

Toro Expands Attachments Available for Groundsmaster 117 Riding Rotary Mower

*52 in. Cutting Decks, Grass Collecting Systems
Snow Thrower and Leaf Blower Added*

The Toro Company announce today the introduction of several new attachments for the company's successful Groundsmaster 117 riding rotary mower. The 117 was introduced last year (with a 44 in. side-discharge floating cutting deck) to offer commercial customers as well as rural/estate owners with larger acreages the productivity advantages of an out-front mower as compared with mid-mount riding tractors.

The new Groundsmaster 117 attachments include two new floating cutting decks (a 52 in. side-discharge model and a 52 in. rear-discharge model), quick-disconnect Grass Collecting Systems and leaf mulchers designed to fit the 44 and 52 in. cutting desks, a 44 in. two-stage snowthrower, and an Olathe leaf blower (the last two will be available in Fall 1986).

Mike Hoffman, Toro Marketing Manager for the 117 line, said, "It's been our intention all along to make the Groundsmaster 117 an even more versatile package. The product was received well its first year, for several reasons: with its front-mounted rotary decks, the 117 has the maneuverability of a walk-behind mower but also provides the operator comfort and high cutting output associated with commercial riding units. Because of the new decks, collection systems, blower, and snowthrower, we can truly say the 117 is a year round, all purpose riding mower for commercial or estate use. Our goal is to help our 117 customers meet more and more of their expectations with this one product."

Both new 52 in. cutting decks are capable of mowing up to 2.8 acres an hour at 5.5 mph and offset 12 in. to the left for close trimming. Each deck features a full flotation design with front and back rollers that minimize scalping. Height-of-cut is easily adjusted from 1 to 4 in. in 1/2 in. increments.

The new leaf blower is being produced by Olathe specifically for use with the Groundsmaster 117, and the new

two-stage snowthrower features an adjustable discharge chute and adjustable skids. Each of the new attachments features a Toro easy-disconnect design that allows fast hook-up and removal.

Hoffman noted that Toro is currently planning additional attachments for the Groundsmaster 117 that will further expand the model's versatility.

For additional information, contact The Toro Company, Marketing Services/Commercial Products Division, 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55420. ■

Hi-Wheel Spreader Added to Lesco Line

LESCO, Inc., Rocky River, Ohio, has added a Hi-Wheel Spreader to its LESCO Spreader product line.

The Hi-Wheel Spreader is equipped with large 13x5.00-6 pneumatic tires for less rolling resistance and increased stability in taller, thicker grasses. The LESCO Hi-Wheel Spreader is available with standard baked-on, chip-resistant epoxy finish or stainless steel frame, both with reinforced handles to provide long-lasting durability and strength.

Like the standard LESCO Spreader, the Hi-Wheel Spreader has an 80-pound capacity polyethylene hopper, corrosion-resistant "Delrin" 100 gears for smooth, trouble-free operation. Pneumatic tires, zerkl fittings and ball bearings provide ease of operation and lubrication to prevent corrosion. The third hole on the shut-off plate has an adjustable metering slide for varying product bulk densities. The durable bumper/handle on the front of the spreader protects the impeller and makes carrying easier. The stainless steel axle, impeller shaft and on/off assembly are durable and corrosion resistant.

Options available for the LESCO Hi-Wheel Spreader include: the patented Jet-Action Deflector to allow straight spreading edge along sidewalks, driveways and plantings; a vinyl hopper cover and a gear cover to protect spreader gears from corrosion and damage. A spreader package is available which includes the LESCO Hi-Wheel Spreader, hopper cover and Jet-Action deflector. ■



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