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1.6 million bottles of gel fuel recalled for fire and burn hazards

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The Consumer Products Safety Commission has issued a recall of 1.6 million containers of various gel fuels sold by Bird Brain of Ypsilanti, Mich. The jelly-like fuels can splash and ignite when poured into lit firepots, potentially causing serious burn injuries to unsuspecting consumers .

In June, the CPSC investigated the dangers of firepot fuels, which led to a recall of Napa Home & Garden gel fuels. Last month, the CPSC issued a broader recall of 2 million bottles of fuel gels made by various manufacturers—including Bird Brain.

Today's recall notice details the various Bird Brain gel fuels which were sold at major retailers such as Sears, K-Mart, Target, Amazon.com and Buy.com as well as independent retailers. The firepot fuels were sold from October 2008 through August 2011 in individual bottles (for about \$8 to \$18) and in multiple-bottle packages (for about \$18 to \$136). The Bird Brain products affected by this recall are:



Size	Model Name	Item Number	UPC
16 oz. Bottle	Firepot Clear Fuel Gel	11820010	03913803231-7
16 oz. Bottle	Firepot Citronella Fuel Gel	11820011	03913802866-2
32 oz. Bottle	Firepot Clear Fuel Gel	11820001	03913805081-6
		11820006	03913805081-6
		11820007	03913805081-6
		11820008	03913805081-6
		11820013	03913803591-2
		11820024	03913807473-7
32 oz. Metal Can	Firepot Clear Fuel Gel	11820014	03913803160-0
		11820018	03913803160-0
32 oz. Bottle	Firepot Citronella Fuel Gel	11820002	03913805082-3
		11820009	03913805082-3
		11820028	03913803592-9
32 oz. Metal Can	Firepot Citronella Fuel Gel	11820020	03913803161-7
		11820019	03913803161-7
32 oz. Bottle	BioFuel Gel	11820016	03913803322-2
64 oz. Bottle	Firepot Clear Fuel Gel	11820022	03913803304-8
64 oz. Bottle	Firepot Citronella Fuel Gel	11820023	03913803305-5

Bird Brain is aware of 20 incidents involving its gel fuels and reports 11 injuries involving burns ranging in severity from first- to third-degree.

Consumers with the Bird Brain firepot fuels are urged to immediately stop using the flammable gel fuels and return them to the company for a full refund.

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Customer can contact Bird Brain (toll-free: 877-414-0842 website: www.BirdBrainRecall.com) for more information.

—Paul Eng

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