NEW PRODUCTS

Supaturf Products has recently been appointed as European distributor for Aquatrols Corporation of America, whose products include Aqua-Gro, Primer 604 and InfiITTx.

Supaturf is now to introduce another product to the UK and Europe from Aquatrols called CleanCarbon.

It is a spreadable, water dispersible activated carbon product which is capable of binding many materials such as organic pesticides, petroleum products and hydraulic fluids.

Ordinary activated charcoal is a messy fine black powder which is often difficult to handle and apply and does not suspend well in water, but CleanCarbon is a new granular formulation or activated charcoal which is both spreadable and water dispersible.

Supaturf recommends it for emergency treatment to deactivate mis-applied pesticides or spills and as a once a year clean up of harmful residues from greens and tees. It will also act as a warming agent – warming up soil by up to three degrees.

Further information Tel: 01455 234677.

Wicksteed Leisure Ltd of Kettering has recently installed rubber safety surfacing tiles at Leek Golf Club.

Normally used for children's outdoor playgrounds the tiles are being used on walkways around the course – an area which had previously caused problems.

The walkways, many with steep gradients, needed a surface which was non-slip and porous, would allow tractors to travel up and down, would not damage mowers and create no mess. Golfers wearing spiked shoes needed to be able to walk on it and the noise level had to be kept to a minimum.

Wicksteed's Safety Tiles solved these problems.

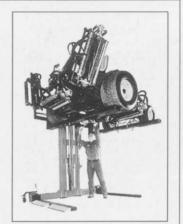
Further information Tel: 01536 517028.

Tonick Watering has launched an extended range of replacement decoders which have guaranteed compatibility with other types. The range includes competitively priced

R+R has launched the Heftee 3600 lift, as a big brother to the Heftee 2000, designed to accommodate 86 inch wide greens mowers.

"Users are increasingly undertaking service and maintenance themselves," said R+R's Equipment Head Tony Watson, "and the Heftee lifts are a proved cost-effective investment."

As the name suggests the lift has a payload of 3600lbs and has detachable wheels enabling it to be moved around the workshop. It also has a boom that enables easy engine removal and there is a clear-



ance of six feet under the forks. Further information Tel: 01480 455580.

replacements for Watermation, CIC, Wright Rain, Primetime and Robydome decoders; although directly interchangeable, the replacements are designed to last very much longer. They do not have switches and are carefully sealed in a special compound for a long operational life.

Available with up to four solenoid outputs, each with its own address, the Tonick versions save money and minimise wiring tangles in the ground. They use the latest digital microprocessor technology, have no moving parts and are truly "fit and forget". Each decoder has built-in lightning surge arresters, carries the CE mark and is guaranteed for three years.

A companion, low-cost programmer is available which conveniently and easily sets the decoder address as many times as required. The programmer also tests any decoder connected to it whatever the make.

Tonick Watering decoders are now stocked by most independent irrigation distributors and installers

For information Tel: 01903 262393.

Kubota (UK) Ltd has added a new 25hp outfront mower to its professional ride-on range.

Called the F2560, it is aimed at the local authority and contracting sectors, and is equipped with Kubota's advanced Dual-Acting Over Running Four Wheel Drive.

This feature is designed to

deliver greater levels of operator control by allowing automatic change over between 4WD and 2WD to match the demands of the terrain in forward and reverse operations – 4WD for rough and uneven terrain and 2WD for large flat areas of turf. For constant use on hilly terrain permanent 4WD can be selected.

The F2560 has a top travelling speed of 17Km/hr, and also features hydrostatic transmission and power steering.

The 60" mower deck has side or rear discharge options and has a clearance level of 200mm for easy travelling between sites and over obstacles such as curbs.

This latest addition means there are now nine ride-on units in the range of Kubota professional machines.

Further information Tel: 01844 214500.

Brand new additions to the John Deere range of grounds care equipment include the Aercore 1500 and 1000 tractor-mounted aerators; and the 3235A Turf System II fairways mower

With working widths of 95cm and 146cm, the aerators further extend John Deere's grounds care range, already the broadest available from a single manufacturer in Europe.

They are designed for aerating golf greens and fairways, as well as other professional sports and amenity turf areas. Depending on model, they can be mounted on compact tractors from 15 to

30hp, equipped with a Category I three-point hitch and 540 rpm power take-off.

Built around heavy-duty frames and tine rams to provide durability, the aerators can pull up to 30 cores per square foot, at over 75,000 square feet per hour, according to individual requirements

The special Flexi-Link tine design helps to produce a consistent, round hole with little or no scuffing at the hole top. It also allows the tine spacing to be infinitely adjustable without changing gears on the aerator – it automatically adjusts to any tractor speed setting.

John Deere's improved 3235A lightweight fairways mower boasts a new hydrostatic transmission and larger wheel motors now provide higher transport and mowing speeds, and improved 4WD performance on slopes.

This five-reel 32hp dieselengined machine features 56cm wide seven-blade cutting heads as standard, or optional eightblade heavy-duty ESP, extra strength and precision, units, with one touch lifting and lowering.

The patented RFS (rotate for service) feature means the cutting units can be rotated and presented for easy servicing, by simply flipping up an unlocking spring and pulling out a single pin.

Height of cut can be adjusted from 9.5 to 76mrn, with patented hydraulic down-pressure on the reels to follow ground contours more closely. On-board backlapping and simple reel speed adjustment are further standard features.

Further information Tel: 01949 860491.

