

ROOKIES

PRODUCT UPDATE

HAND PUMP

An upgraded version of the high-capacity, non-clogging Diamond Pump pumps water directly from dirt infields, sand traps and irrigation breaks. It is made of ABS plastic and has a PVC handle and piston rod.

A flexible piston cup and butterfly intake valve keeps the pump from clogging in the muddiest conditions, but still pumping 18 to 20 gallons per minute. A six-inch aluminum disc prevents mud from being drawn directly into the unit.

KURANDA USA

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DRAINAGE MATTING

Enkaturf Drain, a landscape drainage system is designed to eliminate standing water from areas such as sports fields and golf courses.

The product is a three-dimensional nylon matting wrapped in a porous filter fabric that forms a high-capacity drainage duct. The filter fabric keeps soil particles out of the drainage medium. After passing through the fabric, water flows within the open core of nylon matting.

AKZO INDUSTRIAL SYSTEMS COMPANY

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SOFTWARE

ET Calc is a software program for calculating accurate water budgets for planting, irrigation and landscape management. Considering soil texture, species water ratings, microclimatic conditions and density of the landscape, operators can evaluate water use for compliance to stricter water laws.

Evapotranspiration, a measurement of water used by plants through transpiration and evaporation, is one of the product's calculations. It also generates irrigation schedules for various irrigation systems, including drip and bubbler applications.

IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT GROUP

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SPRAY TIP



The TeeJet "Drift Guard" flat spray tip reduces drift at standard pressures of 30 to 60 psi while maintaining nozzle pattern uniformity.

The tip increases droplet size, producing an average size 30 to 50 percent larger, eliminating small, drift-prone droplets at recommended pressures. The tip is available in 80- and 110-degree spray angles and sizes from 0.13 gallons per minute to 0.49 gallons per minute.

SPRAYING SYSTEMS CO.

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TOPDRESSING AND WARNING TRACK

Beam Clay Red Brick Dust, Red Lava Dust and Red Warning Track are specifically made for baseball diamonds. The deep red porous materials help prevent compaction and improve top cushion for more consistent, easily maintained top playing surfaces.

These products can condition a regulation field by spreading eight tons of Red Brick Dust or six tons of Red Lava Dust, tooth dragging into the top one inch, then moistening, rolling and dragging the surface. For warning tracks, a one-inch cover of Red Lava Track over a 15-x-690-foot outfield track takes only 22 tons.

PARTAC PEAT CORPORATION

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GROWTH MANAGEMENT FORMULA

Primo turfgrass growth management tool can be used on highly maintained commercial and residential turf. It slows turf growth as needed, and it breaks down to carbon dioxide and water.

The product can be used on all major warm- and cool-season turf species, including bahiagrass, common and hybrid bermudagrass, centipedegrass, St. Augustinegrass, zoysiagrass, bentgrass, Kentucky bluegrass, red and tall fescue and annual and perennial ryegrass.

Primo temporarily inhibits turf plants' production of gibberellic acid, which determines cell elongation and internode length. At standard rates, it reduces turf growth by half for four weeks. It also reduces the amount of clippings.

CIBA-GEIGY

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TOPDRESSER

Millcreek's fifth-wheel hitch model topdresser comes standard with an engine and electric brakes. The spread width can be adjusted in minutes without tools from three to 10 feet wide. Capacity is 40.4 cubic feet.

MILLCREEK MANUFACTURING CO.

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MOWER

The Groundsmaster 223-D trim mower provides efficient transfer of engine power available by incorporating a mechanical four-wheel drive system, resulting in more horsepower from the engine available for driving the unit.

Users have a choice of 52-, 62- and 72-inch floating cutting units. The Guardian 62 Recycler Deck can be retrofitted to the mower. It restricts hazardous discharge while eliminating the burden and expense of collecting clippings.

ROPS with a seat belt is standard on the unit.

THE TORO COMPANY

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TRIMMER



The 125LD trimmer has a one-button injection starting system. No choking or half-throttle is necessary and the blade never rotates during starting. It has detachable shafts that can be separated into two sections for transporting and storing, or for switching cutting attachments.

The unit has a muffler molded of an aluminum alloy instead of stamped steel, lowering the noise level. It also has a 35-degree angle between the driving shaft and trimmer head. This enables the operator to more effectively trim without strenuous working positions.

HUSQVARNA FOREST & GARDEN CO.

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BALL PICKER ENCLOSURE

The ball picker enclosure from Columbia ParCar is made of expanded steel with a high-carbon tubular steel frame. The cage has easy-to-remove doors, which allow high visibility.

The unit has a light-colored top with UV stabilizer for sunlight deflection. The enclosures are designed for easy installation on gasoline and electric models.

COLUMBIA PARCAR CORP.

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WETTING AGENTS

Par Ex Wetting Agents are available in liquid, for irrigation systems and sprayer applications, pellets, for hand and syringe watering, and granules, for areas where irrigation is a problem.

The wetting agents reduce the surface tension of water molecules, enabling uniform water penetration and drainage, and achieving a uniform soil moisture profile for healthy turf and plant growth. It can be used on any turf or ornamental any time of the year.

The product can reduce overall watering requirements by as much as 30 percent. It can also reduce problem watering areas such as newly-sodded turf, quick-drying mounds and highly compacted soils.

VIGORO INDUSTRIES, INC.

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The Swiss firm, **RAINTEC AG**, is looking for American partners to market their **low pressure automatic irrigator** called the **RAINTEC UNO**. This irrigation unit has a double speed regulating device for the recoiling of the hose that will automatically shut off when irrigation is completed as well as offering a patented hydraulic movement without water discharge. It is ideally suited for the irrigation of small agricultural fields, sporting fields, golf courses, parks, gardens or greenhouses.

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