

Press Releases

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS TURF INDUSTRY... TURFGRASS PRODUCERS INTERNATIONAL INTRODUCES HANDY TURF CD

New Ontario Distributor

G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd. has been appointed the Ontario distributor for TURFCO, manufacturers of walk-behind tow-type top dressers capable of handling from 11-1/2 cu. ft. to 4 cu. yards. Turfco has manufactured top dressing equipment since 1961 and also offers a complete range of sod cutters and sports turf edgers. For additional information, please contact:



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New Release from Rittenhouse

Rittenhouse is pleased to introduce a power pack adapter kit to turn your Lesco High Wheel, Scott's, Anderson or Earthway C24 push powered spreader into a walk behind gas powered spreader. The Honda engine and mounting kit will create a fully powered spreader from your existing model. Some adaptation required.

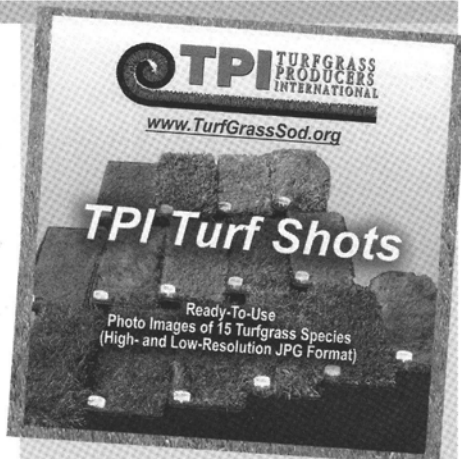
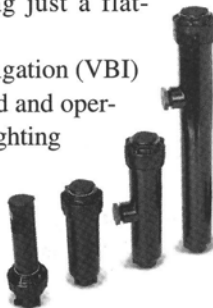
A unique Honda engine capable of running smoothly at any angle has been used. It has 360 degree any side up operation due to its rotary-slinger pumping lubrication system that keeps oil constantly circulating and prevents it from ever flowing accidentally into the combustion chamber.

This Model GX31 air-cooled 4-stroke OHV engine will run reliably at any inclination no matter if you are declining or inclining the hill. The centrifugal clutch is designed to start at 2 mph and is governed to no more than 4 mph. For more information, visit our website at www.rittenhouse.ca or call toll free 1-800-461-1041.

Vanden Bussche Irrigation Introduces the New Rain Bird 5000 Plus Rotor

February 7, 2003 – MILTON, ON – Vanden Bussche Irrigation is pleased to introduce the new RAIN BIRD 5000 *Plus* series mid-range rotor to add to their product line. The 5000 *Plus* compliments Rain Bird's already strong Top-Adjust Rotor Family by offering greater durability, enhanced Rain Curtain™ Nozzles and the superiority of Stream Control™ technology. Key benefits are the improved nozzle system that permits close-in watering without sacrificing distance and the flow shut-off feature which allows the user to stop the water flow while the system is pressurized using just a flat-blade screwdriver.

Vanden Bussche Irrigation (VBI) is a Canadian owned and operated irrigation and lighting distribution company. VBI has branches in Milton, King City, Scarborough and Delhi. In 2004, VBI will celebrate their 50th anniversary. For more information, contact Ian Fyfe, Marketing and Sales at 905-875-4545 or 1-800-263-4112, email: ifyfe@vandenbussche.com.



Turf Shots for Web and Print

These copyright-free, quality turfgrass photos were made available by six TPI members who agreed to harvest and overnight-ship the different varieties of turfgrass sod to arrive quickly at the TPI office where they underwent several days of preparation to be labeled and photographed. Those producers deserve a special recognition for their efforts. They are Mark Tribbett (JB Instant Lawn, OR), Earl Slack (Pacific Sod, CA), Tom Keeven (Emerald View Turf, IL), Dave Dymond (H&H Sod Co., FL), David Doguet (Bladerunner Farms, TX) and Ben Copeland (Patten Seed/Super Sod, GA). Please call 847-705-9898 or visit www.TurfGrassSod.org for ordering information.

Welcome STA New Members

- Scott Ranney, Town of Oakville, ON
- Joe Carter, Creative Irrigation Solutions Inc., London, ON
- Tony Whelan, Rain Bird International, Inc., Keswick, ON
- Shawn Pederson, Ottawa Turf Osgoode, ON
- Tennessee Propedo, City of Hamilton, ON
- Barry Portt, City of Ottawa, ON
- Ed Valenta, Ty-Crop Mfg. Ltd. Rosedale, BC