

(Vibratory Plow cont'd.)

a strong indication you'd better vary the plow frequency!

Constant checking of the plow depth is very important as drifting up and down is common. The larger the pipe that is pulled the more important it is to keep as straight a line as possible. Too much friction may cause the tires to spin, the chain to break or the finger to slip off if ground speed is not reduced. If you become disconnected you have to dig it up and re-connect. This problem shouldn't occur once you get the feel of the machine.

When plowing from one trench to the next, as the plow blade nears the open area, ground speed is reduced and plow frequency is carefully observed so damage to the shaker box does not occur when the plow breaks through into the trench. When the run is completed, the finger is removed and the pipe is tapped back into the gasket fitting in the previous trench. Pipe ends were beveled, lubed, and carefully inserted into the slip fittings to prevent damage to the gasket. 1½" pipe could usually be slide through the ground by hand, but the larger pipe needed to be tapped by a sledge, with a board over the pipe end to prevent damage. Once the crew got the system down the process went quickly. Two holes can be completed in a week, valves, thrust blocks and all.

Pulling in 2½" and smaller pipe definitely worked for us and is cutting the project time considerably with a minimum of ground disturbance. Talk to others who have worked with vibratory plows, pulling pipe may also fit your needs.

MAGCS Survey

In response to the question in the MAGCS Survey concerning golf cart maintenance responsibilities we received the following answers:

A. At the private equity owned clubs there were 9 superintendents who were responsible for golf cart maintenance and 29 who were not. There was only 1 superintendent who was compensated for this additional responsibility.

B. In the privately owned and resort course group there were 10 responses and none of the superintendents were responsible for golf cart maintenance.

C. In the municipal, park district, and forest preserve group there were 3 responses and these were also negative.

In response to the question of the employer providing a vehicle we received the following answers:

A. At the private equity owned clubs there were 31 superintendents who were provided a vehicle and 7 who were not. Of those vehicles 24 were trucks and 7 were automobiles.

B. In the privately owned and resort course group there were 12 superintendents who were provided trucks and 1 superintendent that was not provided a vehicle.

C. In the municipal, park district, and forest preserve group there were 5 superintendents who were provided trucks and 8 superintendents who were not provided a vehicle.

It should be noted that in a number of cases where the superintendent was not provided a vehicle he was given a vehicle allowance.

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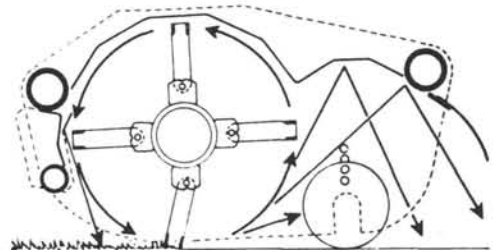


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