

HAYTERS DEVELOP MOWER FOR CEMETERIES

A new lightweight mini-sized rotary mower which can cut grass right up against stonework has been developed by rotary mower pioneers, Hayters Ltd. of Spellbrook, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. It was displayed on the company's stand at NAG and Park Administration exhibitions.

The mower, called the Hayter Hawk, has a 12 in. cut and is fitted with inset rear wheels and a choice of an inset roller or inset wheels for the front.

One of the main features is the inclusion of a side inlet and a small nylon chisel-shaped vertical deflector which acts as a scoop and draws grass from the side on to the cutters. This is designed to enable the mower to cut right up against monumental stonework. The nylon pad prevents damage.

In addition, another deflector can be fitted on the other side so that the operator can push the machine up one side of the row, and then back down the other—cutting right up to the edge in both directions.

The front roller together with the deflectors enables the machine to be suitable for all grass cutting applica-

tions in confined spaces. The necessity for hand trimming is virtually eliminated with the exception of corners within a stone framework.

Power for the cutting mechanism is provided by a Briggs and Stratton 147 c.c. four stroke engine which develops 3 b.h.p. at 3000 r.p.m. An automatic choke is standard.

The cutter bar has two cutting edges which can be reversed before re-sharpening is necessary. It is friction driven by a concave bottom plate mounted directly onto the engine crankshaft. In the event of the blade striking an obstruction it can slip around the bottom plate to a new position at which it can continue cutting thus reducing damage to the blades and preventing direct shock loads on to the engine.

Cutting height adjustment is by altering the setting of the wheels giving a variation of cut between $\frac{7}{8}$ in. to $1\frac{5}{8}$ in.

The machine weighs 52 lbs (23.6 kilos) and is 38 in. (96 cm.) long, 38 in. (96 cm.) high, and 15 in. (38 cm.) wide. Complete with wheel conversion set and extra grass deflector selling price is £40 10s.

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