## **PRODUCT REVIEW**



#### The Spade, you can dig it

The Spade is a reasonably priced, versatile attachment for any brand skid loader. This unique, patented design is ideal for a variety of tasks. Digging trenches for drain pipe installation or irrigation, transplanting trees and shrubs and even retaining wall construction are all within the ability of this simple attachment. The boom-like design and chain attachment also allows easy unloading of planting stock from trailer to planting site.

For more information contact Triple D Enterprises at 800/478-7077 or

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## EZ dispensing systems

CCI Products, Inc. introduces a family of products for the small equipment, power tool industry. The EZ Oiler and EZ Pumper containers measure and meter two cycle oil/gas ratios using a patented ratio/ounce dial and pumping system for no math and no mess. Crankcases and gas tanks are filled with exact amounts from 2/10ths to 6 oz. The one-gallon containers also

have a dial lock and a 24-inch extendible spout add to the ease of use. The EZ Pumper is also able to drain fluids and is good for specialty additives.

For more information contact Sharon Suffolk, CCI Products, Inc., at 248/486-6901, fax 248/486-6945, email ccipro@aol.com or

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## Animal repellent from Sweden

Plantskydd™ is a Swedishmade, 100% natural, nondamage. Made from specially processed edible animal protein, vegetable fats, salt and water, animals avoid plants before they bite, not after. Plantskydd repels deer, elk, moose, rabbits and possum with

an odor which is not offensive to humans.

toxic animal repellent that of- Plantskydd is available in fers up to six months of 2.2 lb. dry powder packages protection against browse which is combined with 1.5



gallons of water. The solution is applied by dipping the plant in or spraying, and it will stick, even under severe snow/rainfall conditions, for six-plus

months over winter or four-plus months with a spring or summer application. Also available in a premixed 1-L spray bottle.

Forest companies, nurseries and landscapers find Plantskydd to be effective for trees, flowers and

#### **Distance®** Fire Ant Bait

Valent introduces this newly approved fire ant bait that stops the queen from reproducing. When Distance is applied around the fire ant mound, workers take the bait granules back to the colony where the queen and immature fire ants feed. Degeneration of the reproductive organs causes sterility in the queen and developing ants. Within three to four weeks there is substantial colony mortality and within eight weeks the majority of the colony has been eliminated.

Suitable for a variety of locations, application can begin in early spring or summer at the first sign of fire ant activity. Distance works best as a broadcast treatment but can also be used as a mound treatment.

For more information contact Valent at 800/89-VALENT, on the web at www.valent.com or

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shrubs. For more information contact Claude Boisvert, Tree World, at 800/252-6051, fax 604/885-3535, email treeworld@sunshine.net or

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#### Biofertilizer products from PHC

Plant Health Care, Inc. (PHC, Inc.) introduces Healthy Start<sup>™</sup> biofertilizer planting tablets. The 12-8-8 macro tablets contain spores of nitrogen-fixing and phosphorus-solubilizing bacteria together with a blend of slow-release nitroform fertilizer, natural organic nutrients and humic acid to enrich the soil and promote healthy, consistent plant



growth. They will not burn or damage tender plant roots. Healthy Start tablets can be used in existing landscapes, on balled-and-burlapped, bareroot and containerized plants and on seedlings, and are available in 21-, 7- and 3-gram sizes that last up to two years.

BioPak and BioPak FE biostimulant products with beneficial bacteria are specifically designed to stimulate root growth and reduce stress on trees, shrubs and ornamental plants. They were developed to provide the beneficial bacteria, humic acids, amino acids, vitamins and sugars naturally found in healthy soil ecosystems. BioPak improves water and nutrient uptake and stimulates beneficial microbial activity in the soil. BioPak FE is specifically recommended for lawns, trees and shrubs which display iron deficiencies, with 10% chelated iron.

For more information , contact PHC at 800/421-9051, fax 412/826-5445 or Gircle No. 269

# Biostimulants from PBI/Gordon

Two new biostimulant products are now available: Focus<sup>®</sup>, formulated to enhance the vigor and stress tolerance of turf exposed to intensive use or maintained at a high quality level; and Launch<sup>®</sup>, for ap-



plication where seeding, sodding or sprigging are used to establish or renovate turf.

Focus contains cytokinins and auxins from cold water kelp, humic and fulvic acids, triple-chelated iron and organo-mod-

ified siloxane surfactant. Launch is a manure-based product with the same biostimulants ingredients as Focus.

For more information call PBI/Gordon at 800/821-7925 or

Circle No. 270

#### Update your older skid steer loader

The "Uni-Hitch" Hitching System from Kasco allows "universal hitch" attachments to be used on older Case, Gehl, John Deere, Mustang and New Holland skid steers. The original attaching plates stay in place so that the original attachments can still be used.



For more information contact Kasco Manufacturing Company at 800/458-9129, on the web at www.kascomfg.com or

### Growth Products for plant growth

A variety of choices for crystalclear liquid fertilizers from Growth Products, Ltd., includes recent introductions:

• Starter Plus 8-32-5 (with 50% Slow Release Nitrogen), a high phosphorus solution, ideal for newly seeded areas and for hydroseeding.

• All Season K 8-4-24 (with 50% Slow Release Nitrogen and 0.25%



Iron) is formulated for year-round fertilization and provides a high potassium to nitrogen ratio, immediately available for uptake, and is good for problem turf areas.

• Organic Iron 5% (Sugar Acid Chelate) is derived from a naturally fermented chelation process, is extremely stable and more effective than EDTA in higher pH soils.

• pH Reducer (citric acid solution with wetting agent) is for soil and water applications where the pH needs to be lowered to an acidic range,, is natural and environmentally and has no adverse effects on microflora.

For more information call 800/648-7626, fax 914/428-2780, email PRInquiry@ GrowthProducts.com or Cirde No. 272

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