

# Keep Your Bunkers Beautiful

Here are some products to help you do just that

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**A**s you drive around your course, you notice that something's not right. There's a beige ring around your bunkers where golfers have sprayed more sand than a Florida hurricane.

You drive up to the edge and peer in tentatively, afraid of what you might find. You see standing water in the bottom, and the edges are a little more ragged than your golfers like. So you call the shop on your walkie-talkie and tell the assembled crew that it's time for a little bunker maintenance.

*Golfdom* wants to help you perform that job as quickly and efficiently as possible. Without further ado, here are some products that can help you keep your bunkers in excellent condition:

## Bunker bedshaper

**Mantis** offers the Little Wonder Bedshaper, which cuts clean edges — even S curves — at up to 100 feet per minute, according to the company. It runs on an 11-horsepower Briggs & Stratton, a 13-horsepower Kawasaki or a 13-horsepower Honda engine and a hydrostatic transmission. It has a BladeFloat arm so the blade continues over obstacles without stopping. Its 16.25-inch blade cuts to depths from .5 inches to 4.5 inches. The Bedshaper also comes with a two-year warranty.



## Erosion prevention

The BunkerGuard bunker liner from **North American Green** conforms to a bunker's contour to reduce washouts and stabilize sand while controlling erosion on even the steepest bunkers and facings. BunkerGuard uses patented construction and is a tan, permanent, three-dimensional liner comprised of three polypropylene nettings with a 100 percent polypropylene matrix.

## Hover mower

**Eastman Industries** introduces its newest 5.5-horsepower Hover Mower, propelled by a four-cycle Honda engine and using the largest impeller in the business. It hovers easily on bunker slopes. The hover mower cuts and mulches tall wet grass for a professional look and is CARB- and EPA-certified.



## Contamination control

**TrapMaster** offers its erosion and contamination control fabric to address bunker maintenance issues associated with sand erosion and contamination through rain and irrigation water. The two-layer blankets are made of nonwoven polyester fiber that holds sand on faces up to 60 degrees in the top layer and prevents dirt and debris from migrating upward through the bottom layer.

## Liner staples

The V-Staple from **IVI-Golf** has an easy-to-drive, single-leg design that eliminates "benders" while increasing installation efficiency. The company says the V-Staple has a holding power that's stronger than other staples. The staple works well

with IVI-Golf's Sandtrapper product line. The V-Staple is available in 6-inch and 8-inch lengths and can come in either 8-gauge or 11-gauge steel. Galvanized and stainless-steel versions are available as a special order.

## Bunker rake

**Standard Golf** offers its Tour-Lite Rake. Manufactured from a high-density, polyethylene head and ultralight plastic-coated steel handle, the rake is light for easy, one-handed use, according to the company. A special tooth angle and curved 15-inch-wide head creates a smooth bunker surface. The rake also features a 4-inch grip cap at the end of the 54-inch handle.

## Triplex mower

Designed with a low center of gravity and a heavy-duty front end, **National Mower's** 8400 hydrostatic triplex mower tackles the most difficult hills, slopes, banks and edges, according to the company. The mower's hydrostatic drive provides independent reel and ground speeds. The 8400 includes power steering for extra control while trimming difficult areas around bunkers or negotiating tight corners. It's powered by a 16-horsepower Briggs & Stratton Vanguard engine and has an 84-inch wide cut that covers 3.5 acres per hour.

## Bunker liner

**Green Mountain International** introduces its Klingstone process for lining bunkers. Klingstone has been used on golf courses throughout the United States to lower maintenance costs by stopping contamination of bunker sand and sidewall erosion. Because it is applied as a liquid, it conforms to any bunker shape. Klingstone is easy to apply and is durable. ■

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