

## **Recall Alert**



## U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

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## Global Industrial Recalls Workbench Components Due To Electrical Shock Hazard

The following product safety recall was voluntarily conducted by the firm in cooperation with the CPSC. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of Product: Global Workbench Power Risers, Power Aprons and Power Shelves

Units: About 5,000

Manufacturer: Global Equipment Company, of Port Washington, N.Y., dba Global Industrial

**Hazard:** Misrouted wiring in the electrical outlets on the workbench risers, aprons and shelves, and reverse polarity in some workbench power cords pose an electric shock hazard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** Global has received eight reports of misrouted wires.

**Description and Models:** This recall affects all workbenches with the following components:

- The Power Riser is made of steel, has an 18-inch shelf with four duplex receptacles and an on/off switch mounted along the front. It comes in gray only and in lengths of 60, 72 and 96 inches. The riser attaches to the top of the bench.
- The Power Apron is made of steel, has three duplex receptacles and an on/off switch mounted in one of the long cross beams. It comes in blue or tan and in lengths of 48, 60, 72 and 96 inches.
- The Power Shelf is made of steel, has three duplex receptacles and an on/off switch mounted on the front. It comes in blue or tan and in lengths of 48, 60, 72 and 96 inches. It attaches to a pair of 48-inch uprights.

**Sold by:** Global Industrial sold the workbench components through its catalogs and on the Internet, from January 9, 2009 to December 24, 2010 for approximately \$85 to \$516.

Manufactured in: China

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately unplug their workbench power cords and stop using the electrical outlets on the workbenches. Additionally, they should remove the power cord from the workbench. Global is contacting its customers directly and either sending replacement risers, aprons and shelves with properly wired outlets and replacement power cords or sending technicians on-site to repair faulty wiring and replace faulty power cords.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact Global's Customer Service Manager at the following toll free number (855) 657-0424 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm ET or email the customer service manager at MMarshall@globalindustrial.com



**Power Riser** 



**Power Apron** 



**Power Shelf** 

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The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is still interested in receiving incident or injury reports that are either directly related to this product recall or involve a different hazard with the same product. Please tell us about your experience with the product on <a href="https://www.saferproducts.gov">www.saferproducts.gov</a>

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Under federal law, it is illegal to attempt to sell or resell this or any other recalled product.

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