PRODUCT REVIEW

Chain-driven greens roller built for comfort

Wood Bay Enterprises of Las Vegas, Nev., has brought the greenslron 3000 to the golf industry. The tool features a three roller configuration with a vulcanized, non-slip rubber drive roller, a 5.5-hp Honda engine and a non-hydraulic Snow-Nabstedt power transmission. The roller uses a hand throttle for increased safety and ease in operation, and travels at a speed of up to 5 mph. A compact, 110-pound steel-body trailer with folding ramp is provided for transport from green to green.

The roller trailer can be attached to a golf cart or utility vehicle.

To obtain more information about the greenslron 3000, contact Wood Bay at (800) 661-4942, and be sure to mention LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT. You may also

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Buy early, Lofts suggests

Bob Richardson, general manager of Lofts/Great Western, Albany, Ore., reports that smaller than usual supplies will be available to turfgrass buyers in 1996-97, and he suggests you buy ASAP.

“Perennial ryegrass and tall fescue will be in extremely light supply,” reports Richardson. “The higher quality items might be out by mid-spring. It really depends on the weather.

“Kentucky blue seems to be in good supply, but the Jamestown II chewings fescue and Koket fine fescue will be in tight supply due to acreage, a poor European fescue crop and high domestic demand.

“The sheep's fescue and hard fescue quality products are already hard to get,” adds Richardson.

Lofts/Great Western reports there is an adequate supply of bentgrasses, but suggests that golf course superintendents will certainly see some shortages. Richardson advises professional turf managers in need of clean, quality turfgrass seed to buy as early as possible. Some items, Richardson reports, will have very little or no carry-over.

“Golf course superintendents will certainly see shortages of bentgrasses or ryegrasses,” says Richardson.

The chart (right) illustrates the pricing and availability of the Lofts/Great Western varieties. This listing was inadvertently omitted from our September availability report.

LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT regrets any inconvenience that may have resulted due to the omission.

For more information about Lofts/Great Western products, call (800) 526-3890, or

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Smaller vehicle, many uses

The Cushman Jr. Turf-Trackster work vehicle handles turf management jobs at golf course and athletic field sites that don't need the large payload of the Cushman Turf-Trackster. The Jr. model comes in both three- and four-wheel models, and hauls up to 2,000 pounds of cargo. A hydraulic dump bed is standard. Various optional attachments are available, including aeration, top dressing and spraying attachments.

For more information on the Trucksters, call Ransomes America Corporation at (800) 228-4444, and tell them you saw it in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or

Utility vehicles can run on LP gas

John Deere offers LP Gas conversion kits for its Gator Utility Vehicles, to add versatility and practicality of alternate fuel usage.

The conversion kits are designed with the commercial customer in mind, and feature dual fuel capability with key switch actuated propane or gas operation. An industry-standard tank mounting bracket allows use with a universal tank.

The Diesel Gators share an arc-welded unibody design, front suspension and a fully independent, single A-arm design that stands up to the bumps and jolts of off-road work. Low ground pressure and a low center of gravity also allow these heavy-duty haulers to work on turf without leaving ruts or marks.

For more information, call (919) 832-7421 and tell them you saw it in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or
Turning feature makes for easy service

The Ransomes Bob-Cat ZT “200” Series riding rotary mower features a true zero turning radius and a design that enhances serviceability. The mower’s two steering levers control independent power to each wheel, for enhanced maneuverability around trees, shrubs and small turf areas. Easy access to the cutter deck, belts and hydraulic reservoir makes service a snap. The wide stance of the tires enhances performance on hillsides.

To receive more information, contact the company at (800) 228-4444 and tell them you saw it here, or

Controller for simple, precise programs

Buckner’s new AutoScape controller provides sophisticated control for large residential and small to medium-sized commercial irrigation system, and is very user-friendly.

The controller is available from six to 24-station configurations. Programming allows for precise handling of demanding irrigation needs.

A detachable facepack is fully programmable, even when not connected to the base. Full-size terminal strips make for sure and easy wiring hook ups. A sensor input allows for the quick addition of a rain shutoff switch or moisture sensor. A special “All” program feature allows global changes to runtime information within a program, when controlling a large number of similar sprinklers.

To learn more about the AutoScape, and other new Buckner products, call the company at (209) 275-0500 and tell them you saw it in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or

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Self-loading hitch connects easily

“Everett the Expeditor” is a self-loading hitch that requires one person to connect a trailer to a vehicle equipped with a class III receiver hitch.

The device is installed in seconds, by using the trailer ball mounting on a vehicle’s existing receiver hitch. Once the trailer coupler is completely centered above the ball, a back plate is tripped, allowing the coupler to drop over the ball. After the trailer is completely secured to the vehicle, the funnel shaped plate is removed by pulling one pin.

For more information about the Expeditor, call the William Companies, at (414) 228-7250 and mention LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or

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Four plows meet every requirement

Western Products has four distinct lines of snowplows to meet the requirements of every type of plowing need: Sport/Utility, Standard, Pro-Plow and the Heavyweights lines.

The newest addition, the Poly plows, feature improved snow rolling action. The slippery blade surface of thermal-formed, high-density polyethylene allows you to plow faster and save fuel. And the non-corrosive poly and powder-coated steel structural members make it rust-resistant.

Western also sells hopper-type, bed-mounted and tailgate spreaders. The newest tailgate model, the Pro-Flo2, can be filled to 1,200 lbs. It has a belt conveyor to assure positive feed of all materials, including wet sand.

For more information, phone (414) 354-2310 or