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Scotts take on Premiere distribution

Scotts has taken on the distribution of the DowAgroSciences product 'Premiere', a ready-to-use, pre-emergence herbicide for use around amenity tree and shrub plantings. The active ingredients, isoxaben and trifluralin, combine to provide long-term control of a wide range of germinating broad-leaved and grass weed seedlings including annual meadow-grass, fat-hen, groundsel and shepherd's-purse.

"Premiere is formulated as a free-flowing granular product," explains Dave Steward, Marketing Manager at Scotts.

"The yellow granules are easily visible when applied to the soil surface, which is a

useful benefit for operators during application. Once on the soil, the granules are disintegrated by rain/irrigation to form a herbicidal layer in the top 5 - 10 cm of soil which then acts on the germinating weed seeds, providing weed control for up to six months. With low solubility in water, Premiere does not leach and therefore offers a low risk to the environment and is safe to groundwater."

With very good plant safety, low risk of residual build-up and no hazard classification, new Premiere from Scotts is the safe herbicide option for operators, as well as the public, their pets and the environment.

**For further information
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Flymo unveil new hover mower

Flymo has launched the new XL550 hover mower. Essentially targeted towards the contractor, professional and groundcare markets, the new XL550 will sit alongside the smaller Flymo models and features a 50.5cm (20") metal blade, 3 cutting heights (10 - 26mm) and is supplied with transport wheels for added convenience and manoeuvrability.

Furthermore, Flymo's new XL550 also features a Honda-powered GCV160 4-stroke engine to easily cope with the demands of continuous inclined use on slopes of up to 45 degrees. Pumped fuel ensures optimum fuel delivery on tough inclined slopes and starting is made easy by an automatic cylinder decompression starting mechanism.

The new Flymo XL550 is available from Nottingham-based Henton and Chattell, who were recently appointed national distributors for the full range of Flymo petrol hover mowers.

**For further information
 Tel: 0115 986 6646**



Greenkeeper International takes a look at the news and the very latest products and services available from the fine turf industry

Honda engine for Masport Olympic mowers

Masport Olympic cylinder mowers from Claymore Grass Machinery, are now available with Honda engines.

The Masport model 400H 40cm/16in., 500H 50cm/20in. and 660H 65cm/26in. models are all fitted with the 4hp Honda GC135 four stroke engine. All these units have six bladed cylinders.

The Masport 500 GolfH is a specialist fine turf 50cm/20in. mower with a 4hp Honda GX120 engine and features a ten blade cylinder, shaver blade c/w turf rake and steel front roller.

Claymore Managing Director, Keith Christian, said, "The Honda engines are being supplied due to customer demand and fitting these high specification units will enhance the Masport name for quality."

"The easy starting and reliability of the Honda engine is becoming more and more in demand in particular from the hire companies."

**For further information
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Sump pallets introduced by Course Care

The Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations became law on March 1 this year and affect everyone storing oil (including diesel fuel).

Course Care has been aware of the introduction of this legislation and have solutions. To meet the requirements of the act, they have produced Sump Pallets on which to store drums and barrels, fast acting Spill Kits and a range of maintenance-free Balmoral Bunded Fuel Tanks.

"Many in the turf maintenance sector have not realised that the new regulations are, in fact, law and failure to comply can result in fines of up to a £5000 maximum. The days of the old rusty single skin diesel tanks mounted on top of pillars with a gravity feed are dead. They are an accident waiting to happen. This is one reason the new legislation has been introduced. People just haven't been taking notice of recommenda-

tions, so now it's law. Sump Pallets make the storage of oil in barrels and drums safe and tidy," said Course Care's David Mears.

Course Care will be pleased to discuss the regulations and advise on the best and most cost effective ways to comply. A free information pack is available.

**For further information
 Tel: 01535 611103**

Air conditioned cabs for Kioti tractors

Kioti compact tractors with 45hp and 50hp engines are now available with high specification factory-fitted cabs with air-conditioning.

The cabs are fully sealed and have sound and vibration damping cab mounts. They also have tinted windows, an opening roof hatch, radio-cassette player, heater and four work lights - two front and two rear.

The tractors, which are distributed in the UK by Rustons Engineering, are also now available with three alternative types of tyre to suit agricultural, general amenity or fine turf usage.

**For further information
 Tel 01480 455151**



New mini-loader is the Bobcat's whiskers

Bobcat Company, the inventor of the skid-steer loader, has announced the availability of the new A220 multi-steer loader. The Bobcat A220 is the first loader of its kind to offer the operator the possibility to select, via a rocker switch in the loader cab, the type of steering best suited for the operating conditions: all-wheel steering or skid-steering.

The A220 combines the features and benefits of two different types of steering in one machine: minimal ground disturbance of a wheel loader combined with the exceptional manoeuvrability of a skid-steer loader.

All-wheel steering is designed for minimising disturbance to soft surfaces such as grass turf as well as manoeuvring easily on dry paved surfaces such as asphalt or concrete. Skid-steering, on the other hand, allows the loader to manoeuvre efficiently in tight spaces with extra fast cycle times.

For further information
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Netpave builds on solid foundation

Netpave 25, the latest addition to Notion's portfolio of turf protection products, is a solution to the common problem of turf erosion and surface damage to grassed areas used as pathways, access routes and overspill car parks.

Golf course and ground management representatives were introduced to the many benefits of the unique Netpave 25 system - an easy-to-lay plastic paving system which requires no substructure preparation or surface evacuation. The flexibility of the spring joints of the pavers is another major benefit allowing for installation on undulating, sloping or curving ground. Netpave 25 is designed to withstand wear caused by light vehicles, so golf buggies or light grounds maintenance vehicles can access all areas without causing damage.



Stihl's ergonomically designed brushcutter

The new FR450 Backpack brushcutters from STIHL boasts a 44cc engine generating an impressive 2.1kW (2.9HP) of power, driving it straight to the top of Stihl's backpack range.

Brushcutters are one of the most useful tools invented for landscape and grounds maintenance, with their shaft-mounted cutting heads reaching around obstacles and under bushes, and tackling a range of materials where mowers can't mow or won't go. Joining the range of specialist power tools from STIHL, the FR450 brushcutter is ever more versatile, with its backpack mounting demonstrating true strength where others may struggle: on steep slopes, up overgrown

embankments and in narrow ditches.

A flexible drive shaft transmits the FR450's impressive power from its engine to the cutting head and a range of cutting tools is available, making the machine suitable for clearing anything from small weeds and grass to nettles and brambles, reeds and scrub. The specially developed, ergonomically designed carrying frame sits comfortably on the user's back, spreading the weight of the power unit across back and shoulders, with the additional support of a hip belt - just like a good rucksack.

For further information
Tel: Freephone 0800 137574



New Chipper/Shredder launched by Bearcat

Bearcat's two new 5" chipper, shredder demonstrated that they are capable of tackling the toughest chipping and shredding tasks with ease and with new technology combining high work rate with low power requirements the quiet operating machines proved very popular.

Available in pto and petrol engine versions the class-leading Bearcats are gravity fed and have the benefit of an integral blower so the whole unit is complete and versatile, providing excellent value for money.

For further information
Tel 01488 689400



Available as 500mm x 500mm plastic pavers, Netpave 25's rapid lay design can handle permanent use but can also be applied in temporary situations. At only 25mm deep, the clipped together paving systems is laid directly on top of the existing turfed area and virtually disappears into the grass within a two or three month period achieving aesthetic durability.

Ronnie Doctor, Business Manager of Netlon's Polymer Solutions Division said, "Netpave 25 was developed to be used on top of existing grassed surfaces to provide a lasting level of protection. Alongside our already comprehensive product range Netpave 25 completes our unique approach to providing a total solution in turf protection systems."

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