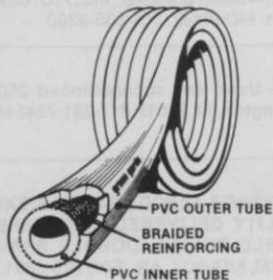


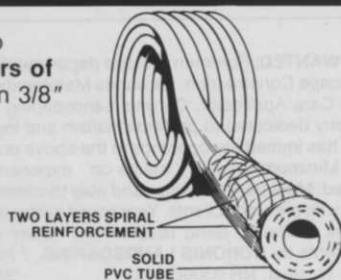


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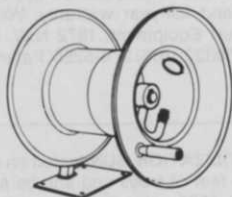
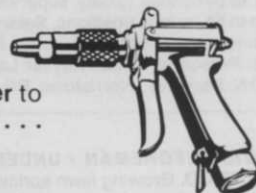
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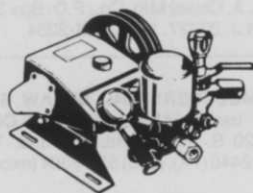
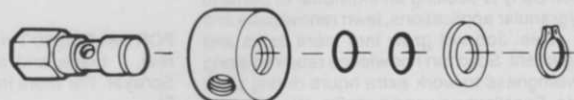


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The results, if any, of ChemLawn's posting policy will be resolved.

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I sort of feel that the readers of WEEDS TREES & TURF let 1986 sneak up on them. They really weren't prepared—especially for the bad publicity they received.

Here's hoping that our readers change with the times, that they learn from 1986, that they adjust.

And that they prosper in 1987.

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