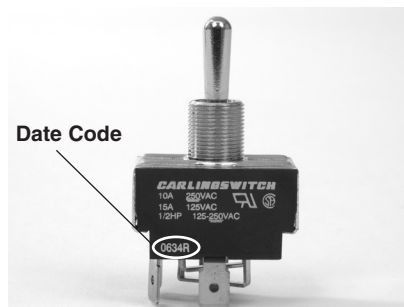
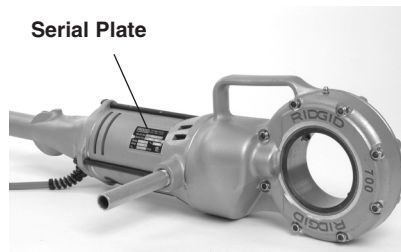


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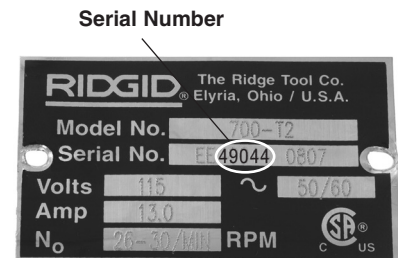
SUBJECT: All RIDGID® 700 Power Drives and Replacement Switches (Catalog #44905) produced between April, 2006 and September, 2007:



ON/OFF/REV Switch



Serial Plate



Serial Number

November 12, 2007

This is a Product Recall Notice. Ridge Tool recently determined that the catalog #44905 ON/OFF/REV switch installed in these 700 Power Drives can stick in the ON or REV position during use. This could result in the user **losing control of the power drive and result in severe injury.**

All 700 Power Drives produced between April, 2006 and September, 2007 are potentially effected by this issue. Affected 700 Power Drives can be identified by checking the serial number of the 700 Power Drive. If the serial number falls in the range from 36764 through 49537 (as shown in the above photographs), the unit must be disassembled and the switch inspected. If the switch has a date code of 0613 up to and including 0736 (see above switch photo for typical date code location), the switch must be replaced. Switches in this date code range cannot be inspected or tested for correct operation. All switches in this date code range must be replaced and the switch destroyed.

Do not use these 700 Power Drives until they have been reworked with a correct switch.

Contact Ridge Tool Technical Services at (800) 519-3456 or TechServices@ridgid.com for instructions to rework the affected product.

Thank you for your cooperation and we regret any inconvenience that this may have caused you. If you have any questions, please contact Ridge Tool Technical Services at (800) 519-3456 or TechServices@ridgid.com.

Sincerely,



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