



Utility trencher comes with productive blade

Vermeer's V-8550 rubber-tire utility trencher is now available with a 6- or 8-way backfill blade, each of which is designed to make restoration work easier and more productive.

The standard 6-way blade features joystick-controlled hydraulic lift and tilt for smooth operation. A float position on the lift function allows for smooth back-dragging and easier cleanup. The heavy-duty 8-way blade is designed for more rugged conditions and adds side-shift capabilities, allowing operators to move it left or right outside of the tire line.

The V-8550 has a four-cylinder 85 hp Cummins diesel engine. Other varied attachments from vibratory plow to backhoe to rock wheel are available.

Circle No. 292

New weed-killer acts immediately

Scythe non-selective, non-systemic contact herbicide from Mycogen Corp. that makes short work of weeds. According to Mycogen, weeds begin to show the effects of an application

within a few minutes, and are often completely brown within a few hours.

Because it is made from a naturally-occurring fatty acid that quickly dissipates in the soil, and because it knocks down a broad spectrum of weeds, it can be used practically anywhere, Mycogen contends. In addition, there is no soil residual activity, so it can be sprayed on seedbeds and in flower pots. Since it only affects green plant tissues, Scythe is said to be ideal for cleaning up weeds around



shrubs, trees and other ornamentals.

Scythe can also be used to "turbocharge" glyphosate, Mycogen says. Adding Scythe to your glyphosate mix, results in fast action combined with long-term systemic activity.

Circle No. 293

Complete line of turfseed for all uses

Terra International introduces a complete line of turfseed for virtually all lawnscapes uses. The products:

*Affinity perennial ryegrass: excellent mowability, pest resistant, attractive color and texture; for seeding and overseeding golf courses, commercial lawns, athletic fields.

*Best Blue Kentucky bluegrass blend (Glade, Conni, Nustar, Baron): deep green, dense, durable, for high maintenance areas at country clubs and upscale lawns and estates.

*Deepshade Mix (Pro-former, Koket, Pennlawn fescues and Glade and Baron bluegrasses): shade tolerant,

good color, disease resistant for lawns in shade

*Fine Fescue Mix (Eureka, Proformer, Koket, Pennlawn): low maintenance, beautiful color, for sun or shade.

*Fairway Blend (Affinity, Stallion Select, Patriot II ryes and Nustar, Baron, Conni blues): genetically diverse, proven performer, economical for golf course fairways.

*Median Mix (Fulfs alkaligrass, Pennlawn fescue, Baron blue, Affinity rye): salt tolerant, drought tolerant, winter hardy for low maintenance areas.

*Special Mix (Park blue, Rodeo II rye, creeping red fescue): low maintenance, eco-

nomical, versatile for parks, home and commercial lawns, golf course roughs

*Sports Quality (Affinity, Patriot II, Stallion Select ryes, Nustar, Baron, Conni blues): durable, great recovery ability, easy to establish for playing fields.

*RyteRye (Affinity, Stallion Select, Patriot II ryes): attractive, durable, quickly established for overseeding athletic fields and golf courses.

*Turf Blue (Newport, Park, Argyle blues): great value, durable, versatile for low maintenance, low cost.

*Utility Turf Mix (Baron, Conni, Merit blues and Affinity, Stallion Select ryes): versatile, hardy, eye-appealing for

renovating older existing turfs

*Watertight (Avanti, Taurus, Wrangler tall fescues): excellent disease resistance and color, good leaf texture for home lawns, industrial sites, medians and parks, especially in the transition zone.

*Watertight 10, Watertight Plus (Avanti, Taurus, Wrangler tall fescues, Gnome blue), Watertight + Rye (Avanti, Taurus, Wrangler tall fescues, Affinity rye): summer density, good leaf texture, superior disease resistance for low maintenance sports turf, commercial turf or home lawns, including transition zone.

Circle No. 294

Lean, mean trimmer is powerful and light

The new Green Machine 2600h hedge trimmer is powerful, well balanced and lightweight, according to its manufacturer. It can cut through branches as large as one inch in diameter.

Equipped with a 30-inch, single-side, double-reciprocating blade, the Green Machine 2600h provides excellent control, reach and ease of operation for commercial users, Green Machine says, and the high-speed blade (34 rpm) provides smooth cutting power and optimum productivity.

The 2600h is powered by a 26.1cc Mitsubishi full crankshaft engine built for commercial use and long life.

Circle No. 295



All-organic products help out environment

Menefee Humate products—the decomposed remains of ancient tropical plants, animals and marine life—are environmentally safe. They reduce costs and lower overall budgets, according to their manufacturer, Earthgreen Products.

According to Earthgreen, the Menefee Humate products also increase water retention so less watering is required, and yield better mulching and recycling of grass clippings. They can aerate tight clay, but also cement loose sand, speed up decomposition of thatch layers and enhance seed germination and survival, Earthgreen says.

Products available to the green industry: granular Menefee Humate organic soil conditioner, Menefee Humate blended products, Menefee 624+Iron organic-based fertilizer, Menefee Humate organic filter medium.

Circle No. 296



An old dependable in a new formulation

A new formulation of Roundup herbicide called Roundup Pro offers several improvements for industrial, turf and ornamental professionals.

The improvements include better "rainfastness" and quicker burn-down; increased worker safety; and improved cost-effectiveness. Sales director Susan Recknagel says surfactant, an option in the past, has been added to Roundup Pro. And, in most cases, the product should dry enough to withstand rain in one to two hours, she says.

Circle No. 298

Irrigation wires are rodent-proof

Paige Electric Corp. now offers a special type of irrigation wire to thwart gophers and other rodents, which will normally chew away the insulation of wires of an irrigation system and expose the conductors to the wet environment.

When a rodent chews through a wire, electrical shorts can blow controller fuses or "kick" circuit breakers.

The Paige rodent-proof wires and cables are now available in 10-, 12-, and 14-gauge to solve this problem. These products are constructed with UL-listed wires (with either PVC or PE insulation), a stainless steel tape armor, and a sunlight resistant PVC outer jacket.

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>PRODUCT REVIEW

More weeds added to popular herbicide

Barricade pre-emergence herbicide now offers an even broader spectrum of weed control with a new expanded



label, Sandoz Agro says.

In addition to crabgrass, goosegrass and annual bluegrass, other weeds now labelled for control: crowfootgrass, Florida pusley, itchgrass, junglerice, kochia, lovegrass, mouseear chickweed, panicums, Persian speedwell, sprangle-top, witchgrass and wooly cupgrass.

Barricade's superior residual lasts up to 26 weeks, Sandoz says, using as little as one-fourth the active ingredient required with other pre-emergence herbicides. It has a low water solubility level and is non-staining. Barricade comes in convenient water-dispersible granules or on-fertilizer formulations.

Circle No. 299

First EPA-approved biological fungicide

Bio-Trek 22G, the first EPA-approved biological turf fungicide, was introduced at the 1995 GCSAA show in San Francisco. It is a highly effective strain of *Trichoderma harzianum* fungus, in granular form, from Wilbur-Ellis Co. It is non-toxic and non-pathogenic to vertebrates and plants, and will not contaminate groundwater.

Effective in reducing dollar spot, pythium and brown patch, Bio-Trek 22G also enhances root growth and increases plant vigor, according to Wilbur-Ellis. This particular strain of fungus, more effective than natural strains, is formulated for maximum efficiency. It colonizes on roots and soil very quickly after application.

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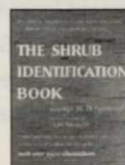
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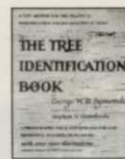
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New engines have distinctive styling

Distinctive styling marks the new line of Spectra engines from Tecumseh Products Co. The full-shroud engines are available in 40, 45, 50 and 55 models. They include replaceable paper air cleaners and a mechanical compression release.



The quick-start fuel primer guarantees fast, sure starts. It's conveniently located on the carburetor for each use. The Spectra engines also have an electronic capacitor discharge (CD) ignition system and a commercial-style mechanical governor that instantly responds to varying mowing conditions, ensuring a consistent engine cutting speed.

Circle No. 301

A 'better spreader' for turfgrass professionals

The PrecisionPro rotary spreader, new from the Scotts Co., is durable, accurate and easy to use. Constructed of linear low-density polyethylene, the spreader will not rust. To reduce the risk of interference from external factors, the heavy-duty gearbox and controls are enclosed.

The PrecisionPro's patented helical cone, which can be adjusted for product density, assures an ultra-accurate and even spread pattern up to 16 feet, Scotts says. Auxiliary shut-off and side deflectors are controlled instantly by one convenient lever. Its large hopper holds up to 85 lbs. and includes a strainer screen and rain cover.

The dual-grip handle—whose shape conforms to the body for extra leverage—was designed for comfort and maneuverability.

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