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Highly programmable ExpressWash™ Washers critical for protective fabrics

Oshkosh, Wis.--Continental ExpressWash™ Washers properly clean firefighter protective gear according to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and gear manufacturer guidelines. Because ExpressWash Washers are highly programmable, they not only properly clean today's protective fabrics, they will properly clean future fabrics yet to be introduced.

Once an ExpressWash Washer is programmed, a fire department can wash a variety of items – turnout suit shells and liners, truck towels, EMS jump suits and more – with a simple touch of a button. Continental ExpressWash Washers feature automatic chemical injection to ensure perfect results every time, no matter who does the wash. Operators simply choose a program number, press start, and the washer automatically blends optimum water temperatures, water levels, chemicals, extraction speeds and cycle times—ensuring quality results and proper cleaning every time.

When ExpressWash Washers are partnered with ExpressDry™ Gear Dryers, protective gear is also safely dried.

Dirty protective gear can expose firefighters to life-threatening chemicals, blood, body fluids or particulate matter. Because ExpressWash Washers and ExpressDry Gear Dryers are critical to keeping protective gear clean and firefighters safe, the equipment often qualifies for grant dollars from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG).

Featuring a soft-mount design, ExpressWash Washers can be installed in truck bays, utility rooms or storage areas – without bolts or new foundations. They operate on single-phase power and slide easily into place – cutting installation costs.

Engineered for the rigors of constant use, highly efficient ExpressWash Washers are backed by an industry-leading ContinentalCare™ warranty. To discover more, visit

www.continentalgirbau.com, or call 800-256-1073. To find out how to apply for an AFG grant, visit <http://www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program>.

Continental Girbau Inc. is the largest of 14 subsidiaries of the Girbau Group, based in Vic, Spain. Girbau laundry products – marketed throughout 90 countries worldwide – meet rigorous environmental and safety standards established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). Girbau S.A. holds both ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certifications. Ever focused on laundry efficiency, Continental Girbau is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGB), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.

