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DR Power Equipment Announces the Addition of the PILOT XT Series to Its Fleet of Leaf Collection Equipment

The push- and self-propelled leaf collectors are designed to work with standard disposable leaf bags

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. – Sept. 22, 2002 – [DR Power Equipment](#), a Generac Power Systems (NYSE: GNRC) company – and a prominent producer of high-quality outdoor power equipment – today announced the launch of the PILOT XT and PILOT XTSP (PILOT XT series) Leaf and Lawn Vac, a unique leaf collection system. The PILOT XT series fills leaf bags so that they are ready for curbside pickup or transport to a compost pile.

The push- and self-propelled powered leaf collectors feature the all new EZ Bagger Leaf Collection System™, which is designed for use with standard disposable leaf bags holding 3 cubic feet or up to 50 pounds of leaves. The EZ Bagger Leaf Collection System consists of a fold-down platform for placement of an empty leaf bag, a support ring to hold the top of the bag open and the EZ Bagger hatch, which holds the bag securely in place and creates a seal for the vacuum. Additionally, the PILOT XT models come with a caddy that holds 10 additional empty leaf bags, and consumers have the option of purchasing a second caddy to carry up to 20 bags at a time.

The PILOT XT series joins a large portfolio of DR Power leaf collection equipment, including seven lawnmower-connected tow-behind units and three walk-behind models, two self-propelled models and one push model. The PILOT XT and PILOT XTSP models are the first in the DR Power family to provide on-board leaf bagging using disposable leaf bags.

“The beauty of the bagging system is that the user spends a lot less time going back and forth between the lawn and the dumping spot,” said Jeff Shafer, vice president of merchandising at DR Power. “With the EZ Bagger System, operators can just remove a full bag, put on an empty one and keep going. Then, the operator can come back to gather all the bags when the leaf collection is done.”

The addition of the PILOT XT series powered leaf collectors is aimed at addressing the needs of many – from suburbanites with curbside collection service to rural users with the end goal of composting, as

standard leaf bags are fully compostable and do not need to be emptied. The PILOT XT series is available direct on www.drpower.com or through DR Power's network of independent dealers. For more information, visit www.drpower.com or call 800-687-6575.

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About DR Power Equipment

DR® Power Equipment, a Generac Power Systems company, is the premier developer and marketer of professional-grade, outdoor power equipment for commercial and residential use. The company was founded in 1985 in Charlotte, Vermont. For more information, visit www.drpower.com.

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