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Prepackaged 17 kW Generac Guardian® Series Automatic Standby Generators Named a Consumers Digest Best Buy

Waukesha, Wis., – November 11, 2010 – The leader in standby power generation, [Generac® Power Systems, Inc.](#), earned a Consumers Digest Best Buy designation for its prepackaged 17 kW Guardian® Series automatic standby generators (models 5504, 5505, 5873 and 5874). A review published in the May/June 2010 issue of Consumers Digest stated that these units deliver “the best dollar-for-power deal among permanent models.”

The 17 kW Guardian Series generator comes prepackaged with a 100 Amp pre-wired EZ Switch™. In a power outage, the EZ Switch will automatically start up the generator and deliver power to the home until utility power is restored. Available with 16 circuits, the EZ Switch gives consumers the ability to backup critical loads in an emergency. The generator itself offers enough power to even run a 60,000 BTU central air conditioning unit during a power outage.

“Our prepackaged 17 kW Guardian Series gensets were designed with value in mind,” said Cathy Olig, senior channel manager, Generac. “By bundling the transfer switch with the generator, we’ve given consumers a complete, cost-effective backup power solution they can install with minimal outside help. This also helps them save on installation costs. And it gives them ample power to backup what’s important to them during an outage.”

In addition to the EZ Switch, the prepackaged 17 kW Guardian Series also comes with a composite mounting pad, making it one of the easiest automatic standby generators to install, and a choice of either a steel or aluminum enclosure.

On average, a Consumers Digest Best Buy is awarded to fewer than 3 percent of the competing models in any given product category. It is model-specific, extremely

selective and divided into discrete product categories. Currently, the 17 kW Guardian Series generators are the only automatic standby generators to earn this award.

Generac Guardian Series generators are the #1 selling home standby generators in the country. They are sold under the Centurion® brand at Lowes stores nationwide. The comparable 16 kW Centurion Series generators (models 5537, 5538, 5894 and 5895) were also listed as a Consumers Digest Best Buy.

While the aforementioned models are the only ones listed as a Consumers Digest Best Buy, the full line of Guardian Series home standby generators ranges from 8kW to 60kW. Generac generators are available at home improvement retailers or from our nationwide dealer network. To find a dealer in your area visit, www.generac.com/Service/DealerLocator.

Generac has more than 50 years experience, focused exclusively on designing and manufacturing high quality power generators. For more information on Generac's complete line of residential and commercial products, visit www.Generac.com or call 888-GENERAC.

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About Generac (NYSE: GNRC)

Since 1959, Generac has been a leading manufacturer of backup power generation products serving residential, light commercial and industrial markets. Generac's power systems range in output from 800 watts to 9 megawatts and are available through a broad network of independent dealers, retailers and wholesalers. Generac is a proud supporter of the Home Safety Council and earned the Good Housekeeping Seal in 2009 and 2010. For more information on Generac and its extensive line of both portable and automatic generators, visit www.GENERAC.com.

