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RIDGID® INTRODUCES NEW DESIGNS AND INNOVATIVE FEATURES FOR WET/DRY VACS

St. Louis, Missouri (September 15, 2008) - RIDGID® the industry leader in wet/dry vacs, announced today the addition of several new innovative products to its Wet/Dry Vac line of cleaning tools. These new RIDGID® Wet/Dry Vacs have been developed to deliver a new level of performance, optimal versatility, and organized storage.

Leading the RIDGID® Wet/Dry Vac lineup is the new SMARTCART™ (model WD7000 - \$200). Its unique rectangular shape provides innovative function to its form – organized storage unlike any other vac on the market. SMARTCART™ features include:

- Accessory nozzles and the hose are neatly organized in storage drawers within the unit.
- Additional convenient storage is provided on the back of the unit for the 20-foot power cord, two extension wands, and there's even a bin to store cleaning supplies, like spray bottles and wipes.
- The vac's debris collection drum is located at the bottom of the unit, and along with the 3-layer fine dust filter, slides easily out of the SMARTCART™ frame. This design makes dumping the debris and cleaning or changing the filter a snap.
- Additional features include a powerful 6.5 peak horsepower motor, patented Scroll Noise Reduction® technology, locking rear wheels, flat flip-top work surface, retractable handle for easy vac storage under a workbench and a Tug-A-Long® locking Pro hose with four times the durability of standard hoses.

The RIDGID® Pro Pack® Wet/Dry Vac (model WD4522 - \$100) is designed to provide power, portability, and organized storage. Features include:

- Its shape and size are similar to a tool box which is great for storing and transporting the vac to and from the job site.
- The accessory nozzles, 20-foot power cord and collapsible 7-foot Tug-A-Long hose are contained inside the vac beneath hinged compartment covers.
- Specially designed clips provide storage on the back of the unit for the two included extension wands.

- Completing the package are a 5.0 peak horsepower motor, 3-layer fine dust filter and patented Scroll Noise Reduction® technology, it's easy to see why this is the Pro's vac of choice.

The RIDGID® Portable Wet/Dry Vac (model WD4070 - \$80) is designed to deliver powerful performance in a compact size. Features include:

- Its light weight, small size and large carry handle provide comfortable portability.
- Large rear wheels and front casters provide great mobility and the accessory storage caddy keeps nozzles and wands close at hand.
- Additional features include a 5.0 peak horsepower motor, 20-foot power cord and 3-layer fine dust filter.

The new Heavy-Duty Cleaning Kit (model VT2575 - \$50) is a 12-piece set of extremely durable accessories to help end-users maximize the versatility of RIDGID® Wet/Dry Vacs, this includes:

- Two locking metal extension wands and a unique floor nozzle design which allows users to quickly switch between three specialized cleaning attachments - floor brush, squeegee and carpet cleaning.
- The kit comes complete with claw and crevice nozzles, a dusting brush and adapters to fit any RIDGID® vac.

The lineup also includes new RIDGID® Auto Detailing Kit (model VT2534 - \$40) which offers:

- A versatile 7-piece set of unique accessories designed to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of cleaning and detailing vehicles.
- The kit includes a 10-foot premium hose, scrubbing and soft bristle brushes, extra long crevice tool, claw nozzle and adapters to fit all RIDGID® vacs.

RIDGID® Wet/Dry Vacs are available at The Home Depot and in industrial supply centers across the United States. For more information on RIDGID Wet/Dry Vacs, go to www.ridgid.com. RIDGID® is a registered trademark of RIDGID, INC., and used under license.

About RIDGID®

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