

# Report of Independent Public Accountants

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To the Shareholders of  
Briggs & Stratton Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Briggs & Stratton Corporation (a Wisconsin Corporation) and subsidiaries as of July 1, 2001 and July 2, 2000 and the related consolidated statements of earnings, shareholders' investment and cash flow for each of the three years in the period ended July 1, 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the

amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Briggs & Stratton Corporation and subsidiaries as of July 1, 2001 and July 2, 2000 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended July 1, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

**Arthur Andersen LLP**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
July 26, 2001