

NEW PRODUCTS

SAFETY IN THE SUN

Starved of sunshine for much of the year is it any surprise that the great British public throw caution to the wind at the first sign of summer? Year after year we all get caught out as we gratefully soak up the sun as we participate in our favourite activities such as sailing, walking or golf, and forget about the damage that overexposure can do to our skin. But how much is too much? This is a question that is increasingly being asked as general awareness is rising regarding the detrimental effects of overexposure to the sun.

One product development company in Scotland could have the answer. Believing that prevention is better than cure, it has developed a product, called Sunsure, which is designed to help people monitor the skin's exposure to the sun. The scientifically tested optical lens is a 'magic eye' that detects when the skin has had enough sun before it starts to burn. Used in conjunction with high factor sun creams, regular checks with the device would alert those responsible for others when maximum exposure to the sun has been reached, and the time has arrived to take preventative measures.

It could be the answer everyone is looking for.

"We've found that when people monitor themselves with a Sunsure when they are in the sun they are always amazed just how quickly changes start occurring. People often don't realise just how powerful the sun is," said Managing Director, Donald Smith, of Albyn of Stonehaven.

Further information on Sunsure can be found at www.sunsure.com



GOLF TEE SIGNS

March saw the launch of a new division of RC Marble called Golf Tee Signs. The new division is devoted exclusively to supplying granite signage to the Golf and Leisure Industry.

The decision to establish the new company follows an extremely effective 12 month sales initiative to break into the golf signage market. Golf Tee Signs will be headed by Sales Executive, Dean Poynter.

"We will be looking to consolidate what has been an incredibly successful year and establish Golf Tee Signs as the leading company for granite golf signage in the UK and Europe," said Dean RC Marble has been supplying quality granite

products since 1957. Establishing Golf Tee Signs is in recognition that the golf sector requires total commitment.

"We have to ensure that we keep pace with the rapid expansion into the golf market, in terms of production, sales and service," said Dean.

"We have already proven that there is a wealth of demand for top quality, granite signs, by competing for and winning significant contracts at prestigious installations such as the De Vere Belfry, De Vere Slayley Hall, and Wentworth Club."

Golf Tee Signs manufacture and supply a range of standard or bespoke Tee Signs, point of play markers, fairway distance signs and mow-over discs as well as entrance signs, course maps and other information displays. All are made of natural granite mounted on wood, metal or stone depending on the installation and offer a colourful, natural, durable, and maintenance free solution to long term signage requirements.

For further information Tel: 01422 347127.

NEW LOOK PEDESTRIAN MOWER

Austrian-based Reform-Werke has launched the new Reform M3 range of pedestrian mowers.

The launch follows the acquisition by Reform-Werke of hydrostatic pedestrian mowers from Swiss company Bucher Automotive, a division of Bucher Industries AG. A recognised specialist in agricultural and municipal technology, Reform has revamped the range to include additional Reform features.

Offering all the benefits of innovative Reform technology - including the ability to handle steep slopes, easy handlebar steering, user-friendly operation, optimum weight distribution, ergonomically arranged levers and low centre of gravity - the Reform M3 range ideal for steep terrain. A clutch brake ensures extra safety.

One of the key advantages of the M3 range is the ability to switch into reverse gear without having to release the handlebar. A choice of three forward and three reverse gears means the mowers can be tailored according to different terrain and forage conditions and the LK and DK models also offer three forward and reverse crawler gears. The patented independent wheel steering brake clutches on the and LK models are operated by means of a series of conveniently positioned levers on the handlegrips and make for easy manoeuvrability with the minimum of effort.

Other key new features include a new rubber steering column bearing, developed in conjunction with the Vienna Technical University, which ensures the mower is safe to manoeuvre and keeps vibration to an absolute minimum. Vibrations are further damped by means of rubber bearings on the handlebar. A clamp lever enables the steering column on all



three M3 models to be adjusted to any height: while on the LK and DK models, the handlebar can also be adjusted horizontally for mowing in even the trickiest situation.

All three models feature the new ultra-large appliance connector with graduated connection pin and automatically engaging pto - making it simpler to change the appliance attachment without tools.

Prices for the Reform M3 range start at £4,962.

For further information Tel: 01423 358928.

ATTILA BROCHURE LAUNCHED

Etesia has launched a new brochure which provides a comprehensive over-view of the company's full Attila range. Included is the recently launched 180cm Attila A180 all-terrain brushcutter. The special feature of this machine is its hydraulic automatic self-levelling system which ensures that the operator, engine and controls are always in the vertical position, while the floating cutting units follow the terrain's contours. This provides total comfort and safety for the user when working on banks up to 27 degrees.

The brochure also includes Attila 95cm and 85cm ride-ons, plus the AV51 pedestrian machine. Telephone: 01926 403319 for a copy.



NEW KAWASAKI BRUSHCUTTER

Kawasaki has given the UK brushcutter market a sharper cutting edge with the addition of two new models to an already impressive line-up.

Significant technical advances reinforce the Japanese manufacturer's established reputation for performance and durability within the professional and domestic markets and the two new models are expected to increase market share further.

The loop handle KBL27-A and the horn handle KBH27-A come equipped with improved, 27cc two-stroke, horizontal shaft petrol engines and will replace the existing KBL26-A and KBH26-A brushcutters within the seven model line-up at the lighter end of the range.

Among the improvements are enhanced operation and smoother start with the introduction of a new carburettor fitted with a slow idle starter device which prevents the blade turning during start-up. The start-up operation has been further improved through reduced pulling force made possible with Kawasaki's Advanced Recoil (KAR) starter which is a standard feature.

A built-in spark plug, fully covered carburettor, one-piece fan housing and advanced overall shape give the two new brushcutters additional features for what has emerged in the UK as a very discerning market over recent years.

A new nylon line cutter has been designed to add to the range's user-friendly reputation while the high ergonomic standards for the benefit of operators focusing on balance, weight and vibration, inherent within the line-up, have not been compromised in any way. Full compliance with EPA and EU emission regulations as well as RFI suppression is standard throughout the range.

The new brushcutters, which are already available from official Kawasaki power product dealers, come with a two year warranty and cost £310 (loop) and £325 (horn) plus VAT respectively. Each new Kawasaki brushcutter also comes with harness and goggles.

For further information Tel: 01285 654777.



NEW FRONT LINKAGES

Opico has launched a neat front linkage and pto for the Kubota ME8200 and ME9000 Series compact tractors. The double-acting linkage is available with a lift capacity of 1.5 tons, with or without pto for either model.

Long side plates provide added strength to the linkage and tractor chassis and the link arms fold back when not in use for added manoeuvrability and safety. An eccentric pin design allows four link arm positions to suit the job in hand: fixed, semi-floating, fully floating and vertical for storage.



The front pto gearbox is capable of delivering up to 200 hp, and hence is well on top of the job with even the ME9000. It features an oil immersed multiple plate clutch using electro hydraulic "Soft Start" engagement to avoid "snatching" and possible implement damage when the pto is engaged.

Like all OPICO front linkages, it is painted in two-pack and baked to give the same quality of finish as the tractor to which it is fitted. Prices are £1456 without pto, £3484 with pto. Fitting service prices range from £140 to £380.

For further information Tel: 01778 421111.

IMPROVEMENTS TO MINI EXCAVATORS

Kubota, has unveiled two significantly improved additions to its top-selling KX-3 Series of mini excavators.

The new KX41-3 and KX36-3 models are claimed to be the most powerful minis in their class, setting new standards in quality, performance, operator safety, reliability and comfort.



They are designed for the efficient handling of the broadest range of jobs and their versatility makes them ideal for many different applications and users, from civil engineering to landscaping and for owner operators to plant hire companies.

Among the numerous new features, variable displacement pumps are fitted to both machines for optimum oil flow and pressure, maximising fuel efficiency and minimising noise levels.

Smooth, simultaneous and precise control of the boom, arm, bucket and slew is achieved with Kubota's unique hydraulic system.

An 1100mm arm fitted as standard provides a maximum digging force of 7.8 kN (796 kgf). The digging force of the bucket is 15.6 kN.

It is powered by a three-cylinder Kubota D902 engine with 898cc displacement, providing economical and environmentally clean power, and weighs 1610 kg (with cab).

In addition to the KX41-3S model, which has a standard undercarriage, the KX41-3V features a variable track gauge.

Both models offer two-speed travel. The minimum travelling speed for the KX41-3S is 2.4 km/h and the maximum is 4.3 km/h. For the KX41-3V the respective speeds are 2.2 km/h and 4.0 km/h.

To minimise operator fatigue, the cab provides maximum comfort by offering more legroom and a weight adjustable semi-suspension seat.

For further information Tel: 01844 214500.