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New Composite-Construction Impact Wrench Delivers Heavy-Duty Power in Lightweight Design

Mississauga, Ontario, July 25, 2002—Featuring fibreglass nylon and aluminum construction, the newest 1/2" drive impact wrench from Snap-on, the **Blue-Point® AT600 1/2" Drive Composite Impact Wrench**, offers high value, high power for heavy-duty tasks and maximum user comfort in a lightweight design.

This new impact wrench has an aluminum nose, and an inner housing constructed of aluminum to provide structural integrity and absorb vibration that can cause repetitive strain injuries. The outer housing is constructed from fibreglass reinforced nylon. This composite construction makes the AT600 very lightweight, durable, chemical resistant and makes the AT600 easier on user's hands than a standard aluminum housing. The AT600 weighs just 4 pounds.

The AT600 features a patented push-button, ball-point-pen style forward/reverse mechanism that enables easy, single-hand operation when most impact wrenches require two-hand operation.

This high-value Blue-Point® impact wrench is designed to handle with ease any heavy-duty task requiring a 1/2" drive impact wrench. Working torque is 0–450 ft. lbs. It produces maximum forward torque of 550 ft. lbs., and 600 ft. lbs. maximum torque in reverse.

The AT600 is also fast, delivering 1,140 blows per minute. It produces 7,000 rpm in forward and 8,000 rpm in reverse. The variable-speed AT600 has 4 power settings that give the user precision speed control. A bottom-handle exhaust directs debris away from the user and the work surface.

The new AT600 1/2" Drive Composite Impact Wrench is available from Snap-on Dealers and Industrial Sales Representatives across Canada. It can also be ordered online at snapon.com (www.snapon.com) or through the Snap-on Retail Store – Sherway Gardens in Toronto (416 646-7627).

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