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CPSC, VisionTech USA, Inc. Announce Recall of Bicycle Aero Bars

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.

Name of Product: VisionTech USA SuperMax, TriMax, TriMax Plus and Pro model Integrated Bicycle Aero Bars

Units: About 280

Manufacturer: VisionTech USA, Inc., of Auburn, Wash.

Hazard: The centerpiece of these bicycle aero bars can crack or break, causing the bicycle rider to lose control and crash.

Incidents/Injuries: VisionTech has received two reports of the centerpiece of these aero bars breaking, resulting in minor scrapes and abrasions.

Description: Aero bars are handlebar extensions typically used on racing and triathlon bicycles that either clip on to the handlebars or are sold as an integrated handlebar and stem system. The aero bars allow riders to ride in an aerodynamic crouching position. The recalled aero bars are an integrated system which have a casted aluminum centerpiece which are attached to a handlebar, a stem and two aero bars each approximately 15 inches long, protruding in front of the handlebar. The VisionTech logo is displayed in gold lettering against a black background on the wings of the bar. **Bicycle aero bars bearing a silver and red decal on the wings with the words "Vision by Full Speed Ahead" are not included in this recall.**

Sold at: Bicycle specialty stores nationwide from March 2002 through March 2003 for about \$435.

Manufactured in: USA

Remedy: Consumers should stop using the bicycle aero bars immediately and contact VisionTech USA, Inc. to have their aero bars tested. A free replacement will be provided for any bicycle aero bars found defective.

Consumer Contact: Contact VisionTech USA, Inc. toll-free at (866) 204-5798, pin number 0118, between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.