New products from Service Chemicals

Service Chemicals, the people who brought you Turfex, have introduced two new products.

Go Green is a concentrated liquid iron and wetting agent. Its blend of inorganic iron gives a darker, greener, richer colour blended with chelated iron which corrects any deficiencies and additional greening effect. It also contains magnesium, to correct deficiencies and prevent turfgrass chlorosis.

The Spraywet wetting agent tablet has been produced as a direct result of customer demand. Described as an ‘ideal maintenance product’, Spraywet has all the benefits associated with the use of hose end applicators.

Toro Workman heralds new era

• It’s not often that we can announce a revolution, but according to my spies, the new Toro Workman 3000 utility vehicle from Lely (UK) Ltd appears to have broken all records, with salesmen reporting bulging order books even before the machine becomes widely available in the UK.

Launched at BTME, The Workman 3000 is designed to overcome many fundamental weaknesses. In a conventional design of a utility vehicle, the driver and load are positioned between the front and rear axles – which reduces the load carrying area and capacity.

On the Workman 3000 the operator is situated ‘out front’ which gives a weight distribution improvement of up to 25% plus 27% increase in carrying area. A full 2600lbs weight can be carried with less compaction because the out front operator allows the load to be evenly distributed. This means that, for example, a 200 gallon sprayer can be carried. The Workman 3000 incorporates a unique front suspension and steering design to give a 70° powered steering turning circle, giving the manoeuvrability of three wheels with the stability of four.

The range has the option of two power units: The 3300D has a Mitsubishi 21hp three cylinder diesel engine, whilst the 3200 Workman has a 27hp three cylinder petrol engine. Both units are mid mounted and coupled to an exclusive Toro transaxle by means of an automotive bell housing and clutch to give a reliable, quiet and all enclosed power train.

The transaxle features three speed syncromesh gears for easy shift and quiet operation, plus a hi-low range for six distinct working speeds, and manual differential lock. Also featured is a third gear supervisors lock-out, which reduces the maximum speed from 23 to 13.6 mph.

Standard wheel equipment is 23x10” flotation tyres, with optional extras at 13x24”. With the operator out-front the load is forward and is spread evenly over four wheels. This practically eliminates turf scuffing – even when fully loaded.

Clearly, the Workman 3000 is the beginning of a new era in the definition of a utility vehicle and will be setting the standards for others to follow.

BIGGA at Parker Hart open day

BIGGA’s executive director Neil Thomas, together with sales and marketing manager Bill Lynch, will be at the Parker Hart annual open day at The University of London Athletic Ground, Motspur park, Surrey on 30 June and 1 July. Opening times are 9.30am–4.30pm.

Parker Hart extend an open invitation to all BIGGA members to attend. Refreshments will be served.

As well as BIGGA, other exhibitors include Bomford Turner, Iseki, ICI, Standard Golf (UK), Jacobsen, Monomersteeg, Vitax, Rhône Poulenc and Farmura.

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