

*Press Release*

## **Full Speed Ahead for Clean Energy**

**Wood is becoming more and more important as an alternative source of energy. Many consumers want to cut their firewood for the coming winter themselves. Petrol chain saws and log-splitters from MTD are welcome helpers here.**

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The continuous increase in fuel prices and subsequent price increases for all other sources of energy are making an almost forgotten material more interesting for today's consumers. Wood. Wood fulfils today's most important criteria: its low priced and environmentally friendly.

The use of firewood as fuel has been given little attention in the past few years. Oil and gas are delivered free and the heaters that use them almost run automatically with their timers. With increasing costs of energy however, things are changing and the search for alternative, cheaper ways of heating are being searched for. More and more homeowners enjoy their own fireplace at home and thus, firewood is gaining in importance as an alternative source of energy.

If you're cutting your own wood all you really need is a saw and an axe. However, with these tools you can save a visit to your fitness center. Those who have done it know: sawing and chopping wood is hard work!

In our technical world we can save ourselves the time and effort by using the appropriate machines. Chain saws are the right choice for cutting and trimming wood and log-splitters ideal for splitting logs.

### **Powerful and Time-Effective – the Log-Splitter**

Splitting logs with a log-splitter is, in contrast to cutting and trimming wood with a chain saw, a more or less simple task. Log-splitters work with hydraulic cylinders that are moved up and down. These develop the splitting power.



The MTD log-splitter LS 550 works with a pressure of up to 25 tons. Work is possible in a horizontal, as well as a vertical position. A cast-iron splitting wedge and the powerful Briggs & Stratton motor allow you to split pieces of wood with a length of up to 63,5 cm.

### **Cutting and Trimming with Chain saws**

The petrol chain saws from MTD are the perfect helpers for hobby users, for example for working with wood in the garden or for cutting firewood. With a top price/performance ratio, all models have metal claws and metal catch bolts for the chain. Special caps for the fuel and oil tanks can be opened and closed easily without tools. An anti-vibration comfort grip produces fewer vibrations and thus, makes work more comfortable and allows easy guiding. The chains and bars are made by the name brand manufacturer Carlton.

MTD offers chain saws for every use. The petrol chain saw MTD GCS 38/35 has a bar length of 35 cm and an engine power of 1,45 kW\*, the MTD GCS 46/40 has a bar length of 40 cm and an engine power of 1,9 kW\* and the MTD GCS 46/45 has a bar length of 45 cm and an engine power of 1,9 kW\*. Both the models MTD GCS 46/40 and the GCS 46/45 are equipped with a relief valve for quick starting. The relief valve allows a part of the compressed mixture to escape from the cylinder when starting. The pulling force needed at the starter cord is thus, considerably reduced. Starting is easier and the user is relieved – further advantages of working with MTD tools.



MTD GCS 46/45

The log-splitter and the petrol chain saws from MTD, as well as their accessories can be found in home improvement stores, garden centers and specialist shops.

*\*Maximum engine power rating as per engine manufacturer Engine power rating may vary depending on the engine's usage.*

### **Preparation and Safety**

MTD especially emphasizes safety aspects when working with chain saws. Easy-to-read symbols on their saws make handling easier and the signal color red makes them highly visible at all times. Of course, they also have the CE, as well as the GS-marking (tested safety). Before operating your chain saw, MTD recommends you obtain expert advice. Today, many organizations, such as the DEULA, offer chain saw courses. And don't forget to wear proper chain saw pants, boots and a helmet with hearing protection and a visor before each use. Petrol chain saws generate poisonous gasses as soon as their motor starts running.



These gasses can be odorless and invisible. Never work with chain saws in closed or poorly ventilated rooms. Always check the floor of your work place. Danger of slipping exists when the ground is wet or uneven covered with snow, ice or freshly cut wood (bark).

### **MTD – High performance, fair price**

The most comprehensive assortment of motorized garden equipment for almost every possible use in is produced under the brand name MTD. Hobby gardeners can select from a wide range of different products that all have one thing in common: they are user friendly, robust and tough. When you select an MTD-product, you select a long lasting companion for your gardening work. MTD-brand equipment is sold in home improvement stores and garden centers.

### **About MTD Products AG**

MTD Products AG in Saarbrücken-Bübingen is the European headquarters of MTD Products Inc., which is based in Cleveland, Ohio (USA). It was established after the takeover of the tradition-rich German manufacturer GUTBROD by MTD in 1996. MTD has more than 20 production and sales locations worldwide, employing about 10.000 people. Its market share places it among the top-ten manufacturers of powered garden equipment worldwide. In Europe, MTD has its own sales locations for Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland, Bulgaria, Russia and Poland. All other European markets are serviced via sales partners and importers. The MTD portfolio in Europe comprises the brands MTD, Bolens, GUTBROD, Yard-Man and Cub Cadet. Its product range includes electric and petrol lawn mowers, verticutters, lawn tractors, compact tractors, ride-on mowers, shredders, trimmers, garden tillers, snow throwers, quads and chain saws. The European product plants are located in Saarbrücken-Bübingen and in Nemesvamos (Ungarn).