

Quiet hand-held power blower

Echo, Inc. introduces the PB-24LN (Low Noise) hand-held power blower. This gas-powered blower generates 67dBA at full throttle at 50 feet, per ANSI B175.2-1990. This new blower is one of the quietest gas-powered, hand-helds on the market, designed specifically with the sensitive issue of blower noise in



mind. It delivers an average air volume measured at the end of the pipe of 300 cubic feet per minute and a maximum velocity of 150 mph.

The unit is powered by Echo's commercial-duty, 23.6-cc, dual-piston ring engine, with Pro-Fire® electronic ignition and purge pump-equipped carburetor for fast starts. Other features include a fully adjustable cruise control, a wide, rubber-padded base and a soft, rubber grip, sloped handle which is contoured to

fit the hand naturally. In addition, the PB-24LN has a re-designed muffler, an enclosed engine with sound-blocking materials, a modified air intake and sound-attenuating materials around the blower itself.

For more information contact Echo, Inc. at 847/540-8400 or

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Blower with 195 mph air velocity

The Shindaiwa EB500 is a more powerful version of the SuperQuiet EB480, capable of nozzle velocities up to 195 mph. Designed to loosen debris with high wind speed and move it efficiently with high air volume, the EB500 was designed in response to requests for a stronger piece of cleanup equipment.



The new unit is powered by a 43.6-cc engine and features an advanced design, glass-filled nylon impeller and precision blower case. The air tube swivels vertically for easy operation and a large 71 oz. fuel tank allows for long work cycles.

Other features include high performance, air-cooled, two-cycle engine with chromed cylinder and two-ring piston; improved throttle and fuel shutoff controls; Walvro WYJ diaphragm carburetor with primer pump for all-position operation; all transistor electronic ignition; forced air cooling; and high capacity dry element air filter.

For more information contact Shindaiwa at 503/692-3070, on the web at www.shindaiwa.com or

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MTD offers first rider in Pro line

The MMZ is the first sit-down professional mower in the Pro line. Powered by a 25-hp Kohler OHV



V-twin engine, the MMZ has a 54-inch floating deck. It also offers fully adjustable lap bar controls, 5-inch operator seat adjustment, 10-gallon fuel capacity, 9-mph transport speed, Service Pro meter and a

pivoting front axle. The 980-lb. machine provides for lower impact

mowing and with 75% of the weight in the rear, the MMZ has better traction.

For more information contact MTD at 330/273-4550, fax 330/225-9133 or

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DRIVE® registered for turf use

Drive herbicide, from BASF Specialty Products, represents a new chemistry for the turf herbicide market with the active ingredient quinclorac. It can be used on a number of turf species including creeping bentgrass, Kentucky and annual bluegrass, perennial and annual ryegrass, tall fescue, both common and hybrid bermudagrass and zoysia.

Drive also offers a unique combination of postemergence and residual control in a single postemergence application. Target weed species include crabgrass, dandelion, speedwell and numerous broadleaf and grassy weeds, including torpedograss and kikuyagrass.

The herbicide provides lawn care operators flexibility. As a postemergent spring treatment, contact and residual activity controls broadleaf weeds and crabgrass in a single application. With broad tank mix flexibility, most early-season weeds can be treated with one pass.

For more information contact BASF at 800/669-1770 or

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