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**Walter Surface Technologies unveils the new QUICK-STEP XX****New addition to industry-leading QUICK-STEP sanding disc family meets growing demand for faster removal rates combined with semi-fine finishing**

**Windsor, CT / Montreal, QC – July 8th, 2014** - Walter Surface Technologies, a global industry leader in surface treatment technologies, today introduced QUICK-STEP XX, the latest addition to the company's industry-leading QUICK-STEP family of sanding disc products.

The Walter QUICK-STEP line features innovative products – including QUICK-STEP FLEX that boasts a very high removal rate along with QUICK-STEP BLENDEX which provides a very fine finish. The new QUICK-STEP XX complements those discs with an alternate product that fits in-between – combining both a high removal rate and a semi-fine finish. The new QUICK-STEP XX removal rate is twice as fast when compared to regular Velcro and PSA (pressure sensitive adhesive) sanding discs and this new disc boasts an extra-long life, with at least six times the stock removal compared to regular sanding discs.

Designed for a wide range of industries such as aerospace, automotive, appliances, and pharmaceutical, QUICK-STEP XX leverages exclusive Cyclone™ Technology, a high-tech blend of abrasive grains, and combines it with a special cooling agent to ensure cool cutting and prevent burning and distortion – allowing end-users to blend and finish more pieces in less time.

The QUICK-STEP XX also features self-sharpening grains — allowing for a consistent high cutting rate throughout the lifetime of the sanding disc — along with an extra strong cloth backing designed to be resistant to ripping when catching an edge, unlike regular paper discs. Paired with an interface pad, the QUICK-STEP XX sanding disc offers greater flexibility, making it ideal for curved surfaces.

“For end-users demanding greater flexibility, added durability, and the ability to efficiently blend and finish more pieces more quickly and cooler than ever before, QUICK-STEP XX meets and exceeds these industry requirements,” said Jonathan Douville, Product Manager, Walter Surface Technologies.

The QUICK-STEP XX sanding discs are available now.

### **About Walter Surface Technologies**

Founded more than 60 years ago, privately owned Walter Surface Technologies provides innovative solutions for the global metal surfaces finishing industry. With international headquarters in Canada (Montreal) the company has established subsidiaries in the USA (Connecticut), Mexico, Brazil, Germany, Austria and Switzerland and continues to expand around the world. From high performance abrasives, power tools and tooling to industrial parts washing systems, cleaners, degreasers and lubricants, Walter focuses on helping its customers work better. Key Certification and Awards include ISO 9001: 2008, Wall Street Journal Award (U.S); Deutscher Material Preis (Germany); American Eagle Award; CleanTech Cleaning Technology Award.

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