[NOT FOR PUBLICATION-NOT TO BE CITED AS PRECEDENT] United States Court of Appeals For the First Circuit

No. 01-1994

ANDREW MINTZ AND MARY MINTZ,

Plaintiffs, Appellants,

v.

SEARS ROEBUCK & CO. AND HABAN MANUFACTURING, INC.,

Defendants, Appellees.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

[Hon. Rya W. Zobel, <u>U.S. District Judge</u>]

Before

Selya, <u>Circuit Judge</u>, Campbell, <u>Senior Circuit Judge</u>, and Lynch, <u>Circuit Judge</u>.

Andrew Mintz and Mary Mintz on brief pro se.

David A. Barry, Christine M. Netski, William J. Fidurko, and Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen, P.C., on brief for appellee, Sears, Roebuck and Co., and <u>Clark W. Yudysky</u> and <u>Toomey & Yudysky</u>, <u>LLP</u> on brief for appellee, Haban Manufacturing, Inc.

April 17, 2002

<u>Per Curiam</u>. After carefully reviewing the briefs and record on appeal, we <u>affirm</u> substantially for the reasons stated by the district court. The purported design defect was not relevant given the deposition testimony that the snowthrower had been operated in a raised position. However, even if the defect were relevant, Appellant Andrew Mintz could not establish that it caused his injury.

Affirmed. Loc. R. 27 (c).