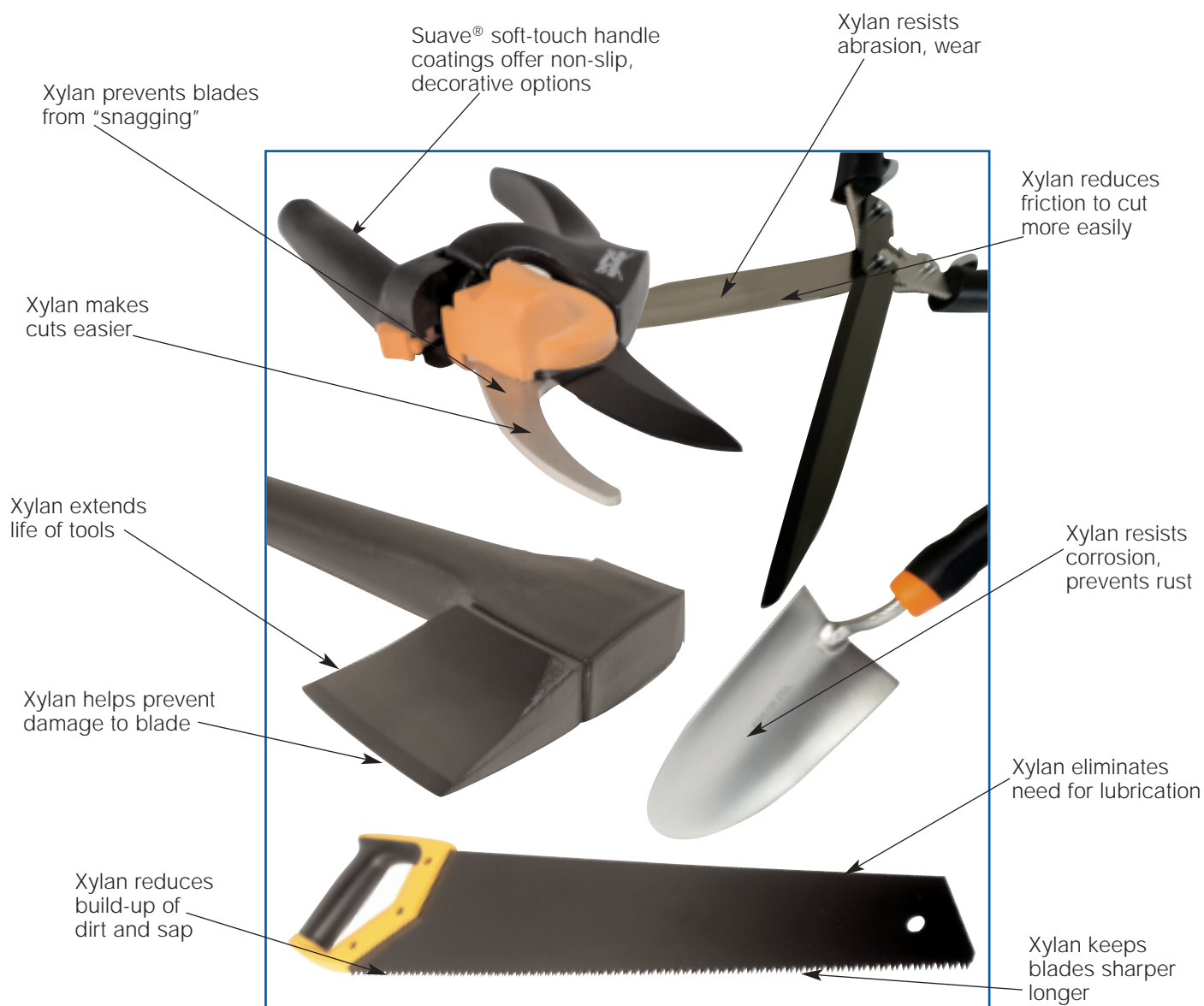


11 ways Xylan® coatings improve performance and extend service life of garden tools



Whitford's Xylan coatings offer many benefits for all types of garden tools. These include keeping blades sharper longer, resisting corrosion, reducing "snagging", extending service life.

Xylan coatings are perfect for everything from lopper blades and pruners to saw blades and hand trowels.

Whitford also offers Suave "soft-touch" coatings that add grip to handles, and come in many colours to add eye appeal.

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Whitford's Coatings, Explained

Xylan 1010: An excellent general purpose, solvent-borne, low-friction, dry-film lubricant to prevent "snagging" and reduce build-up of dirt and sap. Xylan 1010 also offers good corrosion and weathering resistance and operates up to temperatures of 260°C (525°F). It is widely used on a range of cutting blades, including commercial loppers. Note: reinforced versions of Xylan 1010 exist for applications where increased abrasion resistance is required.

Xylan 1014 or 1015: Similar to Xylan 1010, but with significantly more bonding resin relative to their level of PTFE lubricant. This provides a finish that is harder and more abrasion-resistant, while maintaining low-friction values. Xylan 1014 is ideal for blade applications where the items being cut are more likely to scratch, for example on pruner and axe blades. Xylan 1015 is more abrasion-resistant with a more attractive, glossier finish.

Xylan 1270: Similar to Xylan 1015, but with improved corrosion resistance to protect the tool from general weathering and exposure to lubricants and other garden chemicals. Xylan 1270 also offers good wear and abrasion resistance. It is ideal for applications where exposure to chemicals is more likely — for example saw blades and mower blades.

Xylan 1400: Similar to Xylan 1270. It has good corrosion and abrasion resistance with relatively low friction values. Electrostatic versions available for cost-savings.

Xylan 1424: Waterborne, highly corrosion-resistant, low-friction, dry-film lubricant. Xylan 1424 helps to prevent "snagging" while protecting the blade from abrasion, weathering and corrosion. It combines the performance characteristics of both 1014 and 1270 in one, VOC-compliant coating.

Xylan 1454: FEP-based, low-cure coating designed primarily for abrasion resistance and low-friction. Xylan 1454 also offers some release and corrosion resistance. Typical applications include shears and knives.

Xylan 8515: Food-safe, easy-clean coating with a decorative flair. It is UV stable and comes in striking colors, including bright white and metallic finishes. Typical applications include military knives and accessories.

Xylan 8530: Food-safe, easy-clean, nonstick coatings to reduce build-up of dirt. It is dishwasher-proof and therefore ideal for tools that might also be used for food preparation in the kitchen, such as hunting and camping knives.

Suave: Whitford's "soft-touch" coatings are ideal for tool handles. Suave coatings offer new dimensions to the aesthetic and tactile possibilities of design. Their soft-to-the-touch texture provides a firm, comfortable grip. They come in a wide range of colours with good wear resistance. They are user-friendly, easily applied to phenolic, ABS, Melamine, PVC, methacrylates, nylon, aluminium, iron, and stainless steel substrates, and they cure at low temperatures.

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