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**For immediate release:**

### ***KNIPEX Tools Now Offers Alligator® XL Water Pump Pliers Larger pliers with easy adjustment requires less force for large jobs***

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. – March 2014 – [KNIPEX Tools LP](http://www.knipex-tools.com) adds the Alligator® XL (no. 88 01 400) to its Alligator water pump pliers family. The new, larger size pliers offers the performance and comfort of water pump pliers, while being lighter in weight and having a greater gripping capacity than comparable pipe wrenches.

The 16-inch Alligator XL is distinguished by a forged box-joint design for very high stability, providing a true top and bottom grip that makes for quick and comfortable use. The Alligator XL self-locks on pipes and nuts, providing for no slipping off the work piece and requiring low hand force. The Alligator XL has a thin head and joint area making it great to fit into tight, hard-to-reach places.

Gripping surfaces, designed to grip all shapes of work pieces, with special, hardened teeth of approximately 61 Rockwell hardness, contribute to the tremendous gripping ability of the Alligator XL pliers and minimize wear on both the pliers and the work piece.

The Alligator XL offers superior user comfort, a built-in pinch guard to prevent injury to hands or fingers and plastic-dipped comfort handles.

“The Alligator XL pliers are made robust and powerful for use on hard applications, yet still provide a light-weight option that can easily be transported from one jobsite to another,” said Alan W. Sipe, president and general manager, KNIPEX Tools. “Every toolbox should have a pair of Alligator XL pliers.”

Weighing less than 3 pounds, the Alligator XL offers an 11-notch adjustment for a gripping capacity up to 3 ½-inches. Made from forged and oil-hardened, German chrome vanadium electric steel, the new 16-inch size is robust and powerful.

#### **About KNIPEX Tools**

KNIPEX Tools LP is the North American sales and marketing organization of KNIPEX-Werk and is located in Arlington Heights, Ill. KNIPEX-Werk, Wuppertal, Germany, is the largest manufacturer of professional quality pliers in the world, producing up to 65,000 pliers per day, or up to 325,000 pliers each week. The company concentrates its efforts on being the best pliers manufacturer in terms of quality, innovation and efficiency and its pliers satisfy the highest expectations in terms of performance, ergonomics and service life. [www.knipex-tools.com](http://www.knipex-tools.com)

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