

## NEWS RELEASE

### Success Takes Determination And The Right Drive

*Classen to introduce an entire line of Hydrostatic Drive Sod Cutters*

Southampton, PA (Fall 2008) – Classen, an industry-leading brand of turf care equipment, will expand their product offerings to the commercial landscaping and rental industries with the introduction of a complete new line of hydrostatic drive sod cutters this fall. Classen currently offers a successful line of gear-driven units and will be the first brand to offer sod cutters that utilize a hydrostatic drive.

Classen incorporates the performance and efficiency enhancement capabilities of a commercial-grade hydrostatic drive into their durable, easy-to-use and maintain sod cutter design with the same built-to-use, designed-to-last characteristics that have been the trademark of Classen brand turf care equipment for over 30 years. The benefits of a hydrostatic drive mechanism for sod cutter users include; a smooth, consistent power flow with infinitely variable transport speeds of up to 4.7 mph – far faster than traditional gear-driven sod cutter units, and, powered-reverse – a feature not available in gear-driven units.

“We’re excited to be able to offer our customers a choice in drive mechanisms,” stated Jeff Hallgren, Director of Brand and Product Development. “Our customers are familiar and comfortable with our current gear-drive system. However, with the broad acceptance of the hydrostatic drive in the industry, we also wanted to be at the forefront in offering that technology to our customers in this application,” concluded Hallgren.

Production of five models of Hydro Sod Cutter (HSC) has begun and Classen will launch the new line at this year’s GIE EXPO in Louisville, KY. ***Stop by the Classen booth (#4050) to learn more about the new Hydro Sod Cutter line and visit their outside demo area to give the new units a try!***

#### Classen Sod Cutters Feature:

- Two Drive Options: traditional gear-drive and new hydrostatic-drive models available
- Multiple Cutting Widths: 12", 18", 20", or 24"
- Engine Options: 5.5 hp or 8 hp Honda engines  
(SC-24 & SCH-20 & 24 models available with 8 hp Honda engine only)
- Simple controls within easy reach
- Center blade placement that ensures a more consistent cutting depth
- Finger-tip throttle for easy, adjustable speed control: goes idle and stops machine movement when released
- Knobby tread drive wheels ensure better traction and eliminate dirt build up
- Easy depth adjustment up to 2.5-inches
- Optional, Blade Assemblies available in 12, 18, 20, or 24-inch widths, offers a single unit the flexibility to tackle any size job. Blade assemblies can be switched out in a matter of minutes.
- Two Year Warranty (engines warranted separately by manufacturer)



*Classen will offer five models of Hydro Sod Cutter beginning this fall (SCH-18 shown, available with choice of 5.5hp or 8hp Honda engines).*

**Classen Sod Cutter Model Chart:**

<b>Model No.</b>	<b>Drive Type</b>	<b>Unit Dimensions</b>	<b>Cutting Dimensions</b>	<b>Engine</b>
SC-12/5.5	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 54" L	12" W x 2.5" D	5.5 HP Honda
SCH-12/5.5	Hydro	34" H x 24" W x 54" L	12" W x 2.5" D	5.5 HP Honda
SC-12/8.0	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	12" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda
SC-18/5.5	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 54" L	18" W x 2.5" D	5.5 HP Honda
SCH-18/5.5	Hydro	34" H x 24" W x 54" L	18" W x 2.5" D	5.5 HP Honda
SC-18/8.0	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	18" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda
SCH-18/8.0	Hydro	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	18" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda
SC-20/5.5	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 54" L	20" W x 2.5" D	5.5 HP Honda
SC-20/8.0	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	20" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda
SCH-20/8.0	Hydro	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	20" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda
SC-24/8.0	Gear	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	24" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda
SCH-24/8.0	Hydro	34" H x 24" W x 58" L	24" W x 2.5" D	8 HP Honda

To find out more about Classen products, or to find the nearest dealer; contact Classen toll-free at 1-877-596-6337 or visit the Classen website at [www.classenturfcare.com](http://www.classenturfcare.com).

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