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**LANDSCAPERS SKIP THE HASSLE OF GAS-POWERED   
EQUIPMENTWITH NEW MAKITA CORDLESS TRIMMER AND BLOWER**

**New 18V LXT Cordless String Trimmer & Blower deliver power   
and run time with less noise, less maintenance and zero emissions**

**La Mirada, CA** – Makita® has released two new cordless solutions for landscapers with the 18V X2 LXT® Lithium-Ion (36V) Brushless Cordless Blower, model XBU02Z, and the 18V X2 LXT® Lithium-Ion (36V) Brushless Cordless String Trimmer, model XRU07Z. Both tools are the first in their categories to be powered by two 18V lithium-ion batteries. With Makita’s exclusive 18V X2 technology users get class-leading performance with 36V power and run-time – without leaving the strongly-preferred 18V battery platform.

**No Cord, No Emissions**

**"**Landscapers are seeking cordless options to corded and gas-powered outdoor power equipment," said Adam Livingston, Product Manager, Cordless Products, Makita USA. "Makita is a pioneer in brushless motor technology in cordless tools and a leader in the category. The new blower and string trimmer combine the efficiency of brushless with the extended run time of 18V X2 technology, giving landscapers two more opportunities to unplug the cord. They also get less noise, less maintenance, zero emissions, and none of the hassle and expense of gas powered equipment."

**World’s Largest Cordless Tool Line-Up**

These two new cordless solutions are 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.

**18V X2 LXT (36V) String Trimmer**

The new XRU07Z gives landscapers instant start-up and zero hassle with fuel, oil changes, or power cords. The efficient brushless motor has a direct-drive system that provides high power and increased torque, with Constant Speed Control to minimize reductions in rotation speed under load. The XRU07Z will run up to 60 minutes on a single charge of two Makita 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 5.0 Ah batteries (sold separately). The XRU07Z can also be run with two 18V 2.0Ah, 3.0Ah, or 4.0Ah batteries. It has a full 13-3/4" diameter of cutting capacity. For added versatility, the XRU07Z has two speed options (0-5,000 to 0-6,500), allowing the user to match the speed to the application.

Additional features include an easy-loading bump-and-feed trimmer head which rotates clockwise to help direct grass clippings away from the operator, and a reverse rotation system that allows operators to quickly clear the trimmer head. The XRU07Z weighs only 9.9 lbs. (with batteries), and includes a 3-stage L.E.D. battery indicator that monitors the battery charge status.

**18V X2 LXT (36V) Blower**

The XUB02Z also provides instant start-up for quick clean-up applications. The efficient brushless motor delivers up to 120 MPG air velocity and 473 CFM air volume. It has a 6-stage air velocity/volume selection dial with variable speed control trigger, with up to 29 minutes of run time on dial setting 3 using two 18V LXT 5.0Ah batteries (sold separately). The XBU02Z can also be run with two 18V 2.0Ah, 3.0Ah, or 4.0Ah batteries. The in-line fan design provides better tool balance and improved ergonomics, with a compact design at only 38-3/4” long.

Additional features include a lock-on button for continuous operation and a 3-stage telescoping long nozzle for user convenience. The XBU02Z weighs only 9.9 lbs. (with batteries), and includes a 3-stage L.E.D. battery indicator that monitors the battery charge status.

**Brushless Motor Technology and XPT**

Both tools feature an efficient BL™ Brushless motor that 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.

For increased durability, both tools are 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.

**Star Protection Computer Controls™**

For improved tool performance and extended battery life, the XBU02Z and XRU07Z feature 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 XBU02Z and XRU07Z 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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|  | **XBU02Z** |
| Description | **18V X2 LXT Lithium-Ion (36V) Brushless  Cordless Blower (Tool only)** |
| Max Air Velocity | 120 MPH |
| Max Air Volume | 473 CPM |
| No Load Speed (variable speed) | 11,400 – 21,500 RPM |
| Battery | 18V X2 LXT Lithium-Ion |
| Overall Length | 38-3/4” |
| Sound Pressure | 96dB(A) |
| Net Weight | 9.9 lbs., with batteries  (sold separately) |
| Includes | Tool, 3-Stage Telescoping Nozzle |

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|  | **XRU07Z** |
| Description | **18V X2 LXT Lithium-Ion (36V) Brushless  Cordless String Trimmer (tool only)** |
| Max Air Velocity | 120 MPH |
| Max Air Volume | 473 CPM |
| No Load Speed (variable speed) | 11,400 – 21,500 RPM |
| Battery | 18V X2 LXT Lithium-Ion |
| Overall Length | 38-3/4” |
| Sound Pressure | 96dB(A) |
| Net Weight | 9.9 lbs., with batteries  (sold separately) |
| Includes | String trimmer, goggles, hex wrench, accessory bag, bump & feed trimmer head |

**About Makita®**

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.

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