

PRODUCT REVIEW

Drain check valve feature prevents low head drainage

Hunter G-Type gear-driven sprinklers feature a drain check valve that helps to conserve water and reduce erosion by preventing low head drainage.



The check valve is optional on the PGP four-inch pop-up and PGS shrub head, and standard on the PGH 12-inch high-pop.

The PGP can check up to 10 inches in elevation change; the PGS

checks up to 12 inches.

G-Type sprinklers are used on a wide range of turf and landscape applications. They have 12 interchangeable nozzles to vary discharge rates from 0.5 to 14.4 gpm, and the radius from 22 to 52 inches.

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Bubbler kit saves gallons of water, shares irrigation lines

Pepco Water Conservation Products has introduced its newest low-flow irrigation device, the Octa-Bubbler.

Available in a boxed kit for commercial use, Octa-Bubblers can save up to 70% on landscape water use, according to the company.

The bubbler is engineered to deliver water through eight individually con-



trolled ports.

The Octa-Bubbler attains four different flow rates of two, six, 10 or 20 gph (at 40

psi) from a single unit when the operator uses the port-flow control insert packaged with the product.

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New deck just one of many changes made to mower line

All new Encore Pro-Line commercial mowers now offer a new deck reinforcement system.

Reinforcement channels have been



positioned under the belt shield on top of the deck to assure blade alignment and thereby reduce vibration.

New yoke-style casters on the front wheels. The new double struts give added strength and reduce maintenance.

The Pro-Line 48- and 60-inch mowers are now made with larger grass chute openings, to help keep the chute clear, even when the grass is wet.

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Vaults and dikes made of welded steel, polyethylene

Enviropac portable secondary containment vaults and dikes are made of welded steel or polyethylene.

Both materials, says the Environmental Container Corp., have advantages for secondary containment of hazardous liquids or other materials stored in drums.

The steel containers are coated with a

two-part finish for chemical and corrosion protection. The heavy wall poly units have a high level of impact resistance. The covered poly and steel vaults for outdoor use are miniature warehouses and may be locked to provide additional security.

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Fungicide designed to beat six common turf diseases

Fungicide IX, from O.M. Scott & Sons, is designed to control six common turf-grass diseases, including Pythium blight and dollar spot on golf course fairways, tees, putting greens and related professional turf areas.

According to Scotts, Fungicide IX, when used in rotation with Proturf Pythium Control or Fungicide VII, is effective against resistant strains of those diseases.

Scott & Sons says Fungicide IX also helps to prevent gray and pink snow mold, brown patch and copper spot.

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Dump trailer has a seven ton capacity, converts to flatbed

The A&L Model 1400 dump trailer from Parham Industries has a 14,000-lb. capacity with multiple purpose hauling capabilities for the general contractor, superintendent or athletic field manager.

The sides and tailgate can be easily removed to convert into a flatbed.



The company says the trailer has a tubular reinforced floor and dual hydraulic cylinders. Large, high-flotation tires are set on walking beam tandem axles.

A 12-volt hydraulic power pack is optional.

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Estimating system just one of many software functions

The SuperScope software program from SoftQuest, Inc. of Austin, Texas provides quick and efficient preparation of bids for all landscape maintenance services performed by a company.

After entering time and material estimates for each of the scheduled services, contract letters, scheduled service items, and cost per item are easily displayed.

Accepted bids can be used to finalize a contract and to schedule work with a simple control. Multiple bids can be generated and printed for the customer until a decision is made.

The estimating program also has automatic scheduling, automatic calculation of per unit prices, monthly and yearly totals and quick duplication for multiple bids with identical or similar schedules.

SuperScope is available on the Macintosh and IBM/DOS computers using Microsoft Windows 3.1.

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Modular software designed for mowing, landscape work

LABB Systems/Software's IBM-compatible Trims landscape business software is designed specifically for the mowing and landscape maintenance contractor.

Trims comes in a modular form and allows the user to purchase only those accounting functions necessary for his specific needs.

Customer service and product support are included. Labb Systems is located in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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Mac/IBM software designs drip irrigation systems

Software to help design drip irrigation systems is available from Salco Products, Inc. of Hawthorne, CA.

The software is compatible with either a Macintosh or IBM computer system. The designer is helped with all types of calculations needed to create an accurate drip irrigation system even if they have no advanced computer or prior experience in

drip irrigation system maintenance.

Seven modules covering the calculation of the number of emitters per plant, gallons per plant per day, emitters required for even precipitation rate, limitations on length of pipe and numbers of emitters, pressure loss and wetting patterns linked to type of emitter and soil. The software runs on any true IBM-compatible computer with a minimum of 512 RAM, VGA graphics, and DOS 3.3 or later model. The Macintosh software will run on a Classic II or higher model.

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New utility vehicles rugged, stable, with good traction

John Deere's two general all-purpose turf and off-road vehicles are called "Gators," and provide a low center of gravity and a wide-stance front-end.

The 10-hp Gator 4x2 rolls on four wheels with 2-wheel drive and differential

lock. It's powered by a single-cylinder, air-cooled engine. The 10 cu. ft. cargo box



hauls up to 500 lb. Payload capacity with operator and passenger is 900 lb.

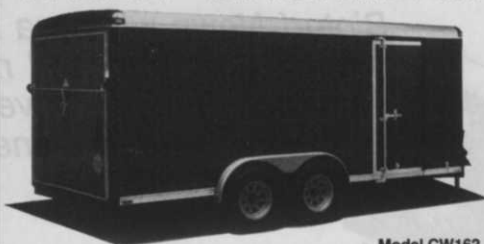
The 18-hp Gator 6x4 rolls on six wheels with 4-wheel drive and differential lock, and is powered by a twin-cylinder, liquid-cooled engine. A new variable transmission drives and improved heavy-duty transaxle that runs in an oil bath.

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