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NEW INDUSTRY-EXCLUSIVE CUSHIONCLOSE[™] DRAWER OPTION FROM AMERICAN WOODMARK OFFERS WHISPER QUIET LUXURY AND PEACE OF MIND

Optional CushionClose Glide Drawers Reduce Slamming and Pinching, Making Them A Luxurious Choice, Ideal For Families With Young Children

LAS VEGAS, May 10, 2005 – Providing homeowners with even more customized options at a great value, American Woodmark Corporation (AWC) introduces a new, optional, silent self-closing, full access drawer system. American Woodmark's industry-exclusive CushionClose[™] Glide drawer works via an air-damped slow close mechanism that reduces drawer slamming, pinching and noise, making it an ideal choice for families with young children.

"As families continue to spend more time in the kitchen than any other room in the house, homeowners want customizing options that are kid-friendly, convenient, and are easy to use," says Connie Edwards, CKD, CBD and American Woodmark's director of design. "The unique air damper technology of the CushionClose system silently self-closes the drawer with the ease of one light touch for whisper quiet luxury."

Permanently attached to American Woodmark's Full Access Glide rail system, the CushionClose drawer operates smoothly on steel ball bearings, and provides full access to even the deepest part of the drawer. The CushionClose Glide drawer is an American Woodmark exclusive, available as an upgrade option on all Designer's Choice® collections, including all 24" and 27" wide cabinets, which now come standard with a Butt Door configuration if desired for a full-access opening into the cabinet. American Woodmark's Designer's Choice collection, including its extensive line of coordinated moldings and accessories, can be found in all The Home Depot showrooms nationwide. For more information about American Woodmark brand cabinets sold at The Home Depot, log onto www.woodmark-homedepot.com.

American Woodmark Corporation, located in Winchester, Va., is the third largest manufacturer of kitchen and bath cabinets in the United States and Canada. Offering more than 230 cabinet lines in a wide variety of designs, materials and finishes, American Woodmark products are sold through a network of dealers and distributors and directly to home centers and major home builders. The company, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, currently operates 15 manufacturing facilities in Arizona, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as various service centers across the country. American Woodmark shares are traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol "AMWD." To find out more about American Woodmark, and view its vast array of cabinet styles, visit its Web site at www.americanwoodmark.com.

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