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Oregon® Gator Mulcher™ Blades Solve Problems Common to Mulching Blades

Portland, Oregon June 2, 2005 – The Gator Mulcher™ line of lawnmower blades, manufactured by the Oregon Cutting Systems Group of Blount, Inc., features advanced designs that solve problems commonly associated with mulching blades.

“A lot of mulching blades have two problems that make them unacceptable to users” stated Dale Marcell, Product Line Manager for Oregon® Outdoor Equipment Parts. “They don’t have enough lift to make the blades of grass stand up for a clean cut, and in the spring when grass is growing faster they’ll leave a messy looking lawn. A lot of people would like to mulch, but they don’t want to have to cut more than once a week – especially commercial cutters with numerous clients and a schedule to keep,” Marcell said.

If it weren’t for these common problems, many homeowners and commercial cutters would rather use a mulching blade because of mulching’s obvious advantages: no bagging, no disposal of clippings, fewer trips to the landfill, reduced costs and natural fertilization of the lawn – not to mention a lot of time saved. “Our design of Gator Mulcher™ blades was done to solve these very problems,” Marcell observed. “The tooth (or as some call it, the ‘sail’) shape maximizes lift and air flow in two ways: it stands uncut grass up straighter for a cleaner cut, and it keeps the clippings airborne longer. The longer grass clippings remain in circulation to be cut and re-cut the smaller they get, and the quicker they decompose.” The excellent lift of Gator Mulcher™ blades also makes them an ideal blade for fall leaf clean-up, yellowing and damage is prevented, raking is unnecessary, and burning is eliminated.

All Oregon® Gator Mulcher™ blades are hardened to R-50 for the optimum combination of hardness and resilience, and come in three types: for normal conditions regular Gator Mulcher™ blades are recommended, Gator Mulcher™ Hi-Lift blades develop extra lift and are effective in wet grass, and Gator Mulcher™ Magnum blades are 25% thicker, making them the ideal blade for commercial cutters. Selected models of commercial Gator Mulcher™ blades also receive the revolutionary Fusion® process that lengthens stay-sharp and blade life. For more information visit www.oregonchain.com.

Oregon Cutting Systems Group: Founded in 1947, the Oregon Cutting Systems Group of Blount, Inc. is a world leader in providing high quality, original equipment and replacement parts to the outdoor power equipment industry. The replacement products, sold under the Oregon® brand include: chainsaw chain, guide bars, sprockets, sharpening tools, lawnmower blades, mower parts and trimmer line and heads. More information about Oregon Cutting Systems and the Oregon® brand of quality replacement parts can be found at www.oregonchain.com, or by calling 503-653-8881.

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