



FACTORY ADDITION NEARLY COMPLETED

Finishing work on the building and installation of the powder coating system are all that remain to complete the 100,000-square-foot Walker factory expansion. Use of the new space will begin in September or October 2002 with the start-up of the powder coating system, and, by year-end, Walker Mowers will have a powder-coat finish, eliminating spray paint.

The \$5 million factory expansion will increase both production efficiency and capacity; a visible commitment by Walker to continue to grow and be a major producer in the commercial mower industry. The new space will allow the company to double in size over the next several years as the Walker product line continues to grow in the market.



“WALKER” TRAILER HITS THE ROAD

Awareness of the Walker brand in the Midwest and Western states will increase as the newly lettered trailer (shown here) takes the road. Primarily used for weekly delivery of component parts to the Walker factory, the trailer will be a moving billboard along these routes.

RECALL BULLETINS

Four recall bulletins, issued or revised in May 2002, are of particular concern to Walker Mower owners. All owners of the affected units are encouraged to have their machines inspected and updated free of charge by contacting their local Walker dealer (contact the factory if there is difficulty finding your dealer). The following units are affected:

Bulletin #1134A: All Mower decks S/N DX-2203 thru DX-69788, replace deck counterweight springs.

Bulletin #1135A: Model MT26 (EFI) S/N 98-37480 thru 00-48156, reposition and clamp fuel filter.

Bulletin #1143A: Model MC S/N 01-49578 thru 01-50804 and Model MD/MT S/N 01-49592 thru 01-51259, possible instrument panel wiring error.

Bulletin #2150: Model MT26 (EFI) S/N 01-54912 thru 02-58437, install fuel pump protector plate.

WALKER MOWER IS NEW JERSEY PRIZE

A brand new MT20 Walker Mower was the special grand prize given away at the New Jersey Landscape 2002 trade show on February 27, celebrating the show's 25th anniversary. Bob Walker, president of Walker Mfg., drew the name of Mr. Vic Capone as the winner out of the hundreds of registrants. "I'm absolutely shocked! I've never won anything" was the jubilant reaction of the owner of Vic's Landscape Contractors of Milford, New Jersey.



Officials of the New Jersey Landscape Contractors Association and Walker Mfg. gather around the grand-prize Walker Mower: (Left to right) Jim Stewart, Show Chairman; Tony Defeo, Treasurer; Bob Tomasek and Bob Walker, Walker Mfg.; Glenn Bergemann, Exhibitor Coordinator; Skip Powers, Co-Chairman/Exhibit Director; and Mark Graser, Publicity.

THE PERFAERATOR™

Walker Mfg. is pleased to introduce the *PERFAERATOR*™, the first aerator attachment designed for the Walker Mower by Walker. In conjunction with Rock Solid, manufacturer of the *PLUGR*™ Turf Aerator, the *PERFAERATOR*™ design delivers a 41.5-inch path, and uses the same *PLUGR*™ camshaft design for driving tines 2.5 inches deep into soil with no added weight needed. The PTO-driven tines engage and disengage easily to skip over sprinkler heads and side-walks without slowing down. The 12-tine set is also easily raised with

a lever and locked in a secure transport position.

Operators will enjoy ease-of-use along with increased productivity over conventional walk-behind aerators — approximately 70,000 square feet per hour. Like other Walker attachments, the 390-pound *PERFAERATOR*™ mounts quickly and easily with a sliding PTO drive shaft connection, and its own integrated footrests and attachment platform.

“We believe this product is going to open up the benefits of aeration for



many Walker customers with productivity and ease of use not previously available,” explains Bob Walker, president of Walker Mfg. Co.

THE WALKER BY WALKER

Walker Mfg., producer of the Walker Mower, is pleased to introduce the Walker by Walker — a compact, mid-size, walk-behind mower.

The 15-hp Kawasaki engine with full-pressure lubrication delivers the power needed to run all Walker side-discharge and mulching decks up to 56 inches — the same full-floating decks that are run on the Walker Rider also mount on the walk-behind, including the deck tilt-up function.

Like the Walker Rider, a cast-iron tail wheel on the tractor allows the deck to move independently with flexible deck suspension and spring counterweighting, allowing the deck to “float” and follow ground contour for a beautiful cut.

A simple, unique forward speed



control system and easy-to-use steering controls eliminate thumb locks, and allow the Walker to handle much like the Walker Rider. Two HydroGear® integrated, zero-

turn transaxles give the operator the ability to maneuver into tight areas, trim close and finish the job in one pass.

Proven Walker engineering such as a manually tensioned PTO clutch, efficient use of weight, compact overall dimensions, and sturdy construction are all incorporated into the Walker.

Walker President Bob Walker explains the market position for the new Walker: “Industry sales numbers show that there continues to be a place for mid-size walk-behinds on a contractor’s trailer, and if a contractor can use the same

proven mowing decks on their walk-behind that they do on their rider, they are ahead of the game in production and quality of cut.”

MODEL S NOW 13-HP

The Walker Model S engine has been increased from an 11-hp to a 13-hp Kawasaki FE400. Engine dis-

placement increases from 351 cc to 401 cc, and the additional horsepower gives residential operators more capability for operating 42-inch

decks, including the 42-inch mulch deck. This engine retrofits into earlier Kawasaki-powered units (S/N 95-20381 thru S/N 02-57906).