

# Professional Grade

NEW PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS // 2014 GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW

## A GIS TO REMEMBER

THREE EDITORS AND TWO DAYS OF MEETINGS MEANS WE HAVE LOTS TO WRITE ABOUT.

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### 1. A40 and V40 PrecisionCore Aerators

The A40 and V40 PrecisionCore Aerators from **JOHN DEERE** were designed to increase productivity and efficiency for operators. The patented articulating frame provides more consistent hole depth in undulating terrain and shift-on-the-fly technology allows for users to change the hole spacing while the machine is in motion. The equipment also feature a tighter turning radius, aiding in sharper, quicker turns. On the efficiency front, the aerators are compatible with an optional verticutter attachment. Another feature is reduced levels of handlebar vibration. These features were based on extensive field research, testing and input from superintendents. [johndeere.com/golf](http://johndeere.com/golf)

### 2. Sand Pro 2040Z

**THE TORO CO.'S** Sand Pro 2040Z is a zero-turn mechanical rake that turns on a dime. Its patent-pending Lift in Turn system, paired with a flex tooth rake, allows the 2040Z to groom contoured bunkers, steep slopes and tight fingers without leaving tire marks or

teardrop mounds of sand. The 84-inch-wide flex tooth rake has three reversible rubber trowels designed to keep bunker liners from tearing and turf on the bunker edge safe. The Sand Pro 2040Z has a top transport speed of 12 miles per hour, is a 12.2 horsepower Kawasaki gas engine and has a unitized transmission design for low maintenance performance. Optional accessories include an LED light kit, a mesh storage bag for tools, trash or debris and a Bimini sunshade. [toro.com/2040z](http://toro.com/2040z)

### 3. Bi-Directional Turf Groomer & Brush

**JACOBSEN** launched a new bi-directional turf groomer and brush at the GIS. The system allows course managers to vary their greens maintenance program depending on turf conditions with the option of using either a turf groomer or a brush in forward or reverse directions. The switch between groomer and brush takes less than five minutes, the company says, using just a 1/2-inch socket. The bi-directional groomer began shipping last month and is available for the Eclipse2

**THE 2014 GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW IN ORLANDO** was a great show all around. The crowd was lively, booths were busy and for your friendly editors at *Golfdom*, we didn't have a free minute for two straight days. We loved the fake tree that is really a portable restroom (see page 40) and were even more flattered to see that our January issue was the preferred reading of those needing a bathroom break (visit our blog). We also had a great time at the Toro, John Deere and Jacobsen tours, and have enough material to last us a couple issues — look for more from those visits, as well as our other 50-plus meetings, on the website and in future issues. In the meantime, here are several products from the show that we think you'll want to know more about.

floating head walking greens mower, GP400 riding greens mower and Eclipse 322 riding greens mower.

[jacobsen.com](http://jacobsen.com)

### 4 Blinder Bunker Liner

From England comes **BLINDER**, a unique bunker liner developed using years of experience from top level superintendents and industry professionals. Blinder is a recycled, porous, rubberized liner that allows free draining and prevents stones rising to the surface. Once installed, maintenance is greatly reduced, the company says, while golfer injury and damaged clubs are avoided. Blinder helps solve the problems of consistency, drainage and contamination. The company now has an American licensee and installer in superintendent and industry veteran, Alan FitzGerald.

[theblinder.com](http://theblinder.com)

### 5. Triple Crown

A multiple action insecticide providing fast-acting, long-

lasting broad-spectrum control of more than 30 above- and below-ground turf pests, Triple Crown Golf Insecticide is now available from **FMC CORPORATION**.

Triple Crown is an innovative three-way combination of FMC bifenthrin, FMC zeta-cypermethrin and imidacloprid, offering multiple modes of action on key pests including armyworms, cutworms, sod webworms, grubs (masked chafer, European chafer), chinch bugs, annual bluegrass weevils, billbugs, mole crickets, and more. Among the fastest liquid insecticides now available for superintendents, Triple Crown is labeled for broadcast golf course turf applications. Available in a suspoemulsion formulation, Triple Crown Golf insecticide works through contact, translaminar and systemic activity, providing protection against sucking pests that feed on a plant's vascular system, as well as foliar-feeding insects.

[fmcprosolutions.com](http://fmcprosolutions.com)



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### 6. Rotorake 600HD

The Rotorake 600HD is one of two new products launched by **SISIS** at the Golf Industry Show. It is a heavy duty pedestrian dethatcher and linear aerator which can be used for regular, routine use at a shallow setting or a deeper setting as required. It also contributes to aeration and compaction relief by cutting clean, continuous slits to assist water and air absorption. Featuring a new, modern design with more responsive maneuverability, the Rotorake 600HD is more operator friendly.

[sisis.com](http://sisis.com)



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### 7. Lely Thatchers

**LELY** Thatchers are built on a lightweight frame and have four rows of tines, staggered to allow debris to pass through while providing a close working space of 1 ½ inches. The 7mm tines work effectively in speeds up to 7mph and can be adjusted to nine different working positions without using tools. The thatchers are machine mounted using a three-point hitch. Four models are available with a working range of 7 ½ to 20 feet. An optional hydraulic fold assist is available for the 450 and 600 models.

[lelyusa.com](http://lelyusa.com)



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### 8. Premier Porta Potties

**NATURE CALLS** has created Premier Porta Potties that stand out for their ability to blend in. The portable bathroom is not the typical blue box seen in parking lots of big events, but instead are made to blend into the woods. Constructed with no right angles, the 6'10" structure is a fully-enclosed, lockable, polyurethane shell that keeps weather and critters out, while blocking scents and sounds. Designed to blend in, the "tree" features an exterior that closely mimics tree bark. Weighing 295 pounds, the stump can be moved by a padded truck bed. Stumps can be ordered

to be handicap accessible and the exterior can be decorated to blend into nature. [naturecalls.com](http://naturecalls.com)

### 9. RG3 robotic mower

The RG3, from **PRECISE PATH ROBOTICS** is the industry's only robotic greens mower specifically designed to reduce operating costs while simultaneously improving the course quality conditions. The RG3 has been proven on golf courses across the country to make the golf course maintenance staff 50 percent more productive during the critical course preparation hours every morning, while providing unparalleled consistency

across all greens. In addition to labor efficiencies, the RG3 provides the most consistent putting surface possible, the company says, by combining rolling and mowing in the same unit and eliminating the influence of an operator.

[precisepath.com](http://precisepath.com)

## 10. E.R.I.C. Charging System

**CLUB CAR'S** Precedent i3 is supported by the company's new advanced electrical charging system known as E.R.I.C. (Efficient, Reliable, Intelligent and Connected.) The system has been designed around an intelligent long-term storage algorithm that continuously monitors changes in voltage and



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charges the golf car's batteries when needed. E.R.I.C. draws a maximum of 7.5 amps and is designed to operate with AC input voltages of 85-270 VAC, which ensures reliable charging through voltage spikes and

sags. E.R.I.C. features a system of visible and audible indicators that communicates to cart barn staff that a car is receiving electricity from the AC outlet and confirms that a charge is in process and/or complete. Club Car



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estimates that E.R.I.C. will deliver significant utility savings over the life of a fleet when compared to its previous charging system.

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