

TALKING SHOP

HOW TO BUY PLYWOOD

Plywood is one of the handiest materials for a handy man to have around the workshop. It comes in large sheets, fast and relatively easy to handle. It is very strong, of uniform thickness, and gives smooth results even when it is used by an unskilled man.

There are two general types - interior plywood, which is highly moisture resistant, and exterior plywood, which is so waterproof you can boil it without making it separate. Both types are made mainly of fir, although they are also available in redwood and a wide variety of hardwood veneers.

The higher grades of plywood are made in widths of 30, 36, 42, and 48 inches and in lengths from 5 to 12 feet at 1-foot intervals. Lower grades are made in fewer sizes, but all include the standard 4 x 8 panel. Special panels are available in widths to 6 feet sanded or 8 feet unsanded. Long lengths of 14, 16, 20 and 24 feet can be obtained for porch decking and exterior use. You can use plywood for a wide range of construction jobs, from renovation of shops to shelters on the golf course.

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AERIFIER MAINTENANCE

Satisfactory operation of any machine depends upon the condition of the machine as well as the skill of the operator. Sensible routine care also prolongs the useful life of equipment. Most greenkeeping superintendents are aware of these facts and strive to have an orderly, well-equipped shop for maintenance and repairs, instead of just a barn or shed for equipment storage.

The Aerifier was designed to provide for easy maintenance as well as easy operation. Nevertheless, some care is required to keep the implement in A-1 condition. One of the most important things to insure good operation, whether your Aerifier is the F-G or the G-L model, is prompt replacement of broken or bent spoons. When a spoon strikes a rock and is broken off, then undue strain is placed upon spoons near it which will cause them to bend or break, also. It's an economy to replace broken spoons immediately. Results of using the machine are not as satisfactory if it is operated with badly bent spoons, as the bent spoons will not allow other spoons to penetrate the soil properly. When replacing spoons, the special lock nuts should be fastened securely with a wrench, but avoid taking up on the nut so much that the spoon is flattened.

When using the Aerifier for the first time after a period of storage, run

several trial strips to clean off the spoons before taking the machine on a green. Rusty spoons don't give best results. Some superintendents grease the spoons before putting the aerifier into storage for the winter.

Keep the disc assembly well-greased. This applies to both the F-G and the self-powered G-L model Aerifier. Soil is gritty, and regular greasing is necessary to prevent damage to the Oilite bearings. Greasing should be done after about eight hours operation. The G-L Aerifier has an extra long Oilite pressed-in bearing at each end of the disc assembly. There is a standard pressure type grease fitting in the center of the reel. Enough grease should be pumped in to flush out dust and grime from the bearings. On the F-G model Aerifier each disc is mounted on its own Oilite bearing. There are individual grease fittings, instead of just one fitting in the center of the reel.

F-G model Aerifier wheel bearings should be packed with grease twice a year. This also applies to G-L model Aerifiers which are not equipped with Alemite bearings.

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G-L Aerifier Only

The drive chain of the G-L model Aerifier can be run without lubrication. However, it should be washed with kerosene after eight hours running time.

The pillow block assembly should be greased once a month.

Engine maintenance should be done in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

F-G Aerifier Only

The trunnion assembly--screw, chanel and screw block- should be greased adequately to afford easy operation.

Never use brake fluid in the hydraulic unit on the F-G Aerifier. Its use will deteriorate parts of the unit, thereby causing the cylinders to leak. Obtain the proper oil for this unit. For