



Pitch Groomer

Operator's Manual



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Certificate of C.E Conformity

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Machine Model: Pitch Groomer

Description: Tractor Mounted Brush

Serial Number:

I hereby certify that the machine detailed hereon conforms to European Directives 89/392EEC as amended on 91/368EEC – 93/368EEC – 93/68EEC.

Signed: 

(Quality Manager)

Pitch Groomer Operator's Instructions

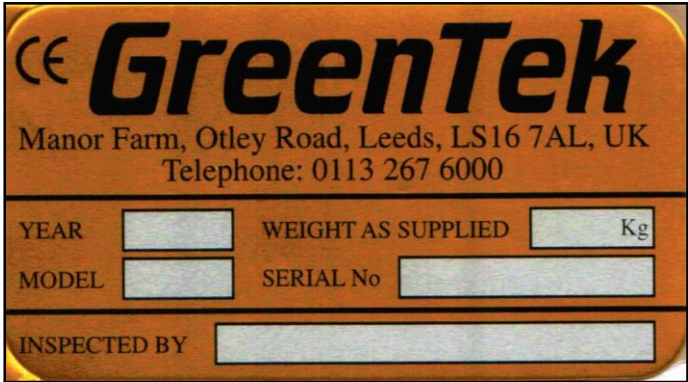
Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Pitch Groomer. This British designed and manufactured product has been engineered to give years of use, provided it is used and maintained correctly.

As with all tractor-mounted equipment it is essential that all operators read and follow these instructions in order to use the Pitch Groomer safely without endangering themselves or other persons.

Machinery Markings

Your machine carries the following information. Please quote your Serial Number when ordering spare parts.



Application

The Pitch Groomer is a unique multi purpose brush which can be used as a brush, a rake or as a combination of both for grooming and scarifying and is designed for sports ground use. The manufacturer accepts no liability for damage or injury resulting from misuse. Compliance with the instructions in this manual is essential for safe operation.

Safety Warnings

General

This turf maintenance system is designed to be operated by a tractor of not less than 17HP with a hydraulic lifting capacity of at least 450kg. Front weights may also be necessary when operating this machine.

All operators must also read and follow all instructions in the operators' handbook supplied with the tractor.

Before Starting the Tractor Engine

Check that the brakes are applied, drives are in neutral, guards are in position and intact and bystanders are clear of the machine. Do not run the engine in a building without adequate ventilation.

Operating the Machine

Always wear suitable protective clothing (eg, gloves and steel toe-cap footwear) when operating sharp or heavy machinery.

Before moving the machine, check to ensure that all the parts are in good working order, paying particular attention to tyres, steering, brakes and lights. Double check that the attachment is fitted securely to the tractor 3-point linkage.

Always observe the Highway Code both on and off the roads. Keep alert and aware at all times. Remember that some people are deaf or blind; that children and animals can be unpredictable. Keep travelling speeds low enough for an emergency stop to be effective and safe at all times.

Take special care when reversing and ensure that the area behind is clear of obstructions. Remove or avoid obstructions in the working area.

Leaving the Driving Seat

Park the tractor on level ground. Before leaving the driving seat, stop the engine and make sure all moving parts are stationary. Apply brakes and disengage all drives. Remove the ignition key.

Slopes

Take extra care when working on slopes.

Local undulations and sinkage will change the general slope. Avoid ground conditions which will cause the tractor to slide or roll over. Apply brakes before disengaging tractor gears. Keep the tractor completely under control when disengaging the traction clutch. Remember that the extra weight of the attachment will affect the balance and stability of your tractor.

Do remember the operating width is 2.4 m.

Do inspect the brush and rakes regularly for damage/wear.

Do not use if any repairs are necessary.

Removing the Attachment from the Tractor

Lower machine to ground BEFORE uncoupling the attachment from the 3-point linkage.

Remember:

It is the operator's responsibility to always ensure that this machine is in safe working order before use and that conditions are suitable for it to be used without endangering the operator or others.

Before Use/Fitting to Tractor

The Pitch Groomer is intended to be used with 4WD compact tractors. It is essential that operators follow all safety procedures set out in the tractor operators' manual.

The Pitch Groomer simply attaches to any Category '1' 3-point linkage by means of conventional top and bottom link pins.

Do tighten anti-sway chains.

Do ensure that the linkage is adjusted correctly so that the Pitch Groomer centre frame hangs level from side to side.

Do adjust the top link so that the brush and rake are vertical when in operation.

Using the Pitch Groomer

The Pitch Groomer can be used to Brush, Rake or a combination of both.

The brush is mounted to the rake frame with adjustable slotted brackets. By slackening the fixing nuts and bolts the brush can be moved up or down for the operation required. Re-tighten securely.

Further adjustment to make less aggressive action can be obtained by shortening the top link.

Uncoupling the Pitch Groomer

To uncouple the Pitch Groomer from the tractor, fully lower and uncouple from the tractor.

After Use/Maintenance

Pressure wash all debris off the brushes and rakes after each time of use, this will considerably extend brush life. However, do not point the jet directly at the wooden brush backs.

Guarantee

We guarantee that should any defect in materials or workmanship occur within 24 months of the date of purchase we will repair, or at our option, replace the defective part free of charge provided that the fault is reported to us immediately it becomes apparent.

Damage caused by normal wear, misuse or in transit is not covered by this guarantee.

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