

◆ The Mark II version of the Turfquake has been announced. Using a large vibrating disc to form and fill a standard sized slit (50mm x 300mm), the Turfquake is able to work where other machines cannot go, claim the makers.

Developed originally to avoid soil carting need by displacing soil laterally using the powerful integral vibrator, it was also found to work well in normally very difficult conditions. Stones, hard ground, even some rock-types have been successfully slitted without surface disruption. With the ability to cut and fill a slit with a two-layer sand/gravel drainage medium in one pass, wheel damage to turf is kept to a minimum. Most fairways, even the largest, would be intensively sand-slitted within one or two days, given the right conditions. Small-bore pipes and cables can also be installed, but with a depth limit of 0.3m. The Turfquake will be on demonstration at Moreton Morrell College, Warwickshire on 17 March at the same time as the STRO seminar on Sportsturf Drainage. Details: 0773 827115.



de-mount system. It enables the vehicle to be speedily equipped and just as quickly put back into its normal operational mode.

The Eagle weighs around 200kg (without liquid) and the specification includes hydraulic folding and manual height control for the boom, clean water tank, electric controls, Hardi triplet nozzles and hose holder. A hand lance/hose reel is standard. The 'Eagle' will be from £4,030. Details: 0455 233811.



◆ 'Turf Mark', launched by ICI Professional Products at BTME, is a spray pattern indicator for golf courses and all other areas where it is advisable to mark where spraying has taken place. Available in water soluble sachets or in tablet form, 'Turf Mark', a temporary colourant, disappears in 1-2 days irrespective of weather conditions and will not stain hands, clothing or equipment. It can be used with any water soluble pesticide or fertiliser (as illustrated), without affecting chemical efficacy. Available as a measured dose, 'Turf Mark' sachets are boxed in 20's (£110.96) or tablets in a bottle of 25 (£17.40). Details: 0428 645454

◆ Novatee is a thick synthetic grass that is topdressed on site with a special non-compactable topdressing mix. This keeps the fibres standing up and allows the golfer to 'tee' up or hit down on a ball with irons – as on real grass. When irons are used on Novatee a small amount of topdressing flies out of the grass, giving the golfer the feeling of having created a proper divot. Novatee was created for use on practice areas, commercial driving ranges, or on the course where tees are not growing either from overuse or not enough sunshine. Distributor enquiries invited. Jean (John) Prevost: 0101-514 4861696 or Fax 0101 514 4869927.

◆ Supreme Mowing have further enhanced their 'Leader' range of grinding machines with the introduction at BTME of the new 'Golf Leader' cylinder and bottom blade grinder. The 'Golf Leader' incorporates Supreme's unique dual purpose grinding head, allowing equally efficient and accurate operation on both cutting cylinders and bottom blades. The machine conforms to the modular concept, offering either manual or combining automatic traverse or spin drive operation. Details: 0709 873436.

◆ The 1993 Sta-Brite Turf Care Supplies & Sports Equipment Catalogue is available now, a most user-friendly priced guide to over 500 products. Contact Sta-Brite on 0256 811811 for a copy.

◆ The new ICI Professional Products Amenity Guide has made an immediate impact on the industry, awarded 'Best Literature of the Show' at the '92 IoG show. Not content to rest on their laurels, ICI Professional Products are adding a further four pages (88 pages in total) to accommodate conversion tables and charts. In addition the guide has been designed to allow the printing of stand-alone sections featuring Turf Care, Fertilisers, Landscape Management, Grass Growth Control and Aquatics. These mini-guides were introduced for the first time at the BTME. Written, designed and produced to be user-friendly, the ICI Amenity Product guides are referred to on a regular basis by all those who have a responsibility for the management and maintenance of golf courses.

◆ SISIS Equipment (Macclesfield) Ltd are now sole Scottish distributors for the full Lescro range. Demonstrations are now being arranged and all sales and service enquiries should be made to: SISIS in Scotland, Middlefield Ind. Est., Falkirk, FK29HG. Tel: 0324 29635.

◆ Inter Seeds Ltd is the first seed company to announce its successful assessment and registration to BS 5750 Part II as wholesalers and distributors of seeds, together with the blending and mixing thereof. It proves that the management team have developed a quality system which they successfully operate and gives their customers an assurance that Inter Seeds Ltd is a supplier which has opened its doors to the rigorous bi-annual assessment by NQA of that quality system which the Standard demands. The BSI Standard stipulates that all registered companies maintain a detailed manual of procedures for all aspects of customer contact and contract review; of goods handling and inspection and testing; of assessment of their own suppliers and for the handling of complaints.



◆ Greenlink Products, European distributor of the Blazon spray pattern indicator, announces the introduction of Blazon E-Zee Pak water soluble packets, the first liquid spray pattern indicator to be available in water soluble packaging.

Blazon E-Zee Pak represents a break-through by combining the superior solubility and non-staining of liquid Blazon with the convenience of water soluble pre-measured packaging, designed to improve the quality and safety of spraying and reduce the cost of pesticide and liquid fertiliser applications. Each packet will treat 100 litres or more of tank solution. Blazon is available in the UK from Farmura and their distributors. Details: Greenlink Products 0268 413798 or Farmura Ltd 023 376 241/581.

◆ Many golf courses now face the problem of compaction and the weight of all machinery has become an important factor when deciding what to purchase. The designers of Hayter's T93 Greensmower, launched at BTME, have taken this into account. This new machine weighs 90kg (200lbs) less than the previous T92 model. A 16hp water-cooled Kubota diesel engine provides power to all drives through a full hydraulic system that includes a closed circuit transmission unit with dynamic braking. The tilting steering column and fully adjustable seat gives all-round operator comfort and helps to reduce fatigue. Mowing units are available with either 7 or 9-bladed, 13cm reels. Height adjustment is from 4.8mm to 19mm and there is a choice of grooved or smooth rollers. The Greens Conditioner has a variable penetration setting down to a depth of 1.3cm below the lowest height of cut. Three vertical thatch removal units have an overall operational width of 1.5 metres. These can be set from 0.6cm above ground down to 1.5cm into the turf. One of the big attractions of Hayter's new T93 is its price. Complete with Greens Conditioner it costs nearly £2,000 less than its nearest rival. Details: 0279 723444.



◆ Ritefeed Ltd have hit upon a unique marketing idea, an extended credit deal that gives would-be purchasers a chance to sample their fertilisers for upwards of ten months before agreeing to the terms of their 'Free Year Deal'. You tell them how much you use in a year, they tell you how much it will cost and a deal is struck. You buy your fertiliser only from them for the following four years – however, one of these years costs absolutely nothing – the charge is waived. Details from John Walker on 0772 253521

◆ Buckinghamshire based machinery dealer Risboro' Turf have obtained registration to BS5750 part II, only the second to achieve this in the county. The registration is the culmination of 18 months hard work.

Risboro' Turf, top UK Jacobsen dealer in 1990, 1991 and 1992, are major suppliers of equipment to golf clubs in Bucks, Berks, Oxon, Herts and North London and are also main dealers for Hayter-Beaver, Iseki, Lamborghini, BLEC, Honda Gravely and Charterhouse. They have recently started to manufacture their own range of pedestrian and tractor SORREL rollers. Tel 0844 274127.