

IMAGE: Arion 2 hand-held blower from Etesia





Solutions for the autumn fall

As the 'fall' gathers momentum and leaf debris becomes an issue for golf course and amenity managers, Phil Evans takes a look at the various solutions within this critical area of course management

Pellenc manufacturer a choice of options which are available through Etesia UK.

The Airion is a hand-held blower intended for cleaning roads, parks and gardens as well as areas around a clubhouse.

Weighing only 2.6 kg and with a noise level of just 80 db, it is claimed to be the lightest and quietest professional blower on the market.

It is very comfortable to hold owing to the soft touch new generation handgrip and is optimally balanced for natural tilting towards the ground.

Low Emission Levels

Comparing the direct emissions of CO₂ of the Airion with a petrol blower, the difference is enormous.

A petrol engine blower has a direct emission of over 4 tonnes of CO₂ per year while the Airion only emits 47 kg.

The Airion prevents almost 99% of the direct emissions of a petrol engine.

If Pellenc batteries are recharged with the recently launched Solerion solar charger, direct CO₂ emissions are totally eliminated.

Contact Etesia UK on 01295 680120 or visit www.etesia.co.uk

New HPV Vacuum

At Saltex 2012, Little Wonder launched the new HPV vacuum for the Golf and Amenity Professional.

This latest version of the HPV has superior suction and airflow thanks to its 17inch, 5 blade reverse angled impeller and unique scrolled housing design.

In terms of debris management, this vacuum will collect almost any item including leaves, litter, plastic bottles plus sand and grit.

This top loading vacuum is ideal for golf course club and hotel grounds, car parks, sports facilities, parks and grounds maintenance.

Self-Propelled Debris Management

Little Wonder are at the forefront of debris management and have also introduced a new line up of models across their Optimax range of blowers.

The models are available with 270cc or 390cc Honda engines or 400cc Subaru engine.

With the new Remote Chute Deflector Control located at your fingertips, you can control the patented split air-stream discharge with ease.

This removes leaves and debris with unmatched air power more easily and without stopping.

The introduction of the new self-

propelled Blowers with a choice of Honda engines provides a new level of performance in the walk-behind blower market.

Contact Schiller Groundscare (Little Wonder) on 0800 840 0888 or email : info@littlewonder.uk.com

Solo Backpack Blowers

Distributed by Lely UK, the Solo range of Backpack Blowers is ideal for both small and medium-sized debris-clearance jobs around the golf course.

Thanks to its high airflow rate of approximately 1,400m³/h, the Solo 467 Backpack Blower keeps emissions low but output high to make this one of the most effective and environmentally-friendly models on the market.

The new, more powerful 66.5cc engine with magnesium crankcase provides the professional performance you'd expect from the high-quality Solo outdoor equipment range.

The clever design also reduces vibrations to the hands and back, while an ergonomic padded backrest makes for an ultra-comfy working experience.

Another great choice is the 440 hand-held model, which benefits from a 760/630m³/h airflow rate together with a light weight of just 4.1kg that makes it the ideal choice for quick clean-ups around the course.

The 440 and 441 also benefit from Solo's unique anti-vibration technology for a comfortable working experience.

With its product portfolio also spanning brushcutters, hand-held and knapsack sprayers, chainsaws, hedge-trimmers and accessories, the German-manufactured Solo range is the perfect choice for golf course greenkeepers seeking high-performance equipment that is built to last.

To find out more about the Solo range, call distributor Lely UK's Roger Lupton on 01480 226800 or email solo.uk@lely.com

Proforce Debris Blower

Perfect for big clean-up jobs around the golf course, the Toro ProForce Debris Blower delivers unrivalled air power, durability and ease of use for fast and efficient removal of grass clippings, leaves, aeration cores, sand, gravel, rubbish and other debris.

The utility vehicle-mounted ProForce combines a 20.1kW (27hp) Kohler engine with a highly efficient turbine-style fan design to provide greater air-volume-flow than any single nozzle turbine-type debris

blower currently available.

This means that the ProForce has the superior productivity needed to make fast work of those big autumn maintenance jobs, such as clearing paths and other hard-landscaped areas of leaves, and blowing grass clippings, aeration cores or other organic debris off fairways or greens.

Hand-held wireless control

A key feature is the hand-held wireless remote control, which allows the operator to start and stop the engine, adjust the engine throttle up and down to match air power to the job at hand, and rotate the nozzle 360 degrees – all from the driving seat of a Toro Workman MD Series or similar utility vehicle.

This feature increases productivity as, unlike some competitor models, the user doesn't have to walk to the engine to physically start or stop the machine.

For more information on the Toro ProForce debris blower, visit www.toro.com or call distributor Lely UK on 01480 226800 or email toro.info.uk@lely.com

A Sucker for Hard Work

The Trilo S3 vacuum sweeper, from The Grass Group, is the latest product to emerge from a programme of producing equipment for use with sub 30Hp tractors.

The industry has been asking for a smaller vacuum sweeper to work at 1.5 metres wide to work at hard to get to areas where ground pressure and dimensions mattered.

The result is the Trilo S3, a smaller sister to the S4 released last year.



Along with a smaller working width came a reduction in weight to only 1200kg, so that only a mid-range compact tractor of 28 HP is required.

The new design is the result of many years of experience to meet the requirements of councils, contractors, groundsman and greenkeepers in this economically challenging environment.

A 5 metre long 200mm diameter hand held wander hose makes the S3 suitable for versatile use all year round to clean hard to get areas such as bunkers, shrubberies or refuse bins.

Email : tim@thegrassgroup.com
/ www.thegrassgroup.co.uk

New Backpack Blowers

Available now from specialist STIHL Dealers, three new backpack blowers have joined the STIHL range and simply drive away debris with their hurricane air speed.

Usually the domain of professional users, the new backpack models will put their great power and performance into even more hands with prices and power ratings to suit everyone from the domestic gardener to the hard-working contractor.

Outdoor blowers are handy year-round assistants both in winter, spring and summer there will inevitably be litter or debris to clear and in the autumn they really come into their own.

BR 430 – The hard-working professional

At the top of the new range the BR 430 is built to be extra tough.

Its additional power plus features like an enlarged fuel tank and advanced anti-vibration system make it ideal for hard-working and extended periods of use around golf and amenity areas.

Ensuring total operator comfort over the envisaged longer use, the harness on this model also comes with extra wide shoulder straps and enlarged back padding, so it is perfect for sportsturf managers or landscape contractors, clearing leaves on uneven terrain or litter from leisure stadiums for example.

The new backpack blowers are available now from the network of STIHL Approved Dealers nationwide.

For further details on the full backpack range, plus information on handheld blowers and vacuum shredders from STIHL, visit www.stihl.co.uk or speak to a local Approved Dealer.



PAGE 38: FROM TOP: The Trilo S3 vacuum sweeper, a Solo Backpack Blower and an Optimax blower

PAGE 39: A STIHL blower (above) and (right) a TORO Workman

