PRODUCT FOCUS

JACOBSEN TURFCAT NOW OFFERS FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE TRACTION

JACOBSEN'S versatile Turfcat T422D now features the hill climbing traction of on-demand four-wheel drive. A differential lock gives the T422D even greater traction to tackle slopes too steep for two-wheel drive mowers.

The Jacobsen Turfcat T422D with four-wheel drive.

The Turfcat T422D has a low maintenance liquid-cooled diesel engine for years of trouble-free service. A high efficiency hydraulic implement drive provides smooth, quiet power to attachments.

The T422D can be equipped with front-mounted 60 and 72-inch rotary mowing decks, or Jacobsen's unique 60-inch fine-cut flail. In addition, a snow thrower, straight blade blower or rotary brush can be connected to the four-wheel drive T422D for all-season maintenance work.

The Bourgain Sportsfield Trencher in action.

SHIBAURA TRACKED TRANSPORTER

The Shibaura tracked transporter is the go anywhere tool for moving loads up to 450kg. Two models of the very robust and very manoeuvrable transporters are available with very low ground pressure.

Both models mounted on rubber tracks are powered by a Shibaura 4-stroke petrol engine with two forward and one reverse gear. Steering is by breaking one track or the other and it is possible to turn on the spot. Both models have tipping bodies and are extremely useful for work in confined spaces.

The Shibaura go anywhere tracked transporter.

7.0% INCREASE IN GRASS COVER WITH AGRICROP

TRIALS carried out by the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, during 1988/89 show that Agricrop - a blend of fermented seaweed and farmyard manure with nitrogen added - achieved a significant improvement in grass cover, an increase of 7.0% over the control. This was primarily attributable to an enhancement of festuca content on turf maintained at 13mm cutting height.

Small but consistent improvements in grass colour were also recorded with the higher agricrop treatments at the medium and high fertilizer rates. Dr Paul Wilson, Agriland's trials officer, told Greenkeeping Management that Agricrop with added iron (not used in the trial) could be expected to give a more significant "Green-up" effect. He added: "The important thing is that the STRI report confirms our own field trials, which have consistently shown improvements in grass coverage."

Agriland's amenity range includes a wetting agent (used in the STRI trial).

BOURGEIN EXPORT 700 SPORTSFIELD TRENCHER

L. D. Bourgein Oxford Ltd have delivered a Bourgeins 700 Sportsfield Trencher to Dublin-based Sportsground and Field Services Ltd.

The Bourgein 700 is a brand new trencher based upon the Davis 700 - first produced in 1965. With components shipped in from Case in the United States Bourgeins have developed an all round workhorse that can lay drains and then go sand-slitting.

The chassis has been strengthened and up-graded and the engine horse-power has been increased to 50hp. The 700 is fast enough to be competitive and is the only sportsfield trencher on the market that can trench 100mm, 150mm and 200mm down to a metre deep.

Bourgeins have tailored the machine to the British leisure industry and European sportsfield market with their own attachments - the Naridrainer and the Oxford Wheel.

The Shibila FR 106 Backpack Brushcutter in action.

BACK PACK BRUSHCUTTER FROM STIHL

STIHL, the West German Power Tool company have introduced a new concept to their already extensive range of brushcutters and clearing saws.

The Stihl FR 106 Backpack Brushcutter sets new standards of construction and ergonomic styling. It is specially designed for use comfort and manoeuvrability and is primarily intended for professional applications in difficult terrain.

The power unit is in a backpack form, and only the shaft has to be held and guided by the operator, making the FR 106 convenient and safe to handle for operations including pruning, cutting hedges and fruit trees as well as work in trenches, ditches or embankments.

The FR 106 power unit houses a compact 10.8 KG engine capable of generating 1.36 bhp, with a fuel capacity of 0.8 litres. The 35cc two-stroke engine which peaks at 11,000 rpm will run on leaded or unleaded fuel.