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More Air Power, Less Man Power

Little Wonder Introduces New 2011 Optimax Blower Line

Little Wonder, a leading brand of landscaping and debris management outdoor power equipment since 1922, builds upon the core attributes and unique features that have made Little Wonder blowers a worldwide leader with a new version of the Little Wonder Blower. Enhanced capabilities, timesaving new features and an extended model lineup that include self-propelled models combine to produce a new blower line that is nothing short of Optimax!

Enhanced performance and expanded engine options combine with new ergonomic and convenience features to make the line more productive, easier to use, and more comfortable to run.

2011 Optimax Blower Line Features:

- Large Discharge Chute Opening – Up to 25 square inches (depending on model), providing broader air coverage through the patented split-stream air deflector that directs the airstream wherever you need it to be most productive, eliminating blowback of lightweight materials and providing single-pass clearance of even the heaviest debris, standing water and rock aggregate.
- New Remote Split-Stream Air Deflector Control (available on most models) – Instant on-the-fly one hand adjustment of split-stream airflow direction right from the operator's handle.



New Little Wonder 2011 Self-propelled Optimax Blower shown.

blower housing provide for easy, secure transport. A convenient lift handle is welded to the lower housing for ease in lifting.

- Tires – Push models feature tubed pneumatic tires that tackle curbs, patios and sidewalks with ease and help to absorb vibration on bumpy terrain. Tubes standard.

Self-propelled drive models feature large 13" pneumatic rear turf tread tires for a wider base and exceptional traction.

- Low Air Discharge Chute – Positioned two-inches off the ground to provide leveled airflow right out of the chute for immediate dispersal of debris and maintains high volume airflow over farther distances.
- One Piece Deck & Lower Handle – This deck is stable and rugged so it will last when tilted, turned and driven over rough ground. The one-piece lower handle makes a solid base that also protects the engine.
- Enhanced fan – The all-steel closed face design is used on all models, and two-plane balanced on the 270cc and larger versions. This more precise balancing reduces vibration and internal stresses.
- New Handle – Wide arc, height adjustable, cushion gripped handle for easy maneuverability and comfortable operation.
- Easier Transport – Steel rear transport bracket and new dual tie-down mounts welded to the top of the

The steel tough integrity of Little Wonder blowers shines through the new modern design of the Optimax line – a strong theme that utilizes stark color contrasts to emphasize the features that are uniquely synonymous with Little Wonder blowers. The new color scheme highlights the scrolled housing, multiple air streams and patented split-stream air deflector yet stays true to the Little Wonder white housing and handle heritage.

Little Wonder offers three categories of Optimax blower – Classic, Fully Featured, and, for the first time, Self-Propelled. Each blower category provides a unique mix of new and enhanced features along with an assortment of engine options to fit user needs and preferences.

Classic Optimax

These entry-level models are built to be efficient and comfortable to use while providing durable, high-powered performance in a lighter weight push blower package.

Classic Optimax Blower Features:



- Three models available – engine options include:
Honda GC160 (163cc), Subaru SP170 (169cc) & Subaru EX27 (265cc)
- Large Discharge Chute Openings – 14.9 sq. in. (163 & 169cc models) and 25.8 sq. in. (265cc), provides broader coverage
- Tubed Pneumatic Tires – 10" Front & Rear. Tubes standard.
- Patented split-stream air deflector moves piles of leaves far and fast without blowback!
- Strong, ergonomic handle - height adjustable with anti-vibration grip
- Transport brackets for convenient tie-down during transport
- Convenient lift handle makes lifting the blower on and off the truck easier.

Classic Optimax Blower Specifications:

Model	LB 270SC	LB 170S	LB 160H
Engine	Subaru EX27	Subaru SP170	Honda GC160
Displacement (cc's)	265	169	163
Fuel Capacity (gallons)	1.6	0.95	0.83
Air Cleaner type	Dual Element	Foam	
Low Oil Sensor	Standard	N/A	
Impeller (diameter, type)	17", 7 blade, steel, reverse angle		
Impeller depth (inches)	2.75	1.5	
Discharge Chute Area (sq. in.)	25.8	14.9	
Air Volume (cfm)	2260	1397	
Air Speed (mph)	143	153	
Integrated Front Discharge	Yes		
Throttle Control	On engine	Remote	
Air Flow Control	Manual		
Dimensions (Height, Width, Length)	43" x 28" x 56"		
Tires, Front	10" pneumatic front tire w/ tube		
Tires, Rear	10" pneumatic rear tires w/ tube		
Handle	Ergonomic 2-position adjustable; anti-vibration grip		
Transport Bracket	Yes		
Lift Handle	Yes		
Housing	Continuously-welded steel; 1 piece engine deck		
Weight (lbs.)	140	109	108

Fully Featured Optimax

These larger blowers combine commercial power with user and convenience features for all day long performance.

Fully Featured Optimax Features:

- Four models available – engine options include:
Honda GX270 (270cc), Subaru EX27 (265cc), Honda GX390 (389cc) & Subaru EX40 (404cc)
- New Remote Split-Stream Deflector Control – Allows for on-the-fly adjustment of split-stream airflow direction from the operator's handle.
- Large Discharge Opening – 25.8 square inches, provides broader coverage.
- Tubed Pneumatic Tires – Large 12" rear tires provide a higher ground clearance to tackle curbs, sidewalks, and other obstacles. Tubes standard.



Fully Featured Optimax Specifications

Model	LB 400S	LB 390H	LB 270H	LB 270S
Engine	Subaru EX40	Honda GX390	Honda GX270	Subaru EX27
Displacement (cc's)	404	389	270	265
Fuel Capacity (gallons)	1.85	1.6	1.4	1.6
Air Cleaner type	Dual Element			
Low Oil Sensor	Standard			
Impeller (diameter, type)	17", 7 blade steel, reverse angle			
Impeller depth (inches)	3.25		2.75	
Discharge Chute Area (sq. in.)	25.8			
Air Volume (cfm)	2530		2260	
Air Speed (mph)	160		143	
Integrated Front Discharge	Yes			
Throttle Control	Remote			
Air Flow Control	Remote			
Dimensions (Height, Width, Length)	43" x 28" x 58"			
Tires, Front	10" pneumatic front tire w/ tube			
Tires, Rear	12" pneumatic rear tires w/ tube			
Handle	Ergonomic 2-position adjustable; anti-vibration grip			
Transport Bracket	Yes			
Lift Handle	Yes			
Housing	Continuously-welded steel; 1 piece engine deck			
Weight (lbs.)	172	168	142	140

Self-Propelled Optimax

Now all of the commercial power, performance and convenience features of the new Little Wonder Optimax Blower come in a self-propelled version.

Self-Propelled Optimax Features:



- Four models available – engine options include:
Honda GX270 (270cc), Subaru EX27 (265cc), Honda GX390 (389cc) & Subaru EX40 (404cc)
- Variable speed: 0 – 4.1 mph forward, 0 – 2.5 mph reverse.
- New Remote Split-Stream Deflector Control – Allows for on-the-fly adjustment of split-stream airflow direction from the operator's handle.
- Large Discharge Opening – 25.8 square inches, provides broader coverage.
- Large 13" Rear Turf Tread Tires – provide a wider base, exceptional traction, and higher ground clearance to easily tackle curbs, sidewalks, and other obstacles.

Self Propelled Optimax Specifications

Model	LB 400S-SP	LB 390H-SP	LB 270H-SP	LB 270S-SP
Engine	Subaru EX40	Honda GX390	Honda GX270	Subaru EX27
Displacement (cc's)	404	389	270	265
Variable Speed Forward	0 - 4.1 mph			
Variable Speed Reverse	0 - 2.5 mph			
Transmission	Variable speed belt powered chain drive Open center differential			
Fuel Capacity (gallons)	1.85	1.6	1.4	1.6
Air Cleaner type	Dual Element			
Low Oil Sensor	Standard			
Impeller (diameter, type)	17", 7 blade steel, reverse angle			
Impeller depth (inches)	3.25		2.75	
Discharge Chute Area (sq. in.)	25.8			
Air Volume (cfm)	2530		2260	
Air Speed (mph)	160		143	
Integrated Front Discharge	Yes			
Throttle Control	Remote			
Air Flow Control	Remote			
Dimensions (Height, Width, Length)	43" x 28" x 58"			
Tires, Front	10" pneumatic w/ tube			
Tires, Rear	13" pneumatic turf tread			
Handle	Ergonomic 2-position adjustable; anti-vibration grip			
Transport Bracket	Yes			
Lift Handle	Yes			
Housing	Continuously-welded steel; 1 piece engine deck			
Weight (lbs.)	232	228	202	200

To learn more about Little Wonder's new 2011 Optimax Blower Line and see the new Optimax in action, visit the Little Wonder website at www.littlewonder.com.

About Little Wonder

Since 1922, professionals and homeowners have trusted their landscape to Little Wonder equipment. From the world's first hedge trimmer to the revolutionary redesign of the walk-behind blower, Little Wonder has brought quality innovative products to the landscaping industry for nearly 90 years. Little Wonder offers a complete line of landscaping and debris management equipment that include: bed shapers, blowers, edgers, hedge trimmers, lawn and debris vacuums and truck loaders. Little Wonder equipment is available through over 3,500 power equipment dealerships nationwide. To learn more about Little Wonder and locate a dealer in your area, visit the Little Wonder website at www.littlewonder.com.

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