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18V Socket Ready impact drivers provide unmatched versatility with industry-leading power

Mount Prospect, Ill., November 11, 2013– Bosch Power Tools is introducing two innovative brushless 18V impact drivers and wrenches – the IDH182 and IWBH182 – designed to answer tradesmen demands for versatility, power and control. Featuring innovative solutions such as the Socket Ready all-in-one tool holder, the tools provide electricians, plumbers, carpenters, HVAC professionals and other pro users with unmatched solutions to get the job done efficiently and effectively.

The IDH182 impact driver features the Socket Ready all-in-one tool holder, which combines a 1/4-inch hex and 1/2-inch drive into one for ultimate versatility to complete a wider range of applications. The Socket Ready all-in-one tool holder eliminates the need for users to own an impact driver and impact wrench and also eliminates the need for fragile socket adapters.

The IWBH182 impact wrench features a 1/2-inch pin detent drive with quick attach, which allows for maximum socket retention with sloped detent to provide fast, easy socket attachment.

Both the IDH182 and the IWBH182 feature the Bosch Performance Control System, which allow users to adjust tool speed and torque with a push of a button to match the tool's performance to the application at hand. This feature helps tradesmen across the board eliminate screw cam-out in screwdriver mode and screw shearing in the self-tapping screw mode while generating max output in general purpose mode.

The tools are also equipped with Bosch's EC brushless motor, which provides 2X motor life, increased performance and improved runtime.

In addition, the IDH182 and IWBH182 are designed with the smallest grip diameter for best-in-class ergonomics and comfort, and feature the patented three LED design to provide maximum illumination of the work area without shadows.

The impact driver and wrench also feature a compact and lightweight design. The IDH182 features a compact head length of 6.2 inches and weighs just 3.2 pounds when paired with a 2.0 Ah battery, while the IWBH182 has a head length of 5.75 inches and weighs just 3.6 pounds with a 4.0 Ah Battery.

The tools also feature intelligent electronic protection – electronic cell and motor protection – to increase tool and battery life, along with the Bosch-built hammer and anvil system that delivers maximum impact endurance and increased tool performance in wood and metal fastening applications.

The IDH182 and IWBH182 both feature Bosch's Flexible Power System, allowing them to be compatible with every 18V Li-ion Bosch battery, including the new BAT612 2.0 Ah CoolPack™ battery and BAT620 4.0 Ah CoolPack battery. Both tools include a magnetic bit holder, four-piece bit tip set, and a belt clip.

The Bosch IDH182-02L 18V brushless Socket Ready impact driver 2.0Ah L-Boxx Kit retails for a suggested price of $279, while the Bosch IWBH182-01L 18V brushless impact driver 4.0 Ah L-Boxx kit retails for a suggested price of $299. Both tools will also be available as bare tool kits. Both 18V drivers will be available in February 2014 at authorized dealers nationwide. To find out more or to locate a dealer, visit www.boschtools.com or call 877-BOSCH-99.

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