

PRODUCT REVIEW

Narrow aerator has higher crankshaft speed

Verti-Drain's new model 205.150 turf aerator is powerful and compact. Its working width is 60 inches, small enough to easily maneuver within and treat hard-to-reach turf areas.



The 205.150 can penetrate to a maximum soil depth of 16 inches, and its specially-designed gearbox provides a better connection to the tractor and a higher crankshaft speed; a creeper is not always necessary.

"This is an ideal machine for football fields, golf courses, municipalities and other places where there are narrow gates or bridge entrances," says Charles Otto, head of Emrex, Verti-Drain's North American distributor.

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View colorful plants on CD ROM database

Green Thumb Software's new Pro Series Database for CD-ROM contains cultural information on 2,300 plants along with 2,500 color photographs of plants. It also contains detailed plant descriptions and an audio botanical plant name pronunciation guide.

System requirements: IBM-compatible 386SX minimum, Microsoft Windows 3.1, 8 MB of RAM, CD-ROM drive, VGA graphics (SVGA recommended), and a mouse.

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All-purpose spray machine compact and lightweight, for many turf/ornamental jobs

The Lady Bug is an all-purpose turf and ornamental spray machine that performs a wide variety of jobs, from turf and ornamental applications to large tree spraying.

Turf spraying can be done with a front-mounted breakaway boom, for coverage between three and 15 feet. There are a wide range of gallons-per-thousand square feet application rates, which can be attained by changing nozzles, pressure or speed of spray.

The machine can be carried on a small, lightweight trailer, or wheeled onto the back of a pickup with ramps.



The rear wheel can be removed to allow for quick engine checks, and the front tilts down to allow inspection of hydro units, belts or battery.

The Lady Bug's many features include single-hand steering, a boom control pedal, hydrostatic, variable-speed control, and liquid-filled pressure gauge.

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Riding mower runs cool, offers high productivity, more profits

Scag says it has designed exceptional value into its STHM Hydro Rider for more productivity, more performance and more profitability.

The high-capacity, hydro cooling system features a 13-quart nylon reservoir and heavy-duty cooling radiator for cooler running, resistance to contamination and longer component life.

The drive system is simple and straightforward, and features a durable pump/motor drive system for smooth, even power to both wheels, with single, pedal control.

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Insecticide labeled for fast knock-down on commercial and multi-family sites

Tempo insecticide from Bayer is now registered for use around business and office complexes, shopping complexes, multi-family residential complexes, airports, cemeteries, parks, playgrounds, athletic fields and other landscape turfgrass.

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"The new registration enables lawn and landscape professionals to use Tempo on ornamentals and most turf sites," says Steve Chaney, Bayer turf and ornamental product manager.

Tempo was previously registered only for hown lawns and landscapes.

Tempo is an advanced generation pyrethroid that controls a broad spectrum of turf and ornamental pests. It is characterized by fast knockdown, low dosage rates, long residual control and no phytotoxicity. When used at the recommended label rates, Tempo controls pests in outdoor landscaped areas as well as recreational turf.

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Heat or cool golf greens with underground system

The Turf-Temp system from BioTherm Hydronic, Inc., is a network of water-heated tubing installed beneath golf greens for



purposes of heating or cooling.

According to the company, TurfTemp brings balanced warmth to turf roots better than sunlight. The warmer roots will result in hardier and healthier turfgrass, with less maintenance requirements.

Estimated costs for the TurfTemp warming system are based on square footage required and geographical location, and range between \$3.65-\$4.10 per sq. ft. To add cooling capabilities, add \$1 to the square foot price.

TurfTemp has been installed at the Palos Verdes Golf Club in Southern California, and the Pebble Beach Golf Links.

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Plow/trencher blade for job-site flexibility

Vermeer's LM-42 walk-along plow/trencher features an adjustable blade on the vibratory plow, to provide operators with more flexibility and versatility on the job site.



The vibratory plow attachment features a shaker box that delivers 10,000 lbs. of force to the plow for more efficient plowing and increased productivity.

The LM-42 features adjustable plow blades in lengths from 12 feet to 30 feet.

Vermeer's plow centering springs hold the vibratory attachment in place when in the raised transport position, to increase the machine's stability and reduce the potential for operator accidents.

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New software compatible with existing system

Trims Software International has designed a Microsoft Windows version of its Grounds Management Software, to be released in October.

Standard features will include: budget and expense tracking; inventory and purchase orders, equipment maintenance scheduling, chemical and fertilizer reporting, personnel and labor activity and weather data.

Trims for Windows is a completely new product that is data file and keystroke compatible with Trims for DOS. This compatibility allows existing Trims users to move easily to Trims for Windows without having to learn a new system or repeat existing data.

Features include standard Windows Graphical User Interface, pull-down menus, on-screen report preview, multi-tasking, context sensitive help, dazzling color graphs and Multi-User capability.

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