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MAKITA RELEASES NEW BACKPACK BLOWER FOR THE XGT® PLATFORM

New battery-powered blower combines 65cc gas performance
with low noise and the lowest weight in the category

August 4, 2026, La Mirada, CA – Makita U.S.A., Inc., manufacturer of high-quality professional tools, power equipment, and accessories, has released the new 40V max XGT® Backpack Blower (GBU04), it delivers performance comparable to a 65cc gas-powered model but with significantly lower weight, less noise, and zero emissions. The efficient brushless motor delivers 65cc gas performance with up to 32N blowing force and 675 maximum air volume (CFM) for fast and efficient clean-ups.

"The GBU04 was engineered to deliver the blowing performance professionals expect from a 65cc-class backpack blower in a compact package weighing under 20 pounds," said Stevan Garcia, senior product manager, outdoor power equipment, Makita U.S.A., Inc. "By combining exceptional power-to-weight performance, lower noise, and the proven XGT® platform, the GBU04 gives crews a compelling alternative to traditional gas equipment without compromising performance."

Gas-Equivalent Performance, Lower Weight, Lower Noise

The GBU04 has an efficient brushless motor that delivers 65cc gas performance with up to 32N blowing force and 675 maximum air volume (CFM) for fast and efficient clean-ups. It weighs just under 20 lbs. with batteries, which is up to 23% lower weight than a comparable gas-powered backpack blower with a full fuel tank. This significantly lower weight is engineered for reduced operator fatigue and improved productivity.

There's also the benefit of lower noise: The GBU04 has a sound pressure rating of 60 dB(A) measured per ANSI OPEI B175.2:2012, which is up to 65% quieter when compared to competitor 65cc gas-powered models. This is a key point of difference for both pro landscapers and their clients, particularly in residential areas and occupied spaces.

Tabless Battery for Increased Performance

The XGT® Backpack Blower is compatible with all 40V max XGT® batteries, but is optimized for use with the XGT® High Power 8.0Ah Battery (BL4080H). The High Power Battery features tabless cell technology that delivers up to 35% more power for optimal blowing performance

with the GBU04 (when compared to the Makita 40V max XGT® 8.0Ah Battery, model number BL4080F).

It has a Dual Battery System for extended run time: With two XGT® batteries on board, the blower automatically switches to the second battery when the active battery depletes. Even with two 8.0Ah batteries on board, the GBU04 still weighs just under 20 lbs., a full 23% lower weight than a comparable gas-powered blower with a full fuel tank.

More Comfort, More Features

There's also an emphasis on comfort. In addition to having lower noise and the lowest weight in the category, the GBU04 includes a shoulder harness with breathable mesh padding that distributes weight evenly for increased operator comfort during extended use.

Additional features include a tube-mounted variable speed trigger that adjusts between 0 - 675 CFM for power and run time management, and a cruise control lever speed lock on the variable speed trigger for comfortable, continuous operation. It also features a 10" Telescoping Nozzle that quickly adjusts length and locks in place with the twist ring for precise, ground-level airflow control.

Convenience features include a tool-less control handle adjustment for user convenience, a display panel that features LED indicators providing real-time tool and power mode status, and two Power Modes that deliver instant power on/off and can switch between High and Low mode with a tactile click button.

Specifications

Description	40V max XGT® Backpack Blower (GBU04)
Power Equivalency (cc Gas):	65cc
Max. Air Volume:	675 CFM
Max. Air Velocity:	215 MPH
Blowing Force (Newtons):	32 N
Sound Pressure (per Ansi B175.2 standard):	60 dB(A
Net Weight (without battery):	11 lbs.
Dimensions (LxWxH):	9-1/2" x 23" x 20-1/2"

About Makita

Makita is a worldwide manufacturer of industrial power tools, power equipment, pneumatics and cleaning solutions and offers a wide range of industrial accessories. Makita U.S.A., Inc. is located in La Mirada, California, and operates an extensive distribution network throughout the U.S.A. With over 50 years in the United States and over 100 years worldwide, Makita utilizes experience and expertise to manufacture best-in-class solutions. For more information about Makita U.S.A. call (800)4-MAKITA or visit makitatools.com. Find Makita on Instagram, YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter @makitatools.

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