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### CPSC & Bike Companies Recall Suspension Forks

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As part of its ongoing investigation of injuries associated with mountain biking, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the following four companies are announcing the companies' voluntary recall of about 21,000 mountain bike suspension forks. The forks, which connect the front wheel to the main frame of a mountain bike, may crack, break, or separate, in various locations, depending on the make and model. With a broken suspension fork, riders can lose control of the bike, fall, and seriously injure themselves.

Since the summer of 1994, CPSC has received at least 25 reports of bike accidents from suspension forks that broke, cracked, or separated, resulting in 8 injuries.

The following companies are participating in this recall:

COMPANY	MAKE/MODEL	DISTRIBUTION DATES	PROBLEM
Marzocchi Suspension Ctr. Valencia, CA (800) 227-5579	XC50, XC51, XC250, XC400, XC500	1992-1993 7,000 sold	Fork crowns may break or fracture.
Girvin Inc. Woonsocket, RI (800)447-3824	Fastrax forks on Proflex Arcadia 454/554	5/93-12/93 2,239 sold	Loss of steering from adhesive in fork crown and steer tube.
Specialized Bicycle Components Morgan Hill, CA (800) 214-1468	Future Shock FS	9/91-11/93 12,500 sold	Stanchion tubes separate from fork crown.

Answer Products Inc. Valencia, CA (800) 423- 0273	Manitou 2 & M Sport	7/92-12/92 1,000 sold	Fork crowns crack or break.
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CPSC and the companies urge consumers to stop using bicycles that have these suspension forks immediately and contact the manufacturer or a local authorized dealer. Owners of recalled suspension forks will receive instructions for repairing or replacing the forks.

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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). To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to [www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx](http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx). Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).