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NEW – First heather care system introduced

Wiedenmann UK has taken a major step forward in heather care for golf courses, estates and heritage sites. Their new heather management system is believed to be the first in the UK and enables cutting that is much kinder to the heather as well as producing a superior heather seed harvest, which is easier, cheaper and cleaner than before. Devised in consultation with green keepers, the first fully developed system is already operational at several sites.

Instead of a flail mower which rips out heather plants, Wiedenmann's system uses a Super Pro TXL side discharge rotary mower specially raised to cut long grass growing above the heather. Debris is sucked away through a hose connected to a Wiedenmann MCS collector. Once the seeds are ripe, the mower cuts off the heads and the seeds go into the collector.

Importantly, all aspects of the Wiedenmann system have been developed in line with current health and safety legislation. Previously, lack of specialist machinery in the market place forced those managing heather and cutting especially tall rough grass at on estates, golf courses and other sites to use unsuitable equipment, exposing operators to untold risk.

Now, working closely with health and safety experts, a unique "skirt" attachment has been devised by Wiedenmann providing additional guards when the rotary mower is raised specifically to deal with heather and long grass.

Wiedenmann's heather management system uses proven machines which can be converted back to full grass cutting duties within 15 minutes. Wiedenmann and their dealers offer the heather maintenance system as a "bespoke" service to clients, tailoring systems to individual needs.

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Depending on the tractor, (minimum 25hp-40hp), Wiedenmann offer eight separate models of its heather management system Cutting widths vary from 1.3m -1.8m with hopper sizes varying from 600-1500 litres. Fitted system prices begin at £9,335 with optional support wheels at £650.

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