leather ammunition pouch and small balls inside the tubing where it connects to the frame. Both models have black plastic handles. The smaller ERG-100 model has the words "Powerline Daisy Mfg. Rogers, AR" on the handle while the same words are found on the adjustable wrist brace of the larger ERG-300 model. This voluntary recall does not apply to Daisy's Powerline Slingshots models F16, B52 and P51, which have yellow tubing.

Sold at: Discount department and sporting goods stores nationwide from June 2004 through March 2006. The ERG-100 model sold for about \$9, while the ERG-300 model sold for about \$17.

Manufactured in: Taiwan

Remedy: Customers should immediately stop using the slingshots and contact Daisy for free pickup and either a full refund or replacement with a comparable slingshot model.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Daisy Manufacturing Company at (800) 713-2479 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday or visit Daisy's Web site at <http://www.daisy.com>.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of serious injury or death from more than 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$700 billion annually. The CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. The CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals – contributed significantly to the 30 percent decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 30 years.

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 www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

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