

# ROOKIES

## PRODUCT UPDATE

### GREENSMOWER



With the features necessary to produce consistently high-quality greens, the Ransomes Super Certes greensmower delivers a precise, meticulous cut.

The walk-behind unit is available in either 20- or 24-inch cutting widths. Other features include a high-speed, ten-knife reel that produces 126 cuts per yard; a cutting height that adjusts from 1/8 to 1/2 inches; and a polyethylene grass catcher that holds 1 1/2 bushels of clippings.

The mower virtually eliminates turf marking, because of its tapered land roll and two-part, machined-aluminum drive roller. Power-driven transport wheels attach easily and help speed the machine from green to green.

**RANSOMES, INC.**

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### NEW CREEPING BENTGRASS

Cobra is a new variety of creeping bentgrass developed jointly by International Seeds, Inc., and the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. In tests over the past four years, Cobra has performed well in terms of texture, color, competition against annual bluegrass, resistance to dollar spot, and drought tolerance.

According to International, the bentgrass thrives with frequent low mowing, moist soil, and moderately low nitrogen and phosphorous levels. It provides a high-quality surface when mowed as low as 5/32 inch on putting greens or as high as 5/8 inch on fairways. In both percentage of cover and shoot density it was judged comparable to Penn-

cross, Penneagle and Pennlinks. Its dark green color is especially noticeable during cooler months of the year.

Cobra responds well to aeration, cultivation and topdressing. A seeding rate of one pound per 1,000 square feet is recommended for putting greens.

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### RECIPROCATING TRIMMER



The two reciprocating blades on the Red-Max Reciprocator/SGC220DL each contain 20 teeth that cut easily through heavy weeds or brush. The blades operate safely because they eliminate the danger of flying debris, the kickback from striking fixed objects, and the possibility of a fractured blade becoming a projectile. The blades stop immediately when the engine is switched off.

Solid-state, electronic ignition assures quick starting of the high-performance, 22.5cc engine. Weighing only 14.1 pounds, the unit handles smoothly in hard-to-reach areas. In addition, the reciprocating motion prevents weeds and brush from wrapping around the blades. The cutting blades can even be submerged to trim under water.

**KOMATSU ZENOAH AMERICA, INC.**

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### EQUIPMENT CARRIER

Groundskeepers and golf course personnel can carry mowers and other equipment from location to location with the Cushman Equipment Carrier Set.



The unit attaches to the stake pockets of the Cushman Turf-Truckster short box, where it is secured by pins. To load the carrier, the operator merely raises the Turf-Truckster box, which lowers the equipment carrier to ground level. A mower or other equipment can then be rolled onto the carrier. Lowering the dump box raises the carrier and tilts it slightly forward to hold the equipment during transit.

Constructed of expanded carbon-steel mesh, the carrier's bed is covered by a rubber pad to protect the equipment being carried. The weight capacity is 400 pounds, and the dimensions are 49 1/2 inches wide and 36 1/2 inches deep, with a front panel that is 30 1/2 inches high.

The unit is equipped with a rubber bumper, which rests against the turf-vehicle short box in transport position to cushion the load. Rubber cords, which can be wrapped around the equipment to secure it in the carrier, are included with each unit.

**CUSHMAN DIVISION OF OUTBOARD MARINE CORP.**

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### FERTILIZER SPREADERS

Full stainless-steel hopper bottoms and metering slides are featured on Gandy fertilizer spreaders.

The stainless-steel components afford longer service life while complementing the unit's precision metering. Cam gauges on all models adjust the hopper openings to assure uniform, full-width application across the entire swath.

Spreaders are available in models six to 12 feet wide. Included with each applicator is a factory-calibrated rate chart for current commercial products. Upon submission of sufficient material it will calibrate granules on request. High flotation on standard tires is optional.

**GANDY COMPANY**

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### VERSATILE MACHINE FOR TURF MAINTENANCE



The versatile Kromer utility vehicle can apply paint for line-marking athletic fields, dispense chemicals for weed and insect control, or pull cultivating and leveling attachments for conditioning baseball diamonds.

The multi-purpose turf-maintenance machine has an eight-hp heavy-duty engine, which drives a hydrostatic transmission. This allows for forward and reverse movement with a single foot-pedal control.

A 12-volt diaphragm pump for line painting and weed control, and a 25-gallon tank are standard features. A 50-gallon tank is available.

**KROMER COMPANY**

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### PORTABLE RADIO



The MTX-900 series portable radio from Motorola, Inc., operates on both trunked and conventional radio systems. It offers the additional benefit of functioning as a portable telephone.

The dual-mode portable can operate on multiple systems, including up to six different Motorola 900 MHz privacy-plus radio systems, up to 18 conventional channels, or a combination of both.

The privacy-plus system allows for private person-to-person communications that cannot be monitored from other internal or external sources. The radio can be easily switched from trunked to conventional operation.

In addition, a "talkaround" feature allows communication between portables over the same frequency, even when the repeater is out of range.

These radios provide call-alert paging (decode), using distinct audible tones to inform the user that an incoming call is specifically for that user.

The radio includes an audio-enhancement feature, which provides clearer communication by minimizing distortion and the popping sound that sometimes occurs in radio-voice reception.

The MTX-900 Model B4 is offered with a keypad that allows access to local telephone lines for half-duplex conversations. This enables the radio to function as a portable telephone in either the conventional or trunked mode.

**MOTOROLA, INC., COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

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### TEN-GALLON AUTOMATIC FERTILIZER INJECTOR



A ten-gallon model of the Add-It automatic fertilizer injector is now available from TFS Systems.

The new model features a horizontal design, with flexible tubing leading to the mainline water supply. This allows the user greater freedom in placing the injector in a convenient location. A five-gallon tank in this configuration is also available.

The tank was designed primarily for large commercial users, such as golf courses, parks, stadiums and other large turf areas requiring fertilization.

The injector, which is available in eight other sizes, is simple to install and easy to use. It requires no outside power source to operate, has less than two pounds pressure loss, and has no moving parts.

**TFS SYSTEM**

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### GRANULAR INSECTICIDE



Lebanon Insect Control with Sevin 7G is suitable for use on lawns, parks, golf courses, and other professionally maintained turf areas.

When used as directed, the product will provide effective control of turfgrass pests, including white grubs, armyworms, chinch bugs, cutworms, earwigs, grasshoppers and ticks.

As a perimeter treatment around buildings, it offers effective residual control of nuisance pests, including ants, brown-dog ticks, carpenter ants, cockroaches, fleas and spiders.

The insecticide is on a cob base, which enables easy application with a lawn spreader. For best results, follow specific directions for proper watering or irrigation after application.

**LEBANON TOTAL TURF CARE**

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## TRIPLEX MOWER



High-quality engineering, rugged, reliable construction, and top performance in a wide range of conditions make the Brouwer Triplex 376A Mower a tough competitor.

Designed with the professional in mind, the mower offers many new features and low-cost maintenance. It is ideal for schools, parks, golf courses, and landscape maintenance projects.

**BROUWER TURF EQUIPMENT, LTD.**

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## TURF AERATOR



Powered by a 20-hp Kohler engine, the Riding Aerator from Salsco, Inc., is designed for greens, tees, fairways, sports fields, and other large turf areas. With variable core spacing from one to six inches, the unit is capable of aerating over 60,000 square feet per hour.

The tines, raised and lowered hydraulically, are driven by a camshaft free-floating tine system. The operator is able to adjust hole spacing to conditions without stopping the machine.

The commercially designed turf aerator is built with four-inch-square steel tubing and 3/4-inch steel plate.

**SALSCO, INC.**

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## CALCINED-CLAY SOIL AMENDMENT

Duraplay, a calcined-clay soil amendment manufactured by Sportsfields, Inc., can help solve three major problems regarding the playability of athletic fields.

According to the manufacturer, the soil amendment drains more than twice as fast as sand, so excess water vanishes fast enough to resume play following a downpour.

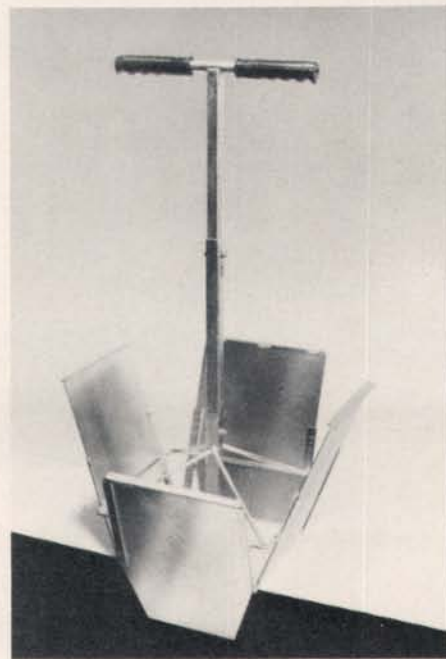
It reduces compaction to provide a better growing medium for the turf. The amendment also improves footing on the skinned areas, improves the playability of the surfaces, and reduces maintenance on the skinned surfaces.

In addition, it corrects moisture retention for a healthier turf, improved rooting, and less watering.

**SPORTSFIELDS, INC.**

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## SOD REPLACEMENT TOOL



Replace damaged sod quickly and cleanly with the Turf Doctor from Standard Golf Company. Simply step the four razor-sharp blades into the ground and remove a wedge-shaped block of sod.

Seams of the replaced sod can barely be seen, and the patched areas are held securely as the wedged shape leaves a pyramid of the original soil between the patches.

The galvanized-steel implement causes very little root damage. The square sod blocks can be butted against one another with no unsightly holes or gaps. Repaired golf greens can be played on immediately.

**STANDARD GOLF COMPANY**

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## TRACTOR LOADERS



Ford New Holland has introduced three industrial tractor loaders, the C Series, that are engineered for productivity and performance.

The Model 345C is equipped with a 3,000-pound lift capacity direct-linkage loader that provides 4,700 pounds of breakout force.

Model 445C has a 4,000-pound lift capacity four-bar linkage loader with 6,350 pounds of breakout force.

Model 545C is equipped with a 5,000-pound lift capacity four-bar linkage loader that has 8,500 pounds of breakout force.

Each tractor loader is available with a choice of three transmissions: A 4x4 power-reversing transmission that improves performance for loading and grading applications, an 8x8 power-reversing torque-converter transmission coupled with a full-power, 540 rpm independent PTO that provides ground-speed control for jobs ranging from tilling to grading to mowing, and a 6x4 manual-reversing transmission with an independent PTO.

The loader arms have been redesigned for greater strength and durability, and the newly designed loader buckets have dual lifting hooks. Bigger-capacity hydraulic pumps add more power to the loader. O-ring face-seal hydraulic fittings keep the tube and hose coupling dry.

**FORD NEW HOLLAND**

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### VERSATILE BLOWER/VAC



The Saxon Blower/Vac II, from D.E. Wolfe Metal Fab Company, vacuums into four-foot-wide spaces, enabling it to fit easily between shrubs and trees, through gates, and in various tight spots. The powerful unit picks up leaves, clippings, thatch debris, pine needles, and parking-lot trash.

The heavy-duty blower/vac is about 54 inches high, 66 inches long, and 48 inches wide. It rides on three wheels and weighs approximately 400 pounds.

The unit holds two cubic yards of debris in the hopper, dumps automatically, and blows from eight to ten feet, depending on the material. It is powered by a 12-hp gas engine.

Operators can perform all functions from the tractor seat. It takes just seconds to switch from the blower mode to the vacuum mode by pulling on a lever.

**D.E. WOLFE METAL FAB COMPANY**

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### VERSATILE TURF TRACTORS



Ariens has introduced a pair of versatile turf tractors, the 20-hp GT20 and the 18-hp HT18. Both are powered by twin-cylinder Kohler electric-start engines.

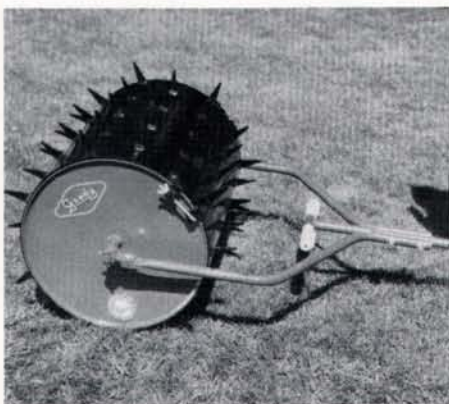
The tractors accept optional attachments and accessories including Ariens 42-, 48-, and 60-inch mower decks which adjust to changing terrain to prevent scalping, and a 12-bushel bagger/vacuum collection system that vacuums up clippings and leaves.

Other features include a direct-shaft drive, disc brakes, a 4½-gallon fuel tank, large pneumatic turf tires, an adjustable super-cushion seat, and three standard PTO positions for easy operation of a wide variety of lawn-and-garden attachments.

**ARIENS**

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### CONVERSION AERATOR ATTACHMENT



A clamp-on aerator attachment will convert a Gandy Company 18-by-24-inch lawn roller into a durable core aerator.

The aerator attachment's cylindrical shell, made of 11-gauge steel, is engineered in hinged halves that clamp quickly around the existing roller drum and are secured with a threaded hook bolt.

The 2½-inch-long angled spikes are welded six inches apart for soil aeration. They also provide pockets to hold seed and fertilizer. Depth of penetration is controlled by the fill weight of the roller and the direction of travel. The attachment has a thermoset polyester-coated black finish.

The accompanying roller will hold up to 280 pounds of water and has a large easy-fill opening sealed with an expansion plug. The rugged internal shaft is solid through the drum, and the handle bearings have regreasable fittings. The handle is designed to convert quickly from a tow hitch for covering large areas with a lawn tractor to a push handle for working in confined spaces.

**GANDY COMPANY**

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### SPORTS TURF ROTOR



Featuring outstanding close-in watering and a superior distance-of-throw, the Rain Bird R-70 Rotor is designed for operation on any large turfgrass application.

The model's self-cleaning, water-lubricated piston drive allows sandy or effluent water to pass straight through the rotor, minimizing costly service and downtime. In addition, the piston drive uses less than two percent of the water passing through the unit to drive the head, increasing distance of throw without increasing pressure requirements.

The color-coded, interchangeable nozzles contribute to the increased distance of throw by minimizing water turbulence. The nozzles also ensure excellent close-in watering by providing improved water distribution from the rotor to the end of the stream.

Other features of the rotor include the Seal-A-Matic (SAM) check valve, which ensures zero water loss by eliminating low-head drainage. The SAM device can hold up to 15 feet of head. A low angle of trajectory (23 degrees) and a constant rotation speed mean minimal wind interference and water loss, as well as even distribution that is not affected by pressure fluctuations.

For added safety and vandal resistance, the rotor features a small, 2½-inch exposed-case diameter. In addition, an optional rubber cap provides extra protection against injury.

Available in full- and part-circle models, the rotor has a maximum pop-up height of 3¼ inches, making it ideal for tall grass. Arc adjustment of 15 to 355 degrees on the part-circle model requires no tools.

**RAIN BIRD SALES, INC.**

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### HYDRAULIC CONTROL MODULE

The HCM-12 hydraulic control module may be the answer to the golf industry's demand for a product that ties the advanced technology of electric controllers to the simplicity of hydraulic rotors.

The control module has a 12-station output capacity and is easily installed in any Rain Bird stainless-steel golf controller pedestal. It is constructed of corrosion-resistant materials to withstand the rigors of the golf course environment. The unit is completely serviceable in the field.

This versatile module is equally compat-

ible with the sophisticated MAXI System IV Computer Control System as well as the MC-3S Master Satellite System. It is also adaptable to Rain Bird turf controllers for use in commercial turf hydraulic applications.

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