

Trade News

Sisis Equipment (Macclesfield) Limited are pleased to announce the introduction of a Mk. 2 model to replace their well known Auto-Rotorake Mk. 1 heavy duty scarifier.

The Auto-Rotorake will alleviate problems caused by the accumulation of 'thatch' and creeping grasses. The contra-rotating blades of the Auto-Rotorake sever weeds and grasses below the green leaf, where a rake cannot reach, and lifts unwanted fibre above the surface for collection.

The Mk. 2 model is a carefully balanced machine with pneumatic tyred wheels designed for easy turning. Depth adjustment is on the side of the machine and there is a fine reel cut-out clutch for transport. An additional feature of this new model is an interchangeable reel of spring wire tines which can be fitted when surface scarifying only is required and this gives year round use for the machine.

The price of the Mk. 2 Auto-Rotorake, fitted with the blade reel is £245.00 ex works.

FLYMO INTRODUCE THATCHING REELS FOR IMPROVED GOLF GREEN CARE

Thatching reels which can be fitted quickly to the Greensmaster III triplex ride-on greens mower to control grain, stringers and thatch are being introduced to the United Kingdom by the Institutional Division of Flymo Limited of Watford.

The move is the latest in line with policy to provide comprehensive high work-rate equipment to enable golf clubs, faced with problems of increasing maintenance costs and shortages of skilled labour, to undertake total golf course management.

The new attachment provides the opportunity to put to direct advantage the time saved by the Greensmaster III which effectively reduces the estimated 80% of man hours involved in summer golf course grass-cutting operations. Use of the same machine on thatch control also ensures maximum utilisation of capital investment and, in addition, efficiency in operation enables a regular de-thatching programme to be undertaken to avoid cumulative problems which demand drastic remedy.

Each thatching reel is 5in. diameter with 11-pointed star-shaped blades mounted on a 1½in. shaft supported by self-aligning bearers.

Refuse material is thrown direct into the collection boxes which are standard equipment.

Thickness of the thatching blades is .045in. and is adjustable in one-quarter inch increments, from half an inch to 1½ in. Fine manual adjustment controls depth of penetration down to ⅜in. below the guide wheels.

NEW FLYMO SUPER PROFESSIONAL SOLVES PROBLEMS, CUTS COSTS

The elegantly-styled Flymo 19in. Super Professional hover mower which made its debut at the Chelsea Flower Show in May is claimed to have achieved a breakthrough in solving major problems in grass-cutting operations.

Developed from the 19in. Professional air-cushion mower introduced by Flymo Limited of Watford six years ago, the Super Professional has the virtues of a new fuel system which overcomes clogging from dirt, and reduces fuel consumption. Any small particles passing through the filter can be flushed from the bottom of the bowl-type carburettor, simply by depressing the drain plunger.

These features on the Super Professional are associated with the easy, pull-up start of the long-life engine. Developments in the fuel and carburation system are estimated to result in 10% reductions in fuel consumption compared with the earlier model. A 24:1 low octane petrol/Flymo Oil mixture also reduces exhaust pollution.

Reduction in engine noise has been achieved by development of a streamlined cowling.

The Super Professional is priced at £62.75.

The fixed carburation system – believed to be the first fitted to a two-stroke V4 engine – means there are no jets to adjust and carburation is calibrated automatically for maximum efficiency. The new system has proved very effective in bank-cutting operations.

Other features of the Super Professional include an easy-to-read visual fuel gauge, a re-designed spring-loaded handle located at the point of balance for easier carrying, and a positive upstop for the mowing position.

NEW HOSE FROM GOODYEAR

A new general purpose long length water hose, which is ideal for use around the golf course, has recently been added to the Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company's range.

Known as Spiraflex 100/7, it is a no-nonsense hose which is light in weight and therefore easier to handle, and it is available in continuous lengths up to 500ft. so the number of connections needed are reduced.

At the same time it will take a lot of hard wear. Its high grade covers are made of tough rubber compounds and are reinforced with high tensile strength yarn, spirally laid and rubber impregnated for maximum adhesions and flexibility.

Available in three bore sizes, $\frac{1}{2}$ in. $\frac{3}{4}$ in. and $\frac{7}{8}$ in. (13, 16 and 19mm), the hose is produced at the company's Craigavon, Northern Ireland factory and is obtainable from distributors and stockists throughout the United Kingdom.

AQUA-DIAL PRODUCT LEAFLET

AQUA-DIAL produce a useful leaflet giving performance, data and illustrations of their turf sprinklers, couplings, valves and automatic equipment. We can arrange for any interested reader to receive one of these.

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FLYMO OIL NOW IN 1-GALLON CANS

The popular one-pint packs of Flymo two-stroke mower oil will continue to be available for domestic users in the 1972 grass-cutting season and new one-gallon cans will be introduced for commercial customers.

The move by Flymo Limited of Watford acknowledges the increasing demand for larger amounts of Flymo Oil by workshops and large institutional and commercial undertakings.

The measure is equal to 4.55 litres and will retail at £1.25.

The container is the traditional one-gallon can with screw top for ease of use.

One-pint packs will retail at 17p.

Buying in the larger quantity will cost £1.25 per gallon against the equivalent of £1.36 for eight one-pint packs and provide a more suitable container for site-to-site work.

The gallon cans will be packed four to a pallet and shrink-wrapped for transit.

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