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.

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.

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.

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 Alcry 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.
PRODUCT REVIEW

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 1/2-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.

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 swaths. 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.

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.

Soil amendment comprised of rubber, organic materials

American Tire Recyders, 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.

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.
Bridges were made with Trex Wood-Polymer Lumber, an alternative decking product made primarily from recycled plastic grocery sacks, shrink wrap and waste wood. The material has been used throughout the U.S. and Canada for residential and commercial decking, playgrounds, marinas and boardwalks. The product, determined Hummel, would be compatible with the Golden Gardens shoreline project.

The Trex product was used to build a bridge over a restored wetlands area and for a second bridge over a newly “daylighted” year-round stream, which replaced a buried concrete storm drain.

Utility poles as ground barriers
To restore the wetlands area, 25,000 square feet of asphalt was removed, pulverized and used as the base for asphalt paths accessible for disabled persons. The local electric utility saved on landfill costs by supplying 1500 linear feet of salvaged utility poles. Hummel used the utility poles as log barriers to keep people on the new pathways and out of natural habitats that have also been restored.

The Trex Company, Winchester, Va., says the product is weather-resistant and durable. It won’t rot, crack or splinter due to moisture, insects or sunlight, and does not require sealants for surface protection.

Bridges of recycled plastic renew shoreline area
Recycled plastics have been used to refurbish sections of Golden Gardens Park, a natural area on Puget Sound, six miles northwest of downtown Seattle.

Peter Hummel, landscape architect for the project, and a principle in Bruce Dees & Associates, says the City of Seattle encourages recycling by setting goals for amounts of recycled products to be used for various parks and public works projects.

The Golden Gardens Park project involved a $1 million upgrade of the shoreline areas.

The park was originally built in the 1930s, and has one of the largest, most heavily-used beaches in the Seattle Metro area.

“The City of Seattle Department of Parks & Recreation is very supportive of conservation and recycling,” says Hummel.

Natural, accessible area
“Our approach to Golden Gardens was to incorporate recycled materials as often as possible, while creating a natural and accessible environment for visitors.”

The Golden Gardens improvements are part of the Adopt-A-Park program, as led by Janine Van Sanden and ecologist Mike Williams. The area now features restored sand dunes and newly-planted native beach grass, woody shrubs and small trees.

New pathways provide disabled persons with access to the parking lot and beach.

The restored wetlands dune areas and wildlife habitat now surround a large, popular open meadow. In the distance are views of Puget Sound and the snow-capped Olympic Mountains. LM
Announcing: the second annual LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT “Emerald Awards”. LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT magazine is offering a $500 first prize to the winner of a random drawing to be held on July 1, 1997. Second prize is $300 and third prize is $200 in cash. To be eligible for the drawing, simply fill out the questionnaire at right and return it to LM’s editorial offices.

Answers to the questions will determine our “1997 Emerald Awards” winners, to be revealed—along with the contest winner—in our August issue.

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS: Contestants must be owners or employees of landscape maintenance companies or lawn care companies; or maintenance employees of a golf course or country club, including superintendents and assistant superintendents; or an athletic field manager or member of an athletic field maintenance crew; or manager or member of a facility landscape management crew. Employees of Advanstar Communications and their families are not eligible.

All questions on this entry form must be completed, and all blanks filled. One entry per person. No more than five entries from any one employer will be allowed. Entry forms will appear in the February-June, 1997 issues of LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT.

Completed questionnaires should be mailed to: Emerald Awards, LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, 7500 Old Oak Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44130. They must be received by noon, July 1, 1997.

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