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Wiedenmann Terra Spike GXi offers best of both worlds

With demands on time increasing exponentially it is reassuring for turf professionals to know the innovative Wiedenmann Terra Spike GXi can reduce time spent on maintenance by up to 60 per cent.

Following its launch, regular spiking and deep aeration have become much easier and less time consuming because of the Terra Spike GXi's speed, depth and quality of finish. It does away with the need for two machines, operating as a deep aerator, but with the speed normally associated with machines operating at shallow depths.

Wiedenmann UK sales manager, Chas Ayres, say: "Regular deep spiking and deep aeration is essential if roots are to grow healthily; after decompacting, the roots penetrate deeper and are able to make better use of water and nutrients.

"Yet obviously this is not always appreciated by the users of the facility who just want to go out and play – so time is of the essence. And that is why the Terra Spike GXi is a God-send to turf professionals.

"The shallow machines normally work to a maximum depth of 120mm, which is fine; it's fast but its depth is restricted. The deep aerating is normally done by a machine which is slower and doesn't core particularly well because of it.

"The GXi is a combination of the two – the best of both worlds if you like. It can cope with depths down to 250 mm, but it has the speed of the shallower machines. It does away with the need to spend money on two machines – so is much more cost effective – needs only one tractor and reduces labour time considerably."

Unlike other machines on the market, the GXi has dual-belt drive with a balanced crankshaft, a sprung-loaded headstock – the VibraStop – and PowerPacks as part of the anti-shock anti-vibration system built into the machine. This adds to the longevity of the machine, protects the tractor and, crucially, the operator. And it also takes a 20mm diameter solid tine unlike the majority of the shallow working machines.

The Terra Spike GXi's drive-concept TwinDrive can be configured for various transmission ratios by the simple means of matching the crankshaft speed to the power output of the tractor. And the timesaving QuickSet system allows for adjustments to the working depth and loosening angle quickly and easily without the need for tools. With just four greasing points, the Terra Spike GXi is also very low maintenance – another time-saving factor which endears it to the turf professional.

The existing GXi6 model is available with a 1.4-metre working width, though demand is such that further models will feature wider sizes. Various accessories are already available for the GXi6 and include turf retainers for two or four tines and the core swath board.

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Information for journalists

At-a-glance spec reference:

- Weight: approx 590kg
- Max working depth: 250mm
- Crankshaft speed at 540rpm: 385/485
- Min required lifting capacity: 800kg
- Max tine length: 250mm
- GXi6 list price: £14,950
- Optional floating rear roller system: £650
- Optional lower link extension kit: £150

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