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**GREENLEE'S NEW ESC85 CABLE CUTTER EASILY
CUTS LARGE DIAMETER CABLES**

ESC85 can also "pick-up" and cut cables that are lying on flat surfaces

ROCKFORD, Ill. August 31, 2005 — Greenlee's newest battery-powered cable cutter, the ESC85 makes the task of cutting large diameter cables, up to 3 1/4" in diameter, fast, safe and easy for power utility underground crews, utility contractor underground crews, and telephone company OSP crews . Electrical contractors that need to cut large diameter cables will also want this cutter.

"The new Greenlee ESC85 battery-powered cable cutter was developed to quickly and cleanly cut large diameter power cable and large diameter communications cable," said Jim Eisele, product manager. "The tool features scissor style blades that fit easily around large cables and make it easy to get into tight cutting locations."

Like other Greenlee battery-powered tools, the ESC85 has a 2-speed hydraulic system and the blades automatically open when the cut is complete. The large scissor style blades easily fit around cables up to 3-1/4" (85 mm). Simply place the blades around the cable and pull the trigger. Because the ESC85 has a 2-speed pump system that advances the ram quickly until the blades reach the cable, cuts are completed in seconds depending on the cable diameter and material. As an example, this tool cuts 1000 kcmil URD in about 13 seconds. The ESC85 also increases productivity by automatically opening the blades when a cut is complete.

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The combination of large scissor style blades and a head that rotates 360° makes it easy to position the tool to cut cables in tight locations. The ESC85 will also “pick-up” and cut cables that are lying on flat surfaces. It is also equipped with a side handle for greater control and versatility.

The Greenlee ES85 comes uses a powerful 12 Volt NiCd battery. Included with each tool are two batteries, a battery charger, and a steel carrying case. There is a choice of a 120-volt, 12-volt, or a 230-volt battery charger.

For more information on the ESC85 battery-powered cable cutter, or other products from Greenlee, a Textron company, contact Greenlee, 4455 Boeing Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61109-2988. Phone (815) 397-7070. Fax (815) 397-1865 or visit the website at www.greenlee.com.

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