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**Independent Testing Shows New Greenlee® PVC Cutter Reduces Operator Hand Force**

*Mechanical and electrical contractors will appreciate the simplistic design that delivers straight, burr free cuts.*

**ROCKFORD, Ill. (March 12, 2018)** – Greenlee Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. (NYSE: TXT) company, is expanding its PVC cutter offering with the new 1 5/8-inch O.D. PVC Cutter. Its comfortable rubber grips and shorter handle span reduce the required handle force for easy ergonomic cutting of PVC.

“Professional contractors are getting a premium PVC cutter that is durable, functional and safer to use,” says Dale Speggen, product manager at Greenlee. “Having low handle force not only means the new PVC Cutter reduces hand strain, but it allows for more cuts per day, which can increase user productivity.”

Third-party testing performed by Materials Engineering, Inc. shows the new Greenlee 1 5/8-inch cutter requires less operator handle force than competitive 1-5/8-inch O.D. PVC cutter models made by Klein Tools® (21.9 percent less force), Ridgid® (36 percent less force), and Lenox® (69 percent less force) when cutting 1-5/8” O.D. schedule 40 PVC. See how the Greenlee 1 5/8-inch O.D. PVC Cutter compares to other cutters on the market at [Greenlee.com/PVCCutter](http://Greenlee.com/PVCCutter).

A right-angled jaw and a corrosion resistant blade are designed to achieve burr-free, clean, straight cuts with every use. The new Greenlee 1 5/8-inch O.D. PVC Cutter is also designed for the easiest quick-blade replacement on the market, allowing the user to efficiently change blades without using tools or loose parts. The new locking mechanism feature located at the top of the tool is designed to prevent unintentional locking while in use. A unique compact storage process gives operators the ability to store the PVC Cutter with the blade fully open or closed without the risk of having an exposed blade.

The new Greenlee 1 5/8-inch O.D. PVC Cutter (catalog number 864QR) is now available for purchase. Professionals can see the new PVC Cutter in action at [Greenlee.com/PVCCutter](http://Greenlee.com/PVCCutter). To schedule a demonstration or purchase the tool, contractors should locate the nearest dealer by visiting [Greenlee.com/where-to-buy](http://Greenlee.com/where-to-buy).

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