

# Independent Auditors' Reports

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To the Shareholders of  
Briggs & Stratton Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Briggs & Stratton Corporation (a Wisconsin Corporation) and subsidiaries, as of June 30, 2002, and the related consolidated statement of earnings, shareholders' investment and cash flows for the year then ended. 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 audit. The consolidated financial statements of Briggs & Stratton Corporation as of July 1, 2001 and for the years ended July 1, 2001 and July 2, 2000 were audited by other auditors who have ceased operations. Those other auditors expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements in their report dated July 26, 2001.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such 2002 financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Briggs & Stratton Corporation and subsidiaries, as of June 30, 2002, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Deloitte & Touche LLP**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
August 1, 2002

**This report set forth below is a copy of a previously issued audit report by Arthur Andersen LLP. This report has not been reissued by Arthur Andersen LLP in connection with its inclusion in this Form 10-K.**

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