

FitBit halts Force wristband sales due to rashes

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Wearable technology maker Fitbit Inc. has stopped sales of its \$130 Force wristband and is recalling it after the fitness gear caused skin problems for some customers.

CEO and co-founder James Park says about 1.7 percent of users reported [skin irritation](#) in a letter posted on the company website Thursday.

Fitbit says independent test results have not found problems with the Force's battery or electrical systems and suggests that [users](#) may have had [allergic reactions](#) to nickel in the device or materials used in the strap or adhesives used to make the Force.

The company is offering a full refund.

The Force can track steps taken, stairs climbed and calories burned. FitBit also makes other fitness wristbands and devices.

More information: FitBit CEO letter: bit.ly/1jVuiQ9

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