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**NEW MAKITA 18V LXT BRUSHLESS TRIMMER GIVES LANDSCAPERS   
ANOTHER CORDLESS ALTERNATIVE TO GAS AND CORDED MODELS**

**New addition to 18V cordless power equipment line-up trims   
with lower noise, less maintenance and zero emissions**

**La Mirada, CA** – Makita® has released one more cordless solution for landscapers with the 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless Curved Shaft String Trimmer, model XRU08Z. It’s the latest Makita trimming solution for landscapers that delivers performance without the noise, emissions, expense, and maintenance associated with gas-powered trimmers.

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

The XRU08Z is part of Makita’s expanding 18V Lithium-Ion series. With over 125 tools, it is the world’s largest cordless tool line-up powered by 18V lithium-ion slide-style batteries. Makita 18V LXT® batteries have the fastest charge times in their categories, so they spend more time working and less time sitting on the charger.

“Landscapers are seeking more cordless solutions, especially in residential areas where there is resistance to the noise and emissions of gas powered equipment,” said Rene Montes, OPE Cordless Product Manager, Makita USA. “Makita 18 volt LXT gives landscapers one battery platform with a vast amount of room to expand. The fast-charging 18 volt batteries that power Makita cordless string trimmers, hedge trimmers, blowers and chain saws are the same batteries that power Makita drills, impact drivers, grinders, and over 125 other cordless tools.”

**18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless Curved Shaft String Trimmer**

The new XRU08Z gives landscapers instant start-up and zero hassle with fuel, oil changes, or power cords. The efficient BL™ Brushless Motor delivers up to 6,000 RPM for faster cutting, with an adjustable speed dial to match the speed to the application. It will run up to 37 minutes on the high setting and 44 minutes on low under load on a single charge of a Makita 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion 5.0 Ah battery (sold separately).

The telescoping curved shaft adjusts from 60-1/2” to 64-1/2” in length for convenient operation in tight spaces. 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 XRU08Z weighs only 7.9 lbs. (with battery, sold separately), and includes a 3-stage L.E.D. battery indicator that monitors the battery charge status.

**BL™ Brushless Motor Technology and XPT™**

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.

For increased durability, the XRU08Z is equipped with Extreme Protection Technology (XPT™). XPT™ is 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 tool and battery life, Makita created 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. The XRU08Z features Star Protection and can be powered by Makita’s range of 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion batteries with the Star symbol on the battery including 2.0Ah, 3.0Ah, 4,0Ah, 5.0Ah, and 6.0Ah.

**Specifications**

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|  | **XRU08Z** |
| Description | **18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless  Cordless String Trimmer (tool only)** |
| Cutting Capacity (diameter) | 11-3/4” |
| No load speed | 0-5,000, 0-6,000 |
| Battery | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion |
| Overall Length | 64-1/2” |
| Net Weight | 7.9 lbs. (with battery, sold separately) |
| Includes | String trimmer, trimmer head,  shoulder strap, goggles, hex wrench |

**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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