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Winter BlockBuster® Blades

The BlockBuster® System combines a carbide insert blade, steel cover plate and cast steel wear blocks welded into one solid unit. The system's wide footprint gives it a less aggressive cut, allowing it to plow smoothly over rougher road conditions without problems. With the rising cost of the JOMA blades (nearly a 50% increase from past years) there is a need to find a durable alternative. As part of a large statewide research project, the Metro district will compare these to the JOMA, Polar Flex and Kuper blades to see how well they clean the road surface, their overall durability and whether or not they allow operators to reduce their material output.

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Upcoming Events

Fall Maintenance Expo
St. Cloud Public Works
October 3-4, 2012

Toward Zero Deaths
Conference
Bloomington, MN
October 22-23, 2012

NTREC
St. Cloud Training Center
October 29, 2012

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