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**MAKITA EXPANDS 18V LXT BRUSHLESS GRINDER LINE-UP**

**New 18V LXT Brushless Paddle Switch Grinder   
offers more features, including an electric brake**

**La Mirada, CA** – Contractors are demanding more switch, handle and performance options for grinding and cut-off applications. Makita® is meeting demand with another cordless metalworking solution, the new 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless 4-1/2” Paddle Switch Cut-Off/Angle Grinder with Electric Brake Kit, model XAG10M.

In addition to the electric brake, which stops the grinding or cut-off wheel in two seconds or less upon release of the switch, the XAG10M includes electronic torque control, a large no lock-on flush-mount paddle switch with two stage lock-off, and an anti-restart function.

**World’s Largest 18V Lithium-Ion Tool Line-Up**

The XAG10M is part of Makita’s expanding 18V Lithium-Ion series. With over 150 tools it is the world’s largest cordless tool line-up powered by 18V Lithium-Ion slide-style batteries. 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.

"Makita is a pioneer in brushless motor technology in cordless tools and the leader in the category," said Carlos Quintana, Senior Product Manager, Cordless Products, Makita USA. "Makita brushless grinders are engineered to deliver the power and performance of a corded grinder, without the hassles of a cord. This new brushless motor grinder also has more features, including an electric brake and paddle switch, giving contractors one more opportunity to cut the cord for grinding and metalworking applications."

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

The new XAG10M features Automatic Speed Change™ Technology, 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 electronic torque control is engineered to turn off the motor if rotation speed suddenly slows or wheel is forced to stop. 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 to help prevent debris from entering the motor.

**More Options, More Features**

Convenience features include a large no lock-on flush-mount paddle switch with two-stage lock-off. In the event that a battery is installed while pulling the paddle switch into the ON position, the anti-restart function prevents the grinder from starting. Additional features include a rubberized soft grip and a 3-stage L.E.D. gauge to indicate battery charge level. The XAG10M has superior balance and weighs only 5.6 lbs. with battery.

**Star Protection Computer Controls™**

For improved tool performance and extended tool and battery life, Makita Tools including the XAG10M 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. The XAG10M can also 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 batteries.

**Specifications**

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|  | **XAG10M** | **XAG10Z** |
| **Description** | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 4-1/2” Paddle Switch Cut-Off/Angle Grinder with Electric Brake Kit | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 4-1/2” Paddle Switch Cut-Off/Angle Grinder with Electric Brake, tool only |
| **Grinding Wheel or Cut-Off Wheel** | 4-1/2” | 4-1/2” |
| **No Load Speed** | 8,500 RPM | 8,500 RPM |
| **Lock-on Switch** | No | No |
| **Lock-off Switch** | Yes | Yes |
| **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 (BL1840B), Rapid Optimum Charger (DC18RC), 4-1/2” Grinding Wheel, 4-1/2” Ultra-Thin Cut-Off Wheel Stainless, 4-1/2” Wheel Guard, 4-1/2” Cut-Off Wheel Guard, 14” Contractor Tool Bag, Side Handle | Tool, 4-1/2” Grinding Wheel, 4-1/2” Ultra-Thin Cut-Off Wheel Stainless, 4-1/2” Wheel Guard, 4-1/2” Cut-Off Wheel Guard, Side Handle (batteries and charger sold separately) |

**Three Year Limited Warranty**

Each Makita Lithium-Ion Power Tool, Battery and Charger is warranted to be free of defects from workmanship and materials for the period of THREE YEARS from the date of original purchase with exceptions. For more on this Limited 3-Year Warranty, go to makitatools.com

**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 on Facebook @MakitaTools, Twitter @MakitaTools, Instagram @MakitaTools, and YouTube @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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