Loader backhoe for commercial use

New Holland Construction's Model LB75 entry-level loader backhoe compares in size to the stronger Model 555E, with a few modifications. The LB75 features a New Holland/Iveco, 75-hp engine, compared to the 80-hp 555E engine. The LB75 is only available with 24-in. tires, instead of the 28-in. 555E tires.

For more information, contact New Holland at 800/825-4891, www.newholland.com/na or Circle No. 260

Real stone that doesn't crack

Vengeance Creek Stone's real stone products, which are harvested from metamorphic quartzite deposits in North Carolina, feature deep, rich colors without the cracking, chips and flaking problems found in slate and man-made stone products. The 450 million-year-old stone resists stains and is hand-cut, washed, pre-sorted and sized before packaging. Vengeance's four product lines — accent, stepping, stacking and designer stones — are designed to match project specifications.

For more information, contact Vengeance Creek Stone at 800/295-6023, www.vestone.com or Circle No. 263

Rain Bird sales rotors

Rain Bird sales' 5000 Series rotor is a midrange, gear-drive design, available in a 4-in. model, with 6- and 12-in. models scheduled for introduction soon. Rotors feature full- or part-circle operation and an arc adjustment from 40° to 360°. In addition, the 5000 series rotors come with a tree of low-angle, Radius+ and standard angle Rain Curtain nozzles with a capability of 50 feet.

For more information, call 626/812-3400 or Circle No. 264

Trimmer meets standards

RedMax's new BCZ 2500S string trimmer meets California CARB II and EPA standards for 2000. Using the Strato charged air head engine, the trimmer is said to be 30% more fuel efficient than previous engines. The BCZ 2500S features a two-cycle engine that powers a straight, solid-steel drive shaft with splined ends, connected to a 4-in. cutting head.

For more information, call 800/291-8251 or Circle No. 265

Fabric protects young trees

Reemay's new Typar tree protector fabric can be wrapped around young trees to protect them from mowers, weedeaters, deer, insects and bark splitting. Typar comes in 4-in.-by-25-ft. rolls and can be left in place for several years.

For more information, contact Reemay at 800/321-6271, www.reemay.com or Circle No. 261

Insecticide expands uses

Merit insecticide, manufactured by Bayer Garden & Professional Care, can now be used to control royal palm bugs, black vine weevil larvae, psyllids, flathead borers, eucalyptus longhorned borers and Japanese beetle adults. In addition, the Merit granular and wettable powder can now suppress hairy chinch bug nymphs when applied preventively to turfgrass.

For more information, call 800/842-8020 or Circle No. 262
Woods' midmount can cut at 9 mph

Woods Equipment’s M-Series Mown Machines are midmount zero-turn mowers with a 9-gallon fuel capacity, top speed of 9 mph, lift-up engine hoods, hydraulic deck controls and a two-year parts and labor warranty. The M2250 uses a 22-hp engine and 50-in. deck, while the M2650 includes a 25-hp engine and 60-in. deck.

For more information, contact Woods at 800/385-9798, www.woodsonline.com or Circle No. 266

Soil Profile Sampler

The new Mascaro Profile Sampler from Turf-Tec International simplifies soil sampling. The soil sample is extracted, and then the cutter blade is opened with the aid of a specially designed hinge. There are no bolts or screws to fumble with when opening the sampler. The sample can be viewed instantly — and completely intact — so you can examine a true, undisturbed soil profile. This instrument will take an undisturbed soil sample 6-in. deep, 3-in. wide and 1/2-in. thick. For more information, call 800/258-7477 or Circle No. 269

Seeding maneuverability

Due to the seeder’s compact size, the Brillion Turfmaker Junior seeder, available in 4- and 6-ft. seeding width models, offers increased landscaping maneuverability. The 4-ft. model has a 7-bushel hopper capacity and 11 seed metering cups to evenly distribute grass seed, while the 6-ft. model can hold 11 bushels with 17 seeding cups.

For more information, contact Brillion at 800/409-9749, www.brillionfarmeq.com or Circle No. 267

Deere E-Gator utility vehicle is whisper quiet

The John Deere E-Gator Utility Vehicle can be seen and not heard because it’s powered by a whisper-quiet electric motor. Designed for customers concerned with operational sound levels and exhaust emissions, the electric utility vehicle is a clean, quiet and efficient option. The electric utility vehicle provides the same advantages of the gas and diesel models — low ground pressure to help prevent ground compaction, smooth operation that’s easy to learn safety protections, durability for long life and easy access to service points for easy maintenance. For more information call 919/877-0877 or Circle No. 268

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