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Turfco unveils its T3000i series of spreader-sprayer riding units

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Four years ago, Minneapolis-based Turfco Manufacturing introduced its popular T3000 spreader-sprayer riding applicators at GIE+EXPO. Refusing to rest on its laurels, the company spent the past two years listening closely to users of the patent-pending technology and incorporating key enhancements requested by leading lawn care operators (LCOs).

The latest series of enhancements to the Turfco spreader-sprayer applicators include, among others:

- › All new, hands-free speed control for unprecedented productivity and control;
- › A new pump system featuring extended life, minimal maintenance and easier servicing; and
- › A trim speed lock to trim properties at a consistent 3.5 miles per hour.

“LCOs across the country were co-engineers of our next-generation spreader-sprayer system, the T3000i series, launched at GIE+Expo this past

October,” says Scott Kinhead, Turfco’s executive vice president. “The T3000i is engineered to double productivity. Take a ride on a T3000i and you’ll quickly realize a level of profitability, comfort and safety never before seen in a spreader-sprayer.”

Key features

- › An ergonomically friendly steering wheel to circumvent operator fatigue while improving application accuracy;
- › A pivoting front axle and floating operator platform to minimize strain and shock on the operator;
- › Cruise control so the user can easily operate the machine’s multitude of spraying and spreading options while driving;
- › Unparalleled control and stability, even on slopes and uneven ground, thanks to two smartly positioned 8-gallon saddle tanks and a hydrostatic transaxle braking system;
- › A 120-pound spreader hopper and 120-pound carrier tray;



- › The ability to fit through a 36-in. gate for residences and then go next door to complete a 64,000-square-foot commercial application — up to 120,000 sq. ft. with an auxiliary tank;
- › A high-pressure/high-velocity spray system — adjustable to 4-foot, 6-foot and 9-foot widths — for larger droplets, better coverage, less drift and fewer callbacks;
- › Separate spreader and sprayer systems but matching effective widths at 6 feet and 9 feet;
- › An easily adjustable pressure dial that allows LCOs to quickly change spray widths from 6 feet to 9 feet;
- › A 4-foot trim spray and 15-foot wand for easy trimming and spot treatments on the fly;
- › Mechanical control of the applicator’s two-speed spinner: Just flick a switch to toggle to/from 12-foot and 8-foot applications;
- › The ability to quickly adjust rates for trimming widths to eliminate over-application and fertilizer waste;
- › A wrap-around deflector that helps avoid prills and reduces cleanup and material waste; and
- › Last but not least, Turfco’s T3000i is easy to use, making it ideal for operations with multiple crew members.

For more information on the T3000i sprayer-spreader, please call 800/679-8201 or visit www.turfcodirect.com.

TURFCO’S TURNAER XT5

Minneapolis-based Turfco Manufacturing has developed a new steerable, reversible aerator, the TurnAer XT5. Designed to help lawn care operators (LCOs) keep their tines down and profits up, the TurnAer XT5 leverages Turfco’s patented steerable aerator technology along with a new hydrostatic drive system. The TurnAer XT5 features EasyChange tines and improved durability thanks to its low profile and unibody steel frame. The TurnAer XT5 uses drive chains that are covered and located outside the frame. The TurnAer XT5 is field tested to be up to 50% more productive than traditional aerators.

With Turfco’s new TurnAer XT5, LCOs now can turn and reverse while they aerate, increasing productivity while reducing operator fatigue. Visit www.turfcodirect.com/makingiteasy and register to win a TurnAer XT5 in March 2012 or one of five Apple iPod touches being given away through February 2012.