

NEW LOADERS FROM BOBCAT



The launch of the new 700 Series compact loaders adds three new models to the company's family of new generation loaders. The new loaders, all with vertical lift path design, offer several new features and enhancements that significantly extend the range of applications for compact loaders.

The 700 Series comprises a new skid-steer loader model, the S770, a new compact tracked loader, the T770, and a new all-wheel-steer (AWS) loader, the A770.

All three new loaders offer higher rated operating capacities and increased engine and hydraulic power, allowing users to take on new, more demanding applications.

As well as higher performance and power, the new 700 Series loaders offer improved visibility, comfort and uptime protection.

A new forward position that offers a 30% increase in all-round visibility for the operator

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Syngenta's Contact+ fungicide active for turf, Medallion TL, has gained approval for use by turf managers.

Medallion TL targets disease pathogens on the leaf surface, but also has the same effect on Fusarium disease spores in the thatch layer and the soil surface, according to Syngenta Technical Manager, Dr Simon Watson.

"Medallion TL will change the way we think about disease control, not only protecting from disease infection, but also reducing disease spore numbers and lowering the risk of further infection," he said.

"That makes it incredibly effective in its primary role as an autumn and winter Contact+ treatment, but could also have a really valuable effect to prevent disease outbreaks triggered by spring and summer aeration or maintenance activities."

Simon added that it is the additional activity in thatch and soil surface that gives Medallion TL its Contact+ credentials.

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TWO-WHEEL DRIVE MODEL



John Deere has added a new two-wheel drive model to the 5E range of utility tractors. The 55hp open station 5055E is the only model in the range offered with 2WD, but otherwise features the same specifications as the 4WD 5055E, 5065E and 5075E models.

The 5055E is a small, lightweight and manoeuvrable machine, perfect for use as a general-purpose utility tractor with or without a front loader, for example. This new tractor is suitable for a wide range of customers, including caravan parks, equestrian centres, garden centres, greenkeepers and groundsman, growers, landscapers, local authorities, public amenities and smallholders.

Lift capacity is 1.8 tonnes at the hitch balls, and the tractor can be fitted with a choice of two mechanical self-levelling or non self-levelling loaders, with lift capacities of either 873kg or 989kg to a maximum lift height of 3.38m. A fold-away roll-over frame is fitted as standard, and a two-post sun protection canopy is available as an option.

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MICRON MICROWIPE

Five plant species are defined as 'Injurious Weeds' under The Weeds Act of 1959 although a handful of otherwise notorious weeds are conspicuous by their absence.

The five are common ragwort thistles (creeping and spear) and docks (curled and broad-leaved) – are proscribed due to their overwhelming competitive effect on other useful plant species in agricultural and amenity situations, and through their intrinsically rapid growth rates and prolific rates of reproduction.

Once established and allowed to grow, spread and multiply during late spring and early summer these weeds become difficult if not impossible to shift. However, if hit early in the year while still in a sluggish vegetative state, all five of these heavy-weight weeds are easily and quickly dispatched using lightweight and easy to use hand-held herbicide applicators.

Herbicide applicators of choice include the Micron Microwipe, a light-weight, hand-carried applicator that delivers highly targeted doses of herbicide onto individual weed plants. Microwipe is ideally suited to the control of docks.

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SIGN OF THE TINES

Tired of stop-starting your aerator to change broken and bent tines, or unclog cores? Losing precious man-hours and money buying and applying new ones? What about time wasted collecting core-debris and repairing post-aeration turf damage?

Toro's ultra-durable Titan Tines offer precise, concise holes for faster recovery and a smooth finish.

Boasting a clean-cut performance, Titan Tines are manufactured from a unique heat-treated metal alloy that provides maximum strength and resistance while allowing for thinner tine walls for improved core-pull and hole quality and will last three to four times longer than standard tines.



With over 150 tines to choose from, there's one to suit every turf application, soil situation and Toro aerator, from the popular ProCore 648 pedestrian machine to the ProCore 864 and 1298 tractor-mounted models. Titan Tines are also compatible with most leading manufacturers' models.

"Our intensive renovation programme involves hollow coring the greens and tees across all 36 holes in spring and late summer. In addition, a similar operation is required twice yearly on 1.5 acres of grass practice area tees. Solid tine aeration work also features as part of a range of cultural practices, particularly the use of star tines," said Peter Todd, Courses Manager at The London Club.

"The abrasive nature of our sand rootzones places much greater wear on tines so it is important to choose ones that can last as long as possible.

"We've found Titan Tines – the hardened-tip ones in particular – are best able to cope with such heavy usage and wear," said Peter.

500 SERIES BRUSH CUTTERS

The new 500 series from Husqvarna provides professional brush cutters with high performance and reliability as well as sensational ergonomics and manoeuvrability.

Within the 500 series is the new 545RX with its optimised shaft length and bevel gear angled 35 degrees. The gear was designed so that a high torque is available and the cutting equipment is parallel to the ground, helping to achieve the best cutting results.

Husqvarna's X-Torq® engine technology enables the 545RX to deliver rapid acceleration and high power over a wider RPM range. X-Torq® also increases fuel efficiency by up to 20% while reducing exhaust emissions by up to 75%.

The engine and starter have also been designed using Smart Start® technology so the 545RX starts quickly and with minimum effort. In fact resistance in the starter cord is reduced by up to 40%.

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