**ROOKIES**

**PRODUCT UPDATE**

**FLEXIBLE BED DIVIDER**

Black Diamond bed divider is a complete system of polyethylene edging, stakes and connectors for simplified installation. The flexible divider will not deteriorate under extreme weather conditions, yet remains flexible to fit plant bed contours and resist abrasion. Anchored by metal stakes and a V-shaped bottom fin, the divider resists frost heave.

Various angled connectors allow for square or angled corners. No special tools are required to cut or install the divider. Changes or additions to fit any new shape or size are easily performed.

**WATER-POWERED INJECTOR**

No external power is needed to inject fertilizers and chemicals into irrigation systems with the Amiad injector. Powered by the pressure of the irrigation system, the unit injects up to 1.5 gallons per minute of liquid into the irrigation mains depending upon the pressure in the system. Pressures from seven to 170 psi will operate the injector.

Constructed of chemical-resistant plastics, stainless steel and Viton seals, the unit is supplied with most necessary pipes, fittings and accessories for immediate installation. The injector can be fitted with pulse transmitters for use with electronic controllers. Suction and gravity feed units are also available. Both hydraulic and automatic cut-out units are offered.

Since the pump's maximum rate of injection is proportional to the pressure in the main line, the injection rate is adjusted by controlling the rate into the main with a 3/4 inch hand valve. Complete installation and adjustment instructions are provided with the unit to assure safe and reliable operation.

**SELF-PROPELLED SPRINKLER**

The RainCoach is a commercial grade, portable sprinkler for irrigating large open turf areas. The rugged sprinkler travels on a cable 300 feet long (450 feet optional). The cable is rolled out and staked. When the RainCoach reaches the end of the stake it turns off automatically.

Driving power is supplied by two nozzles on opposing driving arms. The spray pattern varies from 108 to 145 feet in width enabling the unit to irrigate an area roughly 140 feet wide and 450 feet long in five to eight hours with the standard 300 feet of cable.

**SUMMER DISEASE CONTROL**

A granular combination of fungicide and fertilizer from O.M. Scott's Proturf Division offers prevention and control of five common summer turfgrass diseases.

Fertilizer Plus Fungicide VIII provides a light feeding to most cool and warm season turfgrasses in addition to fungicides for dollar spot, leaf spot, red leaf spot, Fusarium patch and brown patch. The product is recommended for use on bentgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, bermudagrass, ryegrass, fine fescue, tall fescues and annual bluegrass. A choice of application rates are provided depending upon the severity of infestation and the type of protection desired. The fungicides work through both contact and systemic action.

The fertilizer in the mix contains slow-release nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium at a 23-3-3 ratio. Fertilizer Plus Fungicide VIII can be applied from the bag any time of the year with a drop-type or rotary spreader. The company has a product with the same ingredients in a fluid formulation.
**ROOKIES**

**ONE MAN TRENCHER**

Trenchmaster takes the sweat out of burying water pipe, cable, and small gas lines. It saves time and money, making trenching a very quick and easy one-man operation.

It will dig from ten to 30 feet per minute, leaving a trench that is 1 1/2 inches to two inches wide and seven inches deep, with all the dirt piled neatly beside the trench for easy refilling. This gives the most professional look possible, with virtually no damage to the turf.

Trenchmaster can easily be loaded by one man. It features a heavy-duty industrial-commercial series Briggs and Stratton five-hp motor, replaceable steel alloy tips, and all-steel construction. It is designed for maximum use with minimum maintenance.

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**POND WEED CONTROL**

Landscape ponds choked by unsightly weeds can be made more attractive with a new aquatic weed control product called Sonar, recently registered with the Environmental Protection Agency.

This new herbicide removes pondweed, coontail, waterlily, duckweed and many other water weeds without affecting water quality or wildlife, as shown by extensive testing on lakes, ponds and reservoirs throughout North America.

Unlike previous products, Sonar carries no label restrictions against fishing or swimming in treated water or drinking it. Thus the herbicide can be applied (in both pellet and liquid forms) without interrupting water use.

Sonar has no detrimental effects on fish, game birds, insects or other organisms such as plankton. It is not harmful to nearby trees and shrubs that are not growing in the water.

If applied when aquatic plants are small, it controls them throughout the season.

Sonar controls a wide range of submerged and emersed plants and shoreline grasses, but does not control algae. Water chemistry and quality are not affected. There is no change in the dissolved oxygen content, no sudden growth of algae and no unsightly effects on target weeds.

Sonar works by causing a bleaching or chlorosis on the terminal bud or growing points of the plants.

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**MIDDLESWORTH ENGINEERING**
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The telescoping Slip-Fix from AMS Plastics eliminates the need to dig large areas to repair PVC pipe in the ground. After the broken area of the pipe is removed, the coupling can be telescoped to slip over both ends of the undamaged pipe. Permanent solvent welds on each end prevent the coupling from slipping loose. The result is a solid connection which does not need to be braced and remains as flexible as the section of pipe it repaired.

**AMS PLASTICS**
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Three improved fine-leaf tall fescues have been combined by Ferry-Morse Seed Company to provide heat and drought tolerant turf. Olympic, Falcon and Mustang turf-type tall fescues are in the Gold Tag II Tall Fescue Blend. Each component has finer, darker green leaves than older tall fescue varieties and performs well in both sun and shade. Deep roots and hardy foliage make the tall fescues both drought and wear tolerant.

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REMOTE MOISTURE SENSING

An irrigation manager, park superintendent or golf course superintendent can monitor the soil moisture status at various places throughout his landscape or golf course without leaving his desk. Irrrometer's Remote Sensing System greatly reduces the labor involved in obtaining soil moisture readings and checking instruments for possible servicing needs.

The system utilizes true tensiometers combined with a data collection unit to report moisture readings to a computer upon demand. It also provides the manager with information on problem locations that are being severely under-irrigated and causing the moisture-sensing Irrometers to break suction.

It avoids the inaccuracies of weather-based estimates of ET and the complicated formulas that use crop coefficients to establish an estimate of plant/turf need for water.

The Remote Sensing System is compatible with most of the newest generation of computer irrigation control systems. It can also be used independently with any personal computer to provide instantaneous information on soil moisture trends for precise irrigation scheduling.

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BASE ANCHOR SCOOP

Replacing bases is an annoying task when the anchor sleeves are plugged with dirt. This time consuming chore has been simplified with the use of a simple tool called the Base Scoop. This tool speeds up base placement by scooping out dirt from standard 1¾ inch square base anchor sleeves quickly and easily.

Made of 20-gauge stainless steel, the angled Base Scoop fits the anchor sleeves to remove dirt and rocks blocking the base stem. As a result, bases fit securely and flush with the infield assuring greater safety for sliding baserunners.

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