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Golf course maintenance equipment has most certainly become more complicated in the last few years; and labor costs for repair dictate close scrutiny of design at the time of initial purchase. Ray Strausberger, head mechanic for Eastpointe and a former government test mechanic, explains that accessibility of key parts demands careful engineering. "A high wear maintenance part, such as a pump, should be designed to be taken right off without disassembling the entire machine. This can mean the difference between minutes and hours."

Other design features, such as back lapping of the hydraulic units, can save precious down time. Mechanics have also been enthusiastic about hydrostatic transmissions. They point to longer durability and improved operator capability. Throttle speeds maintain precise cut, while ground speed can be reduced to prevent marcelling and help reduce abusive tire wear patterns.

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