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**METALWORKERS GET ANOTHER CORDLESS SOLUTION   
WITH NEW MAKITA BRUSHLESS ANGLE GRINDER**

**18V LXT Paddle Switch Grinder delivers corded performance without the cord**

**June 12, 2015 La Mirada, CA** – Makita® has released another cordless metalworking solution with the new 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 4-1/2” Paddle Switch Cut-Off/Angle Grinder, model XAG06M. The efficient brushless motor and the exclusive Automatic Speed Change™ Technology delivers corded grinding performance, allowing contractors to unplug the cord. It’s powered by the efficient 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 4.0Ah battery for longer run time and the industry’s fastest charge time.

The new XAG06M is part of Makita’s expanding 18V Lithium-Ion series, which offers 100+ tools and is the world’s largest cordless tool line-up powered by an 18V Lithium-Ion slide-style battery. Makita 18V Lithium-Ion batteries have the fastest charge times in their categories, so they spend more time working and less time sitting on the charger.

**The Leader in Brushless Technology**

**"**Makita is a pioneer in brushless motor technology in cordless tools and the leader in the category," said Adam Livingston, Makita USA Senior Product Manager, Cordless Products, Makita USA. "The XAG06M is engineered to deliver the power and performance of a corded grinder, without the hassles of a cord. With the recently-released XAG03M with slide-switch, Makita now offers contractors two best-in-class cordless solutions in brushless grinders."

**Automatic Speed Change™ Technology for Optimum Performance**

The new XAG06M features Automatic Speed Change™ Technology, which is engineered to adjust speed and torque during grinding or cutting applications for optimum performance, even under heavy load. In addition, the efficient BL™ Brushless motor is electronically controlled to optimize battery energy use for up to 50% longer run time per charge than similar non-brushless tools. Electronic controls efficiently use battery energy to match torque and RPM to the changing demands of the application for increased power and speed when needed. And since there are no carbon brushes, the BL™ Brushless motor runs cooler and more efficiently for longer life.

**Engineered for Faster Grinding**

The efficient Makita brushless motor delivers 8,500 RPM for faster grinding, with soft start to suppress start-up reaction for smooth start-ups and longer gear life. The spiral bevel gears are engineered for smoother rotations and a more efficient transfer of energy. For increased durability, the grinder is equipped with Extreme Protection Technology (XPT), a protective seal inside the tool engineered for improved dust and moisture resistance by channeling debris away from the tool’s key internal components. The grinder is also equipped with wire mesh intake covers engineered to prevent debris from entering the motor.

Convenience features include a large flush-mount paddle switch, a rubberized soft grip, and a 3-stage L.E.D. gauge to indicate battery charge level. The XAG06M has superior balance and weighs only 5.6 lbs. with a compact and ergonomic design.

**Star Protection Computer Controls™**

For improved tool performance and extended battery life, the XAG06M features Star Protection Computer Controls™. Star Protection is communication technology that allows the Star Protection-equipped tool and battery to exchange data in real time and monitor conditions during use to protect against overloading, overdischarging and overheating. For increased versatility, the tool can also be powered by Makita 18V LXT® and Compact Lithium-Ion batteries with the star symbol on the battery indicating Star Protection inside.

**Specifications**

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|  | **XAG06M** | **XAG06Z** |
| Grinding Wheel or Cut-Off Wheel | 4-1/2” | 4-1/2” |
| Wire Cup Brush | 3-1/2” | 3-1/2” |
| No Load Speed | 8,500 RPM | 8,500 RPM |
| Battery | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion |
| Overall Length | 14-1/4” | 14-1/4” |
| Net Weight | 5.6 lbs., with battery | 5.6 lbs., with battery (sold separately) |
| Includes | Tool, 2 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion 4.0Ah Batteries (BL1840), Rapid Optimum Charger (DC18RC), Grinding Wheel Guard, Grinding Wheel, Cutting Wheel Guard, Cutting Wheel, Side Handle, Tool Case | Tool only |

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Makita® is a worldwide manufacturer of industrial quality power tools and outdoor power equipment, and offers a wide range of industrial accessories. Makita utilizes leading-edge technology and innovation to engineer tools that are more compact with less weight yet deliver industrial power and results. Makita's extensive line of cordless lithium-ion tools includes 18V LXT® Brushless Lithium-Ion, 18V Compact Lithium-Ion, and 12V max Lithium-Ion. Other best-in-class products include rotary and demolition hammers and saws equipped with Anti-Vibration Technology (AVT®), MM4® 4-Stroke engine power equipment, Super Joint System - SJS® grinders, miter saws engineered with Deep and Exact Cutting Technology (DXT®), Impact GOLD®, the New Gold Standard in Impact Driving, and more. Makita U.S.A., Inc. is located in La Mirada, California, and operates an extensive distribution network located throughout the U.S. For more information, call 800/4-MAKITA (800/462-5482) or go to makitatools.com. Follow Makita: facebook.com/makitatoolspage, twitter.com/makitatools, youtube.com/makitapowertools, instagram.com/makitatools. The MAKITA TEAL COLOR is the trade dress of Makita Corporation and is protected under common law and registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The Makita Black & White color combination is the trade dress of Makita Corporation and is protected under common laws and registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.