Hedge cutter launched by Reco

A verge mower and hedge cutter suitable for use with compact tractors has been added to Reco's Ferri range of groundcare equipment.

The ZME machine can be used inline or off-set behind the tractor for mowing and vertically for hedge cutting. The flail head can be rotated through 140 degrees from vertical to 50 degrees for mowing the sides of ditches, the position of the head being controlled hydraulically.

Two cutting widths are available - 1.25 and 1.35 metres. Maximum power requirement is 40hp Cutting is performed by Y-shaped hardened steel flails attached to a rotor with internal bearings, which reduces wear.

Cutting height is set by adjusting the rear roller, and a mechanical breakaway device is fitted to protect the equipment from damage if it hits a solid object. The flail head is supported by a strong parallel linkage and U-frame.

For further information Tel: 01480 435131

Redesigned hollow tines

SCH (SUPPLIES) LTD. has redesigned its HTC hollow tine corer. The new improved unit has a redesigned ballast carriage arrangement this allows for a more even weight distribution across the working area. It allows the use of four water ballast containers instead of the previous two.

The 760mm (30") working width is made up of 6 disc set in two groups of three with a centre bearing. Each disc has 6 closed spoons of 20mm (3/4"). A useful addition would be the purchase of optional slitter blades.

For further information Tel: 01473 328272

Kawasaki engine launch

Kawasaki Commercial Products Division has launched the FJ Series of general purpose engines.

The first model in the series the FJ100D is expected to become widely available to the market next year.

The air cooled, single cylinder, horizontal shaft engines have been the subject of considerable research with design focusing on easy starting, robust performance and reliability.

The lighter weight engines represent another new direction for the Japanese manufacturer extending the model ranges further.

For further information: Tel: 01285 654777

Branches beware - new chainsaws about!

Two new heavy duty professional chain saws have been launched by Italian manufacturer Oleo Mac. The Oleo Mac 971 and 981 are aimed at the most demanding users who want reliable performance day in, day out in extreme conditions.

The two new machines with 70.8 or 80.7 cc engines pack a punch of over 5 hp each to cutting bars of between 18 - 30". The chain saws combine power, performance and durability with features designed to improve their reliability. An electronic speed governor on the 981 machine guarantees consistent performance and both have an insulated high tension cable to protect the electrics from heat.

User benefits include a decompressor which demands less effort at start up while a nylon air filter speeds and simplifies cleaning and the interval between cleaning sessions is extended thanks to a self-cleaning system which ensures the air reaching the filter is already purged of the coarsest dust particles.

Accidental switch-off is prevented and improved insulation is provided by rubber insulation on the on/off switch.

Major new gang mower

Major Equipment Ltd has launched the Groundsmajor TDR Rotary Gang Mower which comes in both 16" and 20" cutting width.

The machine cuts 12.5 and 16.5 acres per hour at seven mph with the timed overlapping blades leaving a fine cut and strip free finish.

All moving parts are totally enclosed and the aerodynamic chambers control the cut material. The rollers not only level roughed ground but also act as a safety barrier preventing stones and other projectiles from escaping the confines of the body.

The two outer decks (wings) are equipped with a three point pivot system allowing each deck to fit into ground contours. The machine can be used in tighter areas as the machine can operate with one or both wings locked in transport position offering a reduced cutting width of 12" and 8".

For further information Tel: 01524 850 301

Turf anchors from Turfmech

Turfmech has produced the EcoPeg, a fully bio-degradable stake suitable for securing turf, netting, plant supports, erosion control blankets, protective covers and many other materials on flat ground or slopes.

Manufactured from degradable plant resin, the EcoPeg measures 125mm enabling it to be hammer well into the ground to provide an anchor against movement or slippage caused by wind or water. As it is made from resin means that it can be used safety in maintained areas where a metal spike might cause damage to a mower blade.

The pegs take between 12 and 15 months to break down, ultimately disappearing completely into the soil. EcoPeg stakes cost £63.22 for a box of 500.

For further information Tel: 01889 271503

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