



## CLIMBING WALL ASSOCIATION, INC. PRESS RELEASE

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### PETZL AMERICA ISSUES RECALL OF AM'D BALL-LOCK AND WILLIAM BALL-LOCK CARABINERS

Boulder, Colorado, 11/1/2006 – Petzl America voluntarily announced a recall of Petzl M34 BL Am'D BALL-LOCK and M36 BL William BALL-LOCK carabiners on October 18<sup>th</sup>. The affected carabiners have a metal locking sleeve with a green button. There is a possibility that the sleeve can be unlocked without pressing the green button. Affected units were sold during March and July, 2006. No incidents or injuries have been reported.

This recall does not apply to the older nylon-sleeve locking system, but only to Ball-Lock carabiners with the metal locking sleeve manufactured in March and July, 2006. This recall is in effect only in the USA – it does not affect BALL-LOCK carabiners sold in other countries.

Customers should stop using the recalled carabiners immediately until inspected. If you have a BALL-LOCK carabiner with the metal sleeve with a batch number between 06076 and 06178, you may return it to the place of purchase or to Petzl America for inspection and possible replacement. An inspection procedure is provided on the Petzl site.

For assistance in any matter related to this recall, please contact Petzl America at 877-807-3805 or [rcl.bl06@petzl.com](mailto:rcl.bl06@petzl.com).

To view the Petzl recall notice: <http://en.petzl.com/petzl/Accueil>

To view the CPSC recall notice: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml07/07010.html>

The CWA is a 501(c)(06), non-profit, industry trade association for manufacturers of climbing wall equipment, builders of climbing walls, operators of commercial climbing gyms, and others involved in the climbing gym industry. The mission of the Climbing Wall Association is to support the development of the climbing wall industry, to promote the sport of climbing, and to advocate for the interests of our members. The CWA offers standards for the operation of climbing walls, an insurance program for climbing facilities, standards-based training, and risk management consulting for member organizations.

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