

NEW PRODUCTS

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A dual range hydrostatic transmission is standard to deliver operating speeds from 0 to 20kph. Auto Assist 4WD is also fitted. This engages drive to the rear steering wheels only as needed, with the steering wheels freewheeling during a turn to help reduce the chance of turf damage. To operate, the new mowers are a definite improvement over the outgoing F60 units; there is a great deal more leg room for a start. The front lift system is also faster and has greater lift capacity.

For further information Tel: 01844 214500; Web: www.kubota.co.uk.



QUICK HITCH

To facilitate the easy attachment of Broadwood's state-of-the-art SweepEx modular brush system to Telehandlers and other loaders, Broadwood International has introduced a new hitch that enables the SweepEx Megabroom to be coupled directly to the vehicle's back-plate.

The SweepEx has no moving parts, which means that the maintenance and downtime normally associated with ride-on rotary-style brooms is practically non-existent. The robust construction allows a powerful sweeping action both forwards and backwards enabling rapid, efficient and economical sweeping of large areas.

Available with numerous optional extras, the SweepEx magnetic bar assures the removal of nails and dangerous debris whilst the dust mop is ideal for polished floors. Other options include a debris collector arms and leaf collectors.

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SHOWCASING

The new Avoncrop Amenity Products catalogue has been launched showcasing the products available to the turf and amenity buyer. This edition provides the user with comprehensive information on the products, the application rates and all in a user friendly way.

Included are the very latest additions from the leading manufactures in the industry such as Primo Maxx from Scotts UK and new selective herbicides, Esteem from Vitax and Nocweed from Bayer.

For further information Tel: 01934 620868.



SMART THINKING

Smartedge is a heavy-duty, lightweight 2mm thick polypropylene structure that is so durable that once installed a small tractor can run over it without damaging either the edging or the machine. Despite the strength it is still flexible enough to adapt to any curve required.

To keep a grassed area looking even smarter the A-frame system allows the grass on top of the edge to grow through and secure Smartedge to the ground.

The edging stays smart all year round, as the product is very weather and stain resistant. It is also very friendly to the environment due to its ability to be recycled and is non-toxic. Smartedge is available in 5, 10 or 50 metre lengths.

For further information Tel: 01923-255699; Web: www.smartedge.co.uk.



RAT TRAP

To help combat this year's unprecedented rise in rodent populations, STV, the poison-free pest control specialist, has introduced a Multi-Rat Cage Trap that traps 10 or more rats at a single setting.

The double-decker trap boosts catch rates using a proven multi-catch entry-port system, making it most effective in areas of high infestation. The trap is manufactured from heavy-duty steel mesh with rust-resistant powder coating.

It is easily set up, with self-setting entry ports at either end. A pre-baiting system also enables catch-rates to be boosted by overcoming rats natural neophobia - a problem that ordinarily makes it difficult to tempt rats into cage-type rats.

For further information Tel: 01953 881580.



BUILDING A PLATFORM

Haygate Engineering, the pioneers of the Henchman range of safe hedge cutting platforms, has launched its tallest cutting platform yet - The Major.

Forming part of the company's Hi-Step range, the Major's platform height varies from 6' to 8', or up to 11' with a Height Extender fitted. This enables the user to cut across the top of hedges up to 16' (when cutting at 5' shoulder height). Like all Henchman, it provides the safe alternative to ladders and stepladders.

The main difference with the Hi-Step Major is that it has an aluminum frame with plated steel legs. After 18 months of research, and with advice from senior materials experts in the industry, the aluminum most suitable for this application was chosen. This has resulted in a really strong and very stable platform, but one that is remarkably light in weight for such a big platform.

For further information Tel: 01635 299847; Web: www.henchman.co.uk.

VERTICUTTER COLLECTOR

Campey Turf Care Systems have further extended the versatility of their Koro Field TopMaker turf renovation machine, in the shape of the Verticutter Collector, which attaches to the 1.2m wide FTM 120 model.

At the heart of the machine is a verti cutting rotor, available with spacings of 20mm, 34mm or 40mm between the cutting blades, which are offered in 1.5mm and 3mm widths. The heavy duty steel hopper collects thatch and other removed material, negating the need for a tractor or trailer running alongside.

When required, the Verticutter assembly lifts and tips hydraulically, so that its contents can be discharged easily into trailers or utility vehicles like Pro Gator, Workman and Truckster units.

Extra cleaning brushes are also fitted to the front of the Verticutter Collector, to ensure the efficient collection of debris in wet conditions.

The Verticutter Collector can be retrofitted to the 1.2m Koro Field TopMaker machines already in use.

For further information Tel: 01260 224568 Website: www.campeyturfcare.com

