**PRODUCT REVIEW**

**Hydraulic pruner with high power:weight ratio**

The PR41 hydraulic-powered pruner from Stanley Hydraulic Tools is lightweight and easy to handle, with the highest power:weight ratio on the market. The lightweight head design and full power operation on both the closing and opening of the cutting jaw makes it fast and safe to operate. The pruner cuts limbs up to 2½-inches. Length is 84-inches; weight is 11.5 pounds.

For more information, call (503) 659-5660 and tell them you saw the news in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or Circle No. 250

**Options galore for Echo trimmer unit**

The Echo SRM-2100SB can function either as a line trimmer or blade brushcutter. Then, due to its split-boom design, it can be easily converted to an edger or other tool with optional attachments. The unit features a 21.2cc, dual-ring, piston engine with Pro-Fire electronic ignition backed with a lifetime ignition-module part warranty. Unit includes vibration-reducing handles and engine mount and a see-through fuel tank.

Contact Echo Incorporated, (847) 540-8400, and mention LM, or Circle No. 252

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In addition to excellent brown patch and dollar spot control, CHIPCO26GT controls a broad spectrum of turf diseases including: leaf spots; fusarium blight; gray and pink snow mold; and corticium red thread. It is also available as a flowable formulation and is compatible with the same tank mix partners as CHIPCO26019 FLO. Call Rhone-Poulenc at (919) 549-2000, or Circle No. 251

**Shindaiwa trimmers impressive**

Shindaiwa’s line of grass trimmers and brushcutters offer full anti-vibration systems; high power-to-weight ratios for better performance; chrome-plated cylinders; two-ring pistons; one-piece electronic ignition for quick, easy starts; and TK and Walbro carburetors for excellent power from clutch engagement through full throttle. Call Shindaiwa at (503) 692-3070 and mention LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or Circle No. 253

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Truck-mounted bark blower

Finn's new truck-mounted Bark Blowers are self-powered, pneumatic conveyors designed to convey wood mulches, saw dust, compost and other bulk materials containing a high concentration of long fibers. Powered by an 80-hp John Deere 4039 diesel engine, these units can generate 750 cfm of air flow at a maximum of 12 psi to move up to 20 cubic yards of bulk material per hour through a 4-inch distribution hose at lengths of up to 300 feet. Made to directly mount onto a truck chassis, the two models hold 8.2 and 15.7 cubic yards, respectively. Contact Finn Corporation at (800) 543-7166 and mention LM, or Circle No. 254.

Pruning saw easy to use

Husqvarna's 235P lightweight hydraulic pole pruning saw features a powerful engine mounted on a comfortable backpack harness. The 235P is designed for orchards, tree services, utility companies and municipal workers.

The telescopic shaft of the 16.5-lb. saw extends from 6 to 12 feet, and is made of lightweight fiberglass and reinforced polyester. The cutting head can be angled to nearly every working position because of a ball joint located at the end of the shaft.

To keep vibration at a minimum, the lightweight 1.8-hp engine is mounted on a well-padded backpack and fitted with steel springs. A durable back harness and wide hip belt allow for easy mobility and comfort. A sliding throttle that can be positioned anywhere along the shaft makes operation comfortable.

For more information about the 235P, contact Husqvarna Forest & Garden Co. at 800/438-7297 and tell them Landscape Management referred you, or Circle No. 256.

Heat up or cool down with less fuss

BioTherm Hydronic, Inc., Petaluma, CA, says it can now install its TurfTemp heating and cooling systems for turf with minimum downtime. This new installation process allows the green or tee box to be ready for play in 3-4 days time.

BioTherm says that heating/cooling the root zone assists superintendents with creating optimum temperature for the soil. Previously the system was limited to new construction or when a green or tee box was designated for excavation. Not any more. Call BioTherm at 800/438-4328, and mention LM, or Circle No. 255.

Shindaiwa PowerBroom

The Shindaiwa PowerBroom is a gasoline-powered sweeper attached to a splined, solid-steel drive shaft. The PowerBroom consists of a drum made of tough DuPont Alcryn synthetic material and is equipped with a series of rubber-like fins. In operation, the drum rests on the ground and rotates under variable throttle control with the fins pushing debris ahead of the operator. The PB270 is designed for heavy-duty jobs, and the PB230 moves lighter loads. For more information, contact Shindaiwa at (800) 521-7733, and say you read about it in Landscape Management, or Circle No. 257.
A trimmer that thinks

The PROForce TBC-2510 trimmer/brush-cutter features the "Brain" fully-automatic-feed cutting head that senses when more line is needed. It always feeds out the perfect length, and keeps the engine speed at peak cutting performance. For tougher cutting jobs, a cutting blade can be quickly attached. Weight 11.8 lbs. Anti-vibration system. Bearing-supported, steel drive shaft driven by 24cc, 1.3-hp engine. To learn more about this Tanaka unit, call (206) 395-3900, and tell them you read about it here, or Circle No. 258

Bachtold units for tough cutting

The Bachtold Hi-Wheel Weed & Brush Cutters can handle anything from grass to 6-foot weeds and 1/4-inch saplings. Hand-controlled variable speed ground control and blade clutch on handle bars. New model available with 12-volt electric start. Easily converted to various attachments in minutes. Blade clutch standard equipment for added safety with heavy-duty blade brake. When you call Bachtold at (217) 784-5161, mention LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or Circle No. 261

Collection bin can be filled on-site

Klipping King, Inc., a venture of Rexus Agriculture Company, is a self-contained collection bin that makes debris handling fast and easy. Clippings are dumped from grass catchers into a ground-level hydraulic loading bucket. The bucket is lifted to a collection bin, which holds 11 cubic yards of debris, or three and a half pickup loads of refuse. The company says the bin is large enough to hold an entire day's worth of clippings and debris. The bin is used with a dual-axle trailer, which can pull up to 7,000 pounds of material. For more information, call (800) 279-3904 and tell them you saw this info in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or Circle No. 259

Lamp post adds charm

W.J. Whatley, Inc., manufactures fiberglass composite lighting poles and ornamental lamp posts. The Whatley 200 Series ornamental lamp post is a favorite with historic districts and municipalities. It's an exact replica of an 18th-century street light. This straight lamp post has 16 flutes, a unique slip-over base cover, and is available in six standard colors and many custom colors. Whatley lamp posts are lightweight and will not corrode; so they can be direct embedded for additional cost savings. No expensive, time-consuming anchor base installation is required. For a free Whatley catalog, call them at (303) 287-8053, or Circle No. 262

New seeded bermudagrass available

H&H Seed Company, Yuma, AZ, claims its new variety of bermudagrass, Majestic, is very uniform in texture, forms a denser turf, and requires less mowing than other seeded bermudas. Also it has finer leaves and is darker in color.

H&H Seed Company developed Majestic by screening and genetically integrating thousands of bermuda clones. Testing in Georgia, South Carolina, and California shows it has good winter resistance and high drought tolerance making it ideal for lawns, golf courses, athletic fields and other turf applications, says the Arizona-based company.

Majestic will be available in limited quantities by summer 1997. Contact H&H Seed by calling 520/783-7821 and inform them you read about Majestic in LM, or Circle No. 260
**Vertical cylinder chain saw starts quickly**

The new Tanaka ECV-4501 mid-size chain saw combines state-of-the-art performance with maximum safety to provide professional users with comfort, maneuverability and smooth cutting power.

The tool weighs nine pounds, and features a vertical cylinder to provide all the power needed to cut through the toughest jobs quickly and easily. Its innovative air filtration system removes particles from the air intake to help increase performance and prolong engine life.

For more information, contact Tanaka at (206) 395-3900 and tell them you saw the news in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or Circle No. 263

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**John Deere offers trimmers**

John Deere's new line of portable and hand-held products includes seven string trimmers/brushcutters with heavy-duty 22.6cc-40.6cc engines, curved and straight shafts from 50- to 59-inches, and 17- and 18-inch cutting swathes. John Deere string trimmers feature the Tap-For-Cord stringhead, designed with only one moving part to prevent clogging. The units are also equipped with the only truly serviceable gearcase to alleviate unnecessary down time. Contact John Deere at (704) 588-3200, and mention LM, or Circle No. 264

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**Ropeless tree pruner**

Structron has introduced a new Pull & Prune ropeless tree pruner.

The Pull & Prune is constructed with an internal steel cable that eliminates the need for the standard rope system. For easy cutting, the pruner features a steel head with a compound-action cutting blade for greater strength.

Comfort Grips provide better control and safer operation.

For more information, contact Structron at (619) 744-6371 and tell them you heard about it here, or Circle No. 265

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**Soil amendment comprised of rubber, organic materials**

American Tire Recyclers, the patent holder of Rebound soil amendment, recently established a national sales program to recruit and manage a network of dealers and distributors.

Rebound is a subsoil amendment that combines crumb rubber and organically composted material. The product is designed for use under turf that is routinely subjected to heavy use, such as athletic fields, golf tee boxes and cart paths and public parks.

The company reports Rebound improves aeration, nutrition and the absorption abilities of native soils. It also, says ATR, reduces soil density, to permit deeper, healthier root structures. Best of all, according to ATR, is the resiliency the crumb rubber provides, which dramatically reduces soil compaction.

For more information, call ATR at (800) 741-5201 and tell them you saw the news in LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, or Circle No. 266

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**Pneumatic pruner system ‘complete’**

Maibo's pneumatic pruning systems are used by landscapers, arborists, golf course crews and other green industry professionals, in residential and commercial settings. The SE-4 is used for fruit trees and ornamentals. The SE-6, the most powerful shear in the Maibo line, cuts limbs up to 2¼-inches thick, with the light touch of a trigger.

The model ST-1 hedgetrimmer and ST-5 brushcutter are rugged, low maintenance trimmers built tough for commercial use.

For more information on these and other Maibo products, call the company at (800) 255-9180 and tell them you saw the information in LM, or Circle No. 267