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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

*18V LXT Lithium-Ion Sub-Compact Brushless 2-Piece Combo Kit (CX200RB)*

**MAKITA CREATES A NEW CLASS IN CORDLESS WITH 18V LXT SUB-COMPACT BRUSHLESS**

**New Sub-Compact Tools, the most compact and lightest weight in 18V,   
combine 12V handling with 18V performance, power and compatibility**

**November 1, 2016, La Mirada, CA** – Makita® has created a new class in cordless tools with the release of 18V LXT® Sub-Compact Brushless. The new 18V LXT Sub-Compact Brushless includes the most compact and lightest weight tools in the 18V category, giving contractors the size and handling of a 12-volt tool with the performance, power and compatibility of 18 volt.

**The Latest in a Series of Cordless Milestones**

When NiCD and NiMH batteries dominated cordless tools, Makita dumped old battery technology and created the world's first 18-volt lithium-ion system with 18V slide batteries. Makita soon followed with the 18V Compact category, giving contractors superior power-to-weight ratios, less bulk, and the industry’s fastest charge time. Makita also created brushless motor technology for power tools to deliver longer run time, increased power and speed, and longer tool life. Recently Makita delivered maximum power and run time with 18V X2 LXT and the industry’s first tools powered by two 18V batteries. With the new 18V LXT Sub-Compact, Makita has created yet another new class in cordless with the most compact and lightest weight tools in the category – and they carry a new black trade dress to mark this new innovation and to distinguish them from similarly-sized Makita 12-volt tools.

It’s all part of Makita’s expanding 18V LXT system. With over 150 solutions, LXT is the world’s largest cordless tool system powered by 18-volt lithium-ion slide-style batteries.

**Do More with Less in One Battery Platform**

The new 18V Sub-Compact driver-drill and impact driver are a welcome solution to contractors managing both 12-volt and 18-volt battery platforms, or for anyone seeking less bulk and weight in cordless tools for drilling, driving and fastening.

“Research on commercial and residential job sites showed us that many contractors own both 12-volt and 18-volt tools, and if a job requires the power of a 12-volt tool then they’ll definitely reach for the most compact tool first,” said Carlos Quintana, Sr. Product Manager, Cordless, Makita USA. “18V LXT Sub-Compact Brushless tools give contractors the compact size of a 12-volt tool while remaining in the 18-volt battery platform, and they deliver the performance to cover most applications on the job site. The expansive breadth-of-line of the Makita LXT System means an 18-volt battery from any LXT tool will power the 18-volt Sub-Compact driver-drill and impact driver.”

**Purpose-Built Brushless Motors**

Both tools feature brushless motors purpose-built for the product and related applications, combining power and efficiency in a more compact size. Makita brushless motors are engineered for up to 50% longer run time, increased power and speed, and longer tool life.

**18V LXT Sub-Compact Brushless ½” Driver-Drill (XFD11ZB)**

At only 6-3/8 in. and 2.8 lbs. (with 2.0Ah battery) the 18V LXT Sub-Compact Brushless Driver-Drill offers superior comfort and handling, and is built for a broad range of applications. For users running drill bits, spade bits, and fastening bits – or for electricians running the commonly-used 1-3/8” hole saw – the XFD11ZB is a more compact solution for these widely-used applications. The XFD11ZB has a mechanical variable 2-speed transmission (0-500 & 0-1,700 RPM) and dual L.E.D. lights to illuminate the work area.

**18V LXT Sub-Compact Brushless Impact Driver (XDT15ZB)**

The 18V LXT Sub-Compact Brushless Impact Driver has two speed settings and 1,240 in.lbs. of Max Torque for a full range of fastening applications. The new Assist Mode (A-mode) setting helps eliminate "screw cam-out" and "cross threading" by driving at low speed until tightening begins, and is ideal for driving longer fasteners. At only 5-5/16 in. and 2.6 lbs. (with 2.0Ah battery) it is an ultra-compact fastening solution with superior comfort and handling.

**Star Protection Computer Controls™**

For efficient power management, 18V LXT Sub-Compact tools are equipped with 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.

**XPT™ for Added Durability in Harsh Conditions**

Both tools feature Makita Extreme Protection Technology (XPT), a protective seal inside the tool engineered for improved water resistance by channeling water and dust from the tool’s key internal components. XPT is engineered for improved operation in harsh jobsite conditions.

**The LXT Advantage**

The LXT Advantage is built on industry milestones that include the world's first 18 volt lithium-ion system in 2005, brushless motor tools for aerospace in 2003 and for contractors in 2009, the industry's fastest charge times, and today with the world's largest and most efficient 18V lithium-ion cordless tool system. 18V LXT delivers it all in ONE system, with battery and motor technology that is obliterating industry standards – and leaving old thinking behind. Users can break through to new levels of run-time and productivity with high amp-hour and compact batteries, efficient brushless motor tools for premium power and run-time, 18V X2 LXT (36V) technology for maximum power and run time, and Sub-Compact solutions for the most compact and lightest weight in the category. Makita cordless tools can meet and exceed the performance of corded tools – all while remaining in a single cordless system powered by the industry's fastest-charging 18V lithium-ion batteries.

**Specifications**

The 18V Sub-Compact Driver-Drill and Impact Driver available as a tool-only and also in a combo kit (CX200RB) that includes two 18V LXT Lithium-Ion 2.0Ah batteries, Rapid Optimum Charger, and tool bag.

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| **Model** | **XFD11ZB** |
| **Description** | 18V LXT Lithium-Ion Sub-Compact Brushless ½” Driver-Drill (tool only) |
| **Capacity (steel)** | ½” |
| **Capacity (wood)** | 1-7/16” |
| **No Load Speed:** | 0-550, 0-1,700 RPM |
| **Battery** | 18V LXT Lithium-Ion |
| **Overall Length** | 6-3/8” |
| **Net Weight** | 2.8 lbs. (with 2.0Ah battery,  sold separately) |
| **Includes** | Tool only |
| **Model** | **XDT15ZB** |
| **Description** | 18V LXT Lithium-Ion Sub-Compact Brushless Impact Driver (tool only) |
| **Hex Shank:** | ¼” |
| **No Load Speed:** | 0-1,300, 0-3,000 RPM |
| **Impacts Per Minute:** | 0-1,600, 0-3,900 IPM |
| **Battery** | 18V LXT Lithium-Ion |
| **Overall Length** | 5-5/16” |
| **Net Weight** | 2.6 lbs. (with 2.0Ah battery,  sold separately) |
| **Includes** | Tool only |

**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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