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MTD Gold Recall Hotline: (888) 848-6038
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

Hydrostatic Lawn Tractors Recalled by Hydro-Gear Due to Crash Hazard

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. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product: Lawn Tractors

Units: About 400

Manufacturer: Hydro-Gear Limited Partnership, of Sullivan, Ill.

Hazard: A drive gear in the lawn tractor's hydrostatic transaxle can fail, posing a crash hazard to consumers.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: This recall involves MTD Gold lawn tractors sold with Hydro-Gear model 618-04270B transaxle. Lawn tractors included in this recall were manufactured in December 2010 and can be identified by serial numbers starting with 1L15 or 1L16. The serial number can be found on a label on the underside of the seat. Affected transaxles have serial numbers whose first four digits range between 0333 and 0348. Transaxle model and serial numbers are printed on a label on the transaxle.

MTD Gold brand tractors with recalled transaxles are:

Mower Brand	Mower Type	Mower Model No.	Hydro-Gear Transaxle Part No.	Transaxle Serial No. (1 st four digits)
MTD Gold	Hydro	13AP925P004	618-04270B	0333 thru 0348

Sold at: Lawn and Garden retailers nationwide from January 2011 through January 2012 for about \$2000.

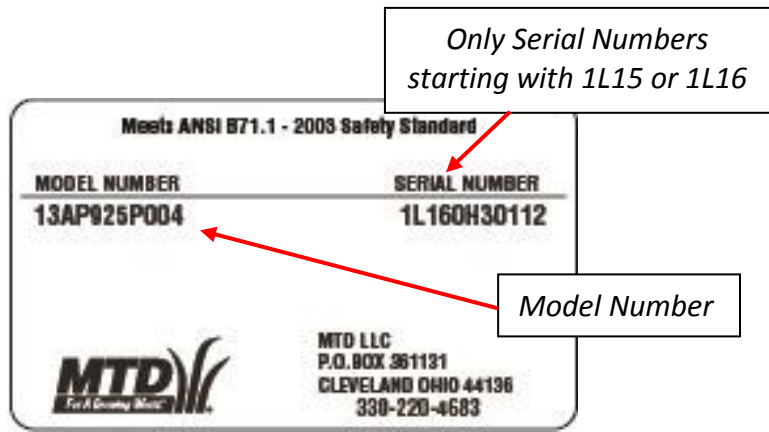
Manufactured in: U.S.A.

Remedy: Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled lawn tractors and contact the toll-free Hotline for instructions on obtaining a repair from an authorized service provider.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, please contact MTD Gold toll-free at (888) 848-6038 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firms' website at www.mtdproducts.com. Consumers can also visit Hydro-Gear's website at www.hydro-gear.com.

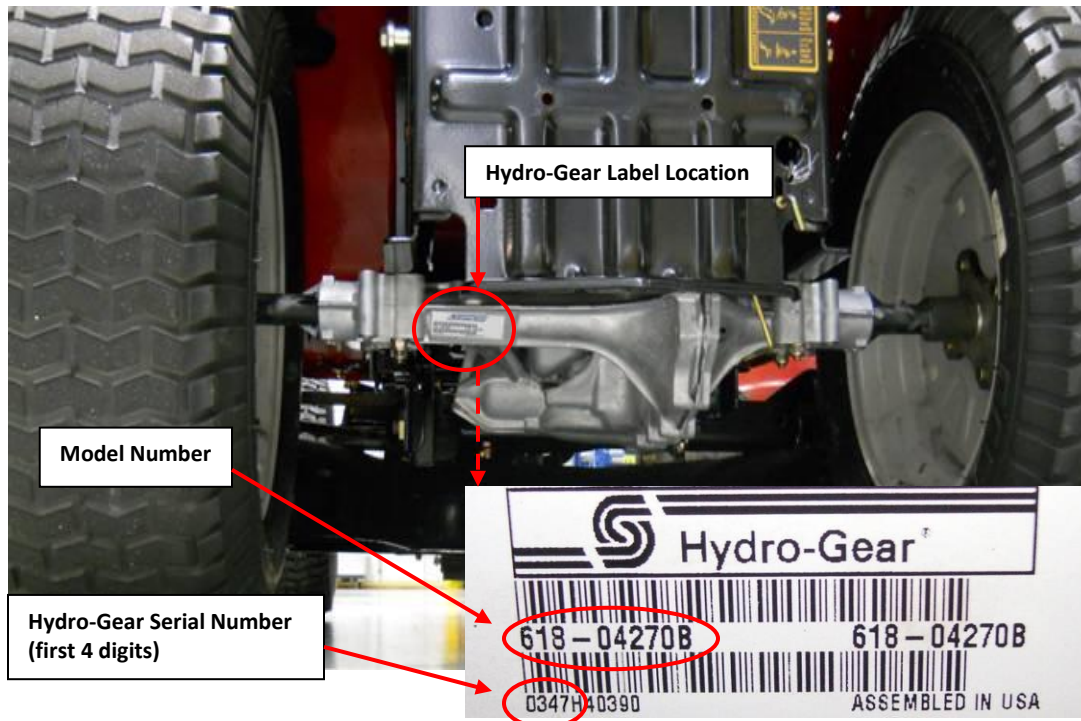
Tractor Identification Photo and Sample serial number Label:

MTD Gold



(Located under seat)

Transaxle Identification Photo and Sample Transaxle Label:



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 SaferProducts.gov.

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$900 billion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products—such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, and household chemicals—contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the

past 30 years.

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

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, go online to: SaferProducts.gov, call CPSC's Hotline at (800) 638-2772 or teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270 for the hearing impaired. Consumers can obtain this news release and product safety information at www.cpsc.gov. To join a free e-mail subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx.