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## LAWN CARE: AERATORS



### Grasshopper Co.

The power-take-off-driven AERATOR implement relieves compaction and aerates turf without prior irrigation, leaving no cores to clean up. Models are now available with 50% more tines to loosen soil without disrupting the surface. Oscillating, forged steel tines penetrate and fracture hard, dry soils without slicing or cutting, preserving and encouraging root development. Available in 40- and 60-in.

### Turfco

The XT5 steerable, *reversible* aerator uses Turfco's patented steerable aerator technology with a new hydrostatic drive system. Operators can boost efficiency and reduce job time on heavily landscaped lawns and hard-to-reach areas. The tine-wheel design and hydrostatic drive make working on hills easier. The XT5 features EasyChange tines, which reduce changeover time. A removable tine cover provides fast, easy access for changes and cleaning. The unit features a low-profile design and rugged unibody steel frame. Instead of belts, the XT5 runs on drive chains covered and located outside of the frame for long-lasting, trouble-free operation. [TurfcoDirect.com](http://TurfcoDirect.com)

### Agri-Fab

SmartLink is an all-in-one lawn care system that links attachments to one master platform. The system accepts a snap-in plug aerator, tine dethatcher, TurfShark aerator and poly roller, eliminating separate trays for each product. The original line required users to purchase the master platform with a plug aerator. The two products are sold separately — providing a solution for users who want to take advantage of the system, but don't need the plug aerator attachment. [Agri-fab.com](http://Agri-fab.com)



models, the unit provides effective aeration with minimal surface disruption, so turf is available for use immediately

after treatment. It's compatible with Grasshopper Model 620T and any 700 or 900 Series power units. [GrasshopperMower.com](http://GrasshopperMower.com)

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## Jacobsen

Featuring a 9-hp Briggs & Stratton Vanguard engine, the GA-24 is a self-propelled aerator that provides precise aeration and hole quality, which promotes faster turf healing. The unit's maneuverability allows for tight turns on undulated turf without causing undue damage. Four tine sizes are available, creating a 2x2-in. aeration pattern; optional quad tine holders create a 1x1-in. pattern. Features include centralized controls at the operator station, automatic parking brake and operator presence control. [Jacobsen.com](http://Jacobsen.com)

## SourceOne

From its fingertip speed control knob to its simplified, self-propelled hydrostatic drive system, the PL855 PRO HD hydrostatic drive aerator offers high productivity and low maintenance costs. Like all Plugr reciprocating aerators, heat-treated, high-tensile-strength tines are driven into even hard soils, with cam action engine power instead of bulky weights. It features sleek unibody construction, improved handle ergonomics, easy maintenance access and a built-in quick release receiver hitch for a StepSavr sully. [SourceOneOPE.com](http://SourceOneOPE.com)



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## MAINTENANCE: CHAINSAWS



### Worx Yard Tools

Electric chainsaws in 14-, 16- and 18-in. bar lengths feature an easy-to-use, tool-free auto-tensioning system and chain replacement. A single, oversized, easy-grip knob secures the bar and tensions the chain. The saws' patented chain-tensioning system prevents overtightening and maintains proper tension during operation. The tensioning system helps extend bar and chain life while reducing the amount of time working. Each model — WG300 (14-in. bar, 14A, 3.0 hp, pictured), WG303 (16-in. bar, 14.5A, 3.5 hp) and WG304 (18-in. bar, 15A, 4 hp) — has class-leading hp ratings for each corresponding bar length. The saws weigh 10.8 lbs., 11 lbs. and 11.2 lbs., respectively. [WorxYardTools.com](http://WorxYardTools.com)



### Stihl

The MS 362 chainsaw, which is engineered to save professional users time and money, delivers as much as 20% greater fuel efficiency and reduces emissions by as much as 70% compared to older models. It features a pre-separation air filtration system that allows for fewer filter changes and longer runtimes. The advanced anti-vibration system allows a user to keep working comfortably. Other standard features include a toolless fuel and oil cap with retainers, side-access chain tensioner and a decompression valve. [StihlUSA.com](http://StihlUSA.com)

### Husqvarna

The 576XP chainsaw features a redesigned cylinder and crankcase that, at 14.5 lbs. and 5.7 hp, is 0.5 lb. lighter than previous models and offers more horsepower. Like other models in Husqvarna's professional line of chainsaws, it features the X-TORQ engine that provides high power-to-weight ratio, 60% lower emissions and 20% lower fuel consumption. It also features Air Injection for longer air filter life and LowVib anti-vibration technology for improved ergonomics. [Husqvarna.com](http://Husqvarna.com)



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