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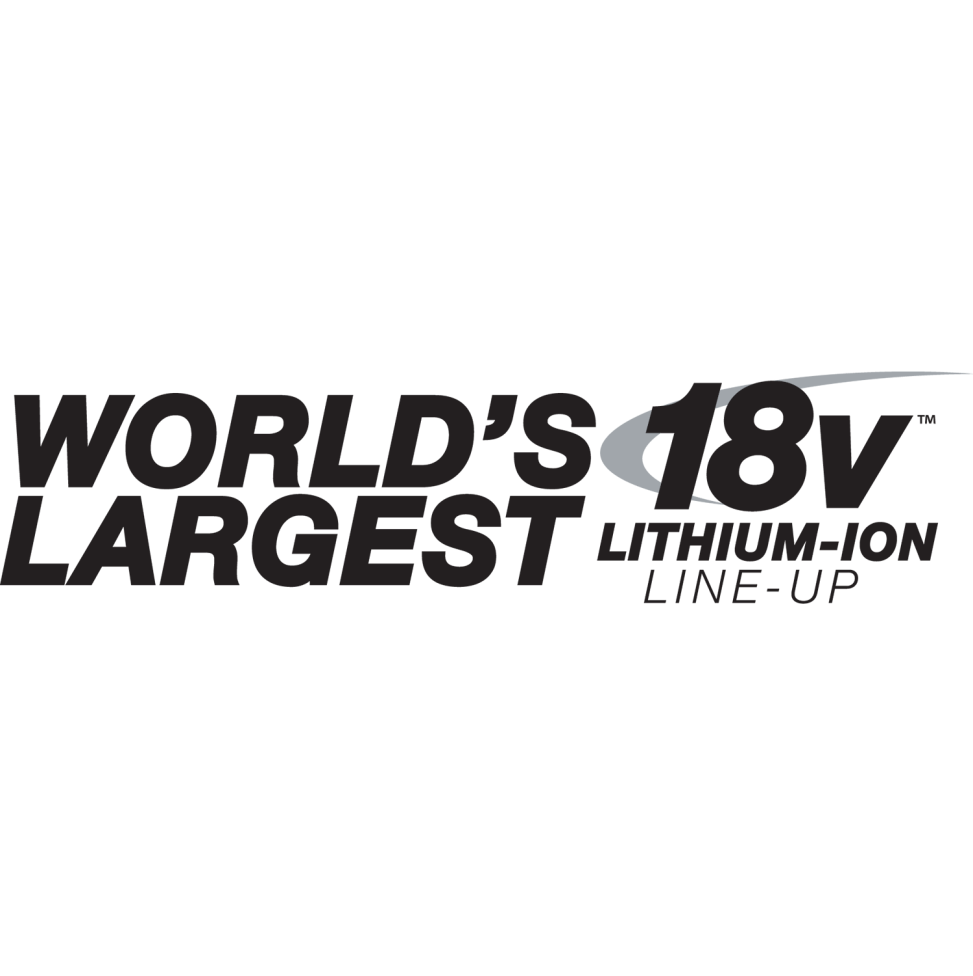
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**MAKITA RELEASES NEW FAST-CHARGING 18V LXT® LITHIUM-ION 6.0AH BATTERY**

**New 6.0Ah battery delivers longer run time, and charges in only 55 minutes**

**La Mirada, CA –** Makita® U.S.A., Inc. has expanded the world’s largest 18V lithium-ion cordless tool platform with the 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion 6.0Ah battery (model BL1860B).

**More Run Time, Same Size & Weight**

The new battery is engineered more run time (twice the run time of the Makita 3.0Ah LXT® battery), but with the same weight and dimensions as the lower-capacity 3.0Ah, 4.0Ah, and 5.0Ah LXT® batteries. It reaches a full charge in only 55 minutes, the fastest charge time in its category. For added convenience, it has an on-board L.E.D. charge level indicator.

Users will also benefit from expansive breadth-of-line: the new BL1860B is compatible with over 150 Makita 18V cordless solutions, the world’s largest 18V lithium-ion cordless tool line-up.

**New Run-Time Standards**

The new 6.0Ah battery will set new standards in run time, particularly when used on efficient brushless motor tools or in tandem on select Makita “X2” tools. Makita 18V X2 LXT® (36V) cordless tools are powered by two 18V batteries, and are engineered to deliver corded power and run time for select highest-demand tools like saws, blowers and trimmers – but without leaving the 18V battery platform or investing in heavier, high-voltage batteries.

“When contractors search for a cordless replacement for a corded tool, voltage is only part of the story,” said Carlos Quintana, Sr. Product Manager, Cordless, Makita U.S.A. “Watt hours, the product of amp hours and voltage, measures the amount of work performed by the tool and is a better performance indicator.”

Watt hours is calculated by multiplying voltage and amp-hours. It is a key indicator of battery capacity and run time, and this example offers a comparison between the BL1860 and a higher voltage battery:

**Makita 18V LXT® 6.0Ah**

* **18 x 6.0 = 108 watt hours**
* **18V X2 LXT® Recipro Saw powered by two 18V 6.0Ah batteries: 2 x 108 = 216 watt hours**

**60V 2.0Ah battery**

* **60 x 2.0 = 120 watt hours**

“The new 18 volt six amp-hour battery will create new standards in cordless efficiency and productivity,” Quintana added. “With two six amp hour batteries, an 18 volt X2 tool can meet and exceed corded tool performance, but with the same fast-charging 18 volt batteries that contractors use on their core 18 volt tools like drills and impact drivers, as well as flashlights, fans, radios, and many more. For contractors, it’s one 18 volt battery platform and one solution.”

**Star Protection Computer Controls™**

For improved tool performance and extended 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, over-discharging and overheating. Makita LXT® batteries equipped with Star Protection, including the new BL1860, ensure added protection when used with an LXT® tool also equipped with Star Protection.

**A Smart System for Consistent Performance**

Makita 18V Lithium-Ion batteries deliver consistent power and run time in extreme temperatures, even in winter (-4°F/-20°C). The impact-resistant outer case and shock-absorbing inner-liner are engineered to protect the battery, and each battery has sixteen contact terminals to maintain a constant connection with the tool to help prevent power loss or fluctuation, even during high-vibration applications. The Makita Rapid Optimum Charger (sold separately) is a smart-charging system that communicates with the battery during the charging process to monitor current, voltage and temperature. This advanced charging technology helps optimize battery life and deliver a faster charge. In addition, the Charger has a built-in fan to cool the battery for faster and more efficient charging, even in hot weather conditions.

**About Makita USA**

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 on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @MakitaTools and on You Tube @MakitaPowerTools. 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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