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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MAKITA EXPANDS 18V LXT SUB-COMPACT CLASS WITH NEW 6-1/2” CIRCULAR SAW**

**18V LXT Sub-Compact Saw combines 12V handling with 18V run time and compatibility**

**La Mirada, CA** – Makita® is expanding the new class in cordless tools with the 18V LXT® Sub-Compact Brushless 6-1/2” Circular Saw. The new XSH04ZB gives contractors a compact circular saw with the size and handling of a 12-volt tool, but with the run time and compatibility of 18 volt. It is ideal for a full range of cutting applications.

**World’s Largest 18V System**

The new Sub-Compact saw is part of Makita’s expanding LXT® system. With over 200 solutions in 2018, LXT® is the world’s largest cordless tool system powered by 18-volt lithium-ion slide-style batteries.

**More Performance, More Compact**

The Sub-Compact 6-1/2” Circular Saw has a compact and ergonomic design at only 10-5/8” and 6.4 lbs. (with 18V LXT® Compact 2.0Ah battery). The compact size combined with the Makita-built brushless motor delivers up to 5,000 RPM and a superior power-to-weight ratio. The saw is equipped with Makita’s Automatic Speed Change™ technology, which adjusts cutting speed and torque under load for optimum cutting performance. The efficient brushless motor is electronically controlled to provide up to 50% longer run time than non-brushless motors, and in run-time testing the XSH04 made up to 174 cross cuts in 2x10 SPF lumber on a single charge of the 18V LXT 5.0Ah battery (sold separately). Users can load-up Makita 18V LXT batteries including the compact 2.0Ah (BL1820B), as well as the 3.0Ah (BL1830B), 4.0Ah (BL1840B), 5.0Ah (BL1850B) or 6.0Ah (BL1860B), all sold separately.

**More Features**

Added convenience features include dual L.E.D. lights, electric brake, built-in tether notch (tether sold separately), and Extreme Protection Technology (XPT™) for improved dust and water resistance in harsh job site conditions. The saw is available in a kit that includes a Rapid Optimum Charger and two 18V LXT 2.0Ah batteries (XSH04RB), and as a “tool only” (XSH04ZB, batteries and charger sold separately).

**Star Protection Computer Controls™**

The XSH04ZB and over 150 LXT® cordless solutions 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, over-discharging and overheating. Makita lithium-ion tools, batteries and chargers are backed by a 3-year limited warranty.

**Specifications**

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| **Model** | **XSH04RB** | **XSH04ZB** |
| **Description** | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Sub-Compact Brushless 6-1/2” Circular Saw Kit | 18V LXT® Lithium-Ion Sub-Compact Brushless 6-1/2” Circular Saw (tool only) |
| **Blade Diameter** | 6-1/2” | 6-1/2” |
| **Arbor** | 5/8” | 5/8” |
| **No Load Speed** | 5,000 RPM | 5,000 RPM |
| **Max. Cutting Capacity (at 90 degrees)** | 2-1/4” | 2-1/4” |
| **Max. Cutting Capacity (at 45 degrees)** | 1-5/8” | 1-5/8” |
| **Blade Location** | Right | Right |
| **Battery** | 18V LXT®  Lithium-Ion | 18V LXT®  Lithium-Ion (sold separately) |
| **Overall Length** | 10-5/8” | 10-5/8” |
| **Net Weight  (with battery)** | 6.4 lbs. | 6.4 lbs. |
| **Includes** | Tool, (2) 18V LXT® Compact Lithium-Ion 2.0Ah batteries, Rapid Optimum Charger, Dust Extracting Attachment, 6-1/2” 24T Carbide-Tipped Saw Blade, Hex Wrench, Tool Bag | Tool, Dust Extracting Attachment, 6-1/2” 24T Carbide-Tipped Saw Blade, Hex Wrench, Tool Bag |

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