



Business solutions

The Integra Group recently unveiled two new software products at the GIE Show. BOSS LM PRO is designed especially for small to medium landscape firms intent on keeping things simple and overhead low. Based on BOSS LM Enterprise, the software is the foundation for entrepreneurs with a vision for profitable, managed growth. In addition, BOSS LM Mobile is a ruggedized, vehicle-mounted unit for automated field operations management. BossLM.com or 866/596-5971



On schedule

Magnatag's magnetic whiteboard 31-Day Crew Scheduling Board helps plan work schedules and show them 24/7 to employees. The heat-fused printed magnetic whiteboard system is available in four sizes to accommodate four to 16 crews for up to four months. It includes magnetic cardholders to show job locations and specifications. Magnet circles in 10 colors are included for your own special job detail codes. Magnetic month and date sets and write-on tools make it easy to show what's happening. Magnatag.com or 800/624-4154

Get smart

After the SMRT-Y (pronounced "smart why") Soil Moisture Sensor Kit is installed, its digital sensor measures absolute soil moisture levels every 10 minutes and relays that information back to the SMRT-Y controller interface. When soil moisture levels are above a pre-determined threshold, the controller interface interrupts the irrigation schedule that's been programmed into the system's timer. If the sensor recognizes dry soil conditions, the system's next watering cycle will proceed as originally scheduled. This closed-loop feedback process means that actual plant and turf conditions at the roots are being communicated back to the controller for a truly accurate snapshot of a landscape's moisture needs. RainBird.com or 800/RAINBIRD

More power

The Husqvarna 576XP features a redesigned cylinder and crankcase that, at 14.5 lbs and 5.7 hp, is one-half pound lighter than previous models and offers more horsepower. Like other models in Husqvarna's professional line of chain saws, it features the X-TORQ engine that provides high power to weight ratio, 60 percent lower emissions and 20 percent lower fuel consumption. It also features Air Injection for longer air filter life and LowVib anti-vibration technology for improved ergonomics. Husqvarna.com or 800/HUSKY-62



PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT
CHAINSAWS



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WOOD GRINDERS

Tackles any job

The TM-70 pneumatic blower from Express Blower Inc. spreads a wide array of materials, including mulch, compost, soil blends, wood chips and aggregates. The fully self-contained, steel-framed aluminum box features a 275-hp, turbo-diesel, Tier 3 compliant Caterpillar C-7 engine. For greater flexibility, the unit is designed to work with a variety of tractor configurations. Options include a supplemental injection system to uniformly apply mixes. ExpressBlower.com or 800/285-7227



A winning trifecta

The new L45 tractor-loader-backhoe (TLB) operates like

three machines in one, combining a strong loader and backhoe with three-point implement capabilities. Powered by a 45-hp Kubota diesel engine and new HST Plus Transmission, it boasts a 10-ft. digging depth, a high-performance inching valve and a standard hydraulic thumb bracket. The L45 features standard backhoe crawling mode, providing the ability to move at "creep" speed — ultimately saving time when repositioning while trenching. Kubota.com or 888/4-KUBOTA

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Hydraulically operated

Designed for tractors of 35 hp or more, the new S.H.M. Model WC 5500 premium chipper is available to fit both Category I and Category II 3-point hitches. To ensure smooth, easy feeding, the hopper opening measures 28 sq. in., and the chip opening measures 5.5x8 in. The chip chute can be rotated 360 degrees for accurate placement of chipped material. Other features include double-sided knives, standard chip anvil, top discharge chip chute and powdercoat finish.

SwampyHollow.com or 877/827-2447

Winter green

Turf Revolution's new Time Sav'r topdressing is pelletized, dehydrated compost from leaf and yard trimmings. It's easy to apply with a fertilizer spreader, and contains just 10% water (vs. regular compost, which can be up to 50%). The low-odor topdressing is easy to spread, and does not contain manure or animal byproducts. It increases soil water-holding capacity, resulting in increased drought tolerance and increased irrigation efficiency. It also increases soil nutrient holding capacity, maximizing plant nutrient uptake. TurfRevolution.com or 800/823-6937



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