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## United Scientific Recalls Magnets Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. (To access color photos of the following recalled products, see CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).)

**Name of product:** Various magnets

**Units:** About 2.35 million

**Importer:** United Scientific, of Waukegan, Ill.

**Hazard:** Surface paint on the magnets contains high levels of lead, which violates the federal lead paint standard.

**Incidents/Injuries:** None reported.



**Description:** This recall involves magnets listed in the chart below. The model numbers are located on the magnets packaging. Only painted magnets are included in this recall.










**Sold by:** Independent distributors nationwide from October 1996 through September 2007 for about between 50 cents and \$15. Distributors sold the products to schools for use in science classes.

**Manufactured in:** India

**Remedy:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled magnets and contact United Scientific to receive a free replacement magnet.

**Consumer Contact:** For additional information, contact United Scientific toll-free at (888) 284-8570 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or email the firm at [consumeraffairs@unitedsci.com](mailto:consumeraffairs@unitedsci.com).

Model Number	Number of Magnets in Package	Description	Magnet Photo
MGTKIT	4	3 red ring magnets 38mm x 8 mm 1 four inch red horseshoe magnet	
MSET4	4	2 red bar magnets 80x15x10mm 1 small red horseshoe magnet 25mm x 8mm 1 large red horseshoe magnet 35mm x 15 mm	

1. CBM050 2. CM7907-R (red) 3. CM7907-B (blue) 4. CM7907-W (white) 5. CM7907-PK/2 (red or blue) 6. CM7912-R	2 1 1 1 2 1	1. Red bar magnet pair 50mm 2 - 5. ceramic ring magnets 38mm x 8 mm  6. Red ceramic disc magnet 25mm x 5 mm	
MBSET6	6	75mm long, scored in two places like a candy bar, sold in six different colors	
1. AUM020 2. AUM025	1	1. Red 2 inch U-shaped magnets 2. Red 1 inch U-shaped magnets	
1. ACM020 2. ACM050	2	1. Pair of red cylindrical magnets 50mm x 5 mm 2. Pair of red cylindrical magnets 125mm x 10mm	
ABM030	2	Pair of red and blue bar magnets with North (N) & South (S) Poles marked. 3 inches long x 1/2 inch wide	
ABM015-E, ABM020, ABM040, ABM060, ABM010, ABM015	2	Red bar magnets, lengths range from 1 1/2 inches to 6 inches, some have N & S marking	
MNSB04	1	4 inch magnetic needle on plastic support. One end of needle is painted red.	
1. MHS020 2. MHS030	1	1. Red U-shaped magnet, two inches tall 2. Red U-shaped magnet, three inches tall	
CMSET1	6	Ceramic disc magnets, 25mm x 5 mm, sold in six different colors	

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 \$800 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 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](http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

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