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Worthington Pro Grade Load 'N Lock Burner Interchange System™ Helps Advance Hand Torch Category for Retailers, Consumers

COLUMBUS, Ohio – February 4, 2009 – In a category traditionally not recognized for consistent innovation, the Load 'N Lock burner interchange system™, featured on Worthington Pro Grade's new hand torch products, is giving retailers and consumers reason to be excited.

The Load 'N Lock burner interchange system provides a consumer the freedom to use one hand torch while interchanging six different burners, allowing them to change tasks easily, without the need, or expense, of a separate hand torch for each type of job. This flexibility gives users the ability to switch from brazing to soldering to heating, shrinking or stripping without changing torches. Worthington Pro Grade hand torch products exclusively feature the Load 'N Lock burner interchange system.

"We feel this is an innovation the consumer has been looking for based on how hand torch products are traditionally used," said Dusty McClintock, vice president of sales and marketing for Worthington Cylinders. "The Worthington Pro Grade Load 'N Lock burner interchange system offers consumers the convenience of having one hand torch that will allow them to handle a multitude of jobs quickly and efficiently."

The Load 'N Lock burner interchange system is paired with a 14 oz. hand torch cylinder for maximum comfort and ease of use. The 14 oz. hand torch cylinder is the industry-preferred cylinder size because it comfortably fits in the user's hand, compared to larger, bulkier cylinders which can be tough to maneuver with one hand, particularly in smaller work spaces. Worthington Pro Grade is the exclusive brand of hand torch products sold at retail featuring the industry-preferred 14 oz. hand torch cylinders.

"The Worthington Pro Grade line of hand torch products is designed to be incredibly user-friendly and that's reflected in both the Load 'N Lock burner interchange system and the 14 oz. cylinder size," said McClintock. "Add in a high-impact, fiber-reinforced hand torch body that exceeds industry drop tests and the consumer ends up with an incredibly high-quality product conducive to their work environment."

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The full line of Worthington Pro Grade hand torch products currently available at retail outlets includes hand torches, hand torch kits, unique burners for multiple applications and hand torch cylinders containing propane, MAP-Pro™ and oxygen.

Editor's Note: *High-res photography of the Load 'N Lock burner interchange system is available upon request. Please contact Ray Hancart at (614) 383-1615 or ray.hancart@fahlgren.com.*

About Worthington Cylinders

Worthington Cylinders is the world's leading global supplier of pressure cylinders, continually delivering solutions to its customers while exceeding their expectations in quality, service and value. Worthington Cylinders offers the most complete line of pressure cylinders in the industry, including liquefied petroleum; refrigerant and industrial gas cylinders, airbrake tanks and consumer products. Worthington Cylinders is a Worthington Industries company (NYSE: WOR). For more information, visit WorthingtonCylinders.com.

About Worthington Industries

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