Unit for finish grading, seed prep

The Winds Landscaper Special is a workhorse for golf courses and sports field construction. This 8'6" unit finish grades and prepares turfseed planting beds with its double V cutting blades and 16 S-tines. A cylinder on a parallel linkage raises the unit to maintain a level cutting and mixing action. It is self-leveling, and also has a two-bar harrow with vertical and tine adjustments. It requires a 40 hp or larger tractor.

For more information contact Western Illinois New Design Systems at 309/426-2171, or Netafim adds DC controller and valve

Netafim Irrigation, Inc., offers three new models in its Miracle Irrigation Controller line. The models can be powered for a full irrigation season by a single 9-volt battery. Also newly available is a lockable outdoor pedestal.

Superior cut with Hustler’s UpperCut Deck

Excel Industries, Inc. offers the new 48" UpperCut deck, a dual-trim, rear-discharge, mulching/catching deck for the ShortCut line of commercial turf equipment. This unit is a giant step forward in mulching technology.

Virtually all mulching or recycling decks trap the grass under the deck to cut and recut the blades. As it does this, new material is constantly being added as the mower moves forward. As a result, you get an embarrassing deposit of clumped grass whenever you stop or slow to turn. The UpperCut solves this problem this way: 3 mowing blades cut the grass and channel it up above a center blade to the UpperCut chamber. Here 4 combination cutter/fan blades cut and recut the grass and discharge it out the rear.

Two negatives about rear-discharge decks have been the quality of cut and the quality of finish. The UpperCut provides a superior cut because the grass is not discharged directly out the back but is channeled into the UpperCut chamber which is above the middle blade. Consequently, the deck wraps completely around the back side of the blade creating excellent suction for a great quality of cut.

Learn more about this unit at www.excelhustler.com or contact Excel Industries at 800/395-4757.
PRODUCT REVIEW

Edging that does not rot, splinter

Landscapers now have a solution to landscape edging subjected to rotting, cracking and insect infestation. Trex Benderboard resists moisture, insects and UV rays, so it will not rot, splinter, split or crack. It's more flexible than wood. Bending around tight curves is easier and there's no need for multi-layering. Creating straight runs is also easy with Trex Benderboard. It is durable enough to be used as a mow strip and resists damage by string trimmers. Only stakes are needed to hold it in place and conventional fasteners may be used.

No special tools are needed to work with Trex, although carbide-tip blades perform best. It is available in Winchester Grey, which starts out brown and weathers to deep, rich grey hues after six to 12 weeks of being outdoors. Profiles include 2X4, 1X4 and 1/2X4, all in 16-foot lengths.

Trex is available at more than 1,500 lumber dealers in the U.S. and Canada. To find a Trex dealer near you, call 800/289-8739.

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Durable, easy-to-read distance markers

Providing players an easy way to determine the distance to the green can quickly boost the appeal of your course. Par Aide’s new, cast aluminum, fairway distance markers deliver high visibility, long-term durability, and easy maintenance. The polished brushed aluminum numbers stand out against the powder-coated red (100 yds.), white (150 yds.) and blue (200 yds.) indicators. An offset spike mounts these markers flush with the turf and keeps them exactly where you set them.

For more details on specialty distance markers, contact Par Aide at 888/893-2433, or

Circle No. 265
**On the wheel tire repair kit**

North Shore Labs offers a Safety Seal tire repair kit which permanently repairs all punctures and slices, as well as sealing from the thread to the inner liner. This ‘On the Wheel Tire Repair’ is safe, economical and easy to use.

For more details contact NSL Distributing, Inc. at 800/888-9021, on their website at www.safetyseal.com, or Circle No. 266

**One person vehicle/trailer alignment**

The ‘Hitch Playte’, from Quest Manufacturing and Sales, Inc, allows one person to align a vehicle and trailer without assistance. Back up to the trailer and the ‘Hitch Playte’ will guide the tongue over the hitch ball. Placed on the bumper or receiver hitch, the ‘Hitch Playte’ also prevents damage to the bumper and license plate and is easy to assemble and remove. The two-part system consists of the base plate, installed under the hitch ball, and the V-guide which fits into the slots of the base plate.

This product (item #400303) is available from Overtons at 800/334-6541, or www.overton.com or Circle No. 267

**Trailer lock to prevent theft**

The Trailer-Keeper is an economical theft deterrent system for trailers which prevents tire rotation so a trailer can’t move. Manufactured by Fulton Performance Products, this rugged, steel, locking device attaches to the lug latches on a case-hardened steel rod. The rod is threaded through the wheel and tire and the lug latches are secured to the wheel lock bar with a special brass padlock. Installed in seconds, the Trailer Keeper is adjustable to fit wheels up to 15” and can be used on almost any type of trailer.

For further information on Trailer Keeper, contact Fulton Performance Products, P.O. Box 8, Moisinee, WI 54455-0008, or Circle No. 268

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