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GRASSHOPPER UK DISTRIBUTOR SEES GREAT RESULTS AFTER MAKING JUMP TO MICHELIN X TWEEL

- Chandlers Farm Equipment adds MICHELIN X Tweel Turf to its Grasshopper offer for customers seeking robust, reliable tyres.
- Michelin's airless tyre and wheel combination eliminates downtime from punctures, boosting productivity.

Chandlers Farm Equipment's decision to start offering the puncture-proof MICHELIN X Tweel Turf to ground maintenance contractors has proved a huge success.

The Grantham-based business is the sole distributor for the 'zero-turn' American made Grasshopper range of ride-on mowers in the UK, which are sold from 15 sites across the country.

Justin Thompson, Grasshopper UK Dealer Manager, says: "We've been able to bring our expertise to bear and offer these high technology Michelin tyre and wheel fitments to customers that need a robust alternative to standard OEM tyres.

"Punctures are frustrating for the customer, and although they aren't the machine's fault, excessive downtime can reflect badly on it. Putting the X Tweel Turf tyres on the Grasshoppers takes the blame away and leads to happy customers."

Thompson, who is from a grounds maintenance background and was aware of the reputation of Michelin's airless tyres from his previous role, says that the traditional method of foam filling OEM products to boost puncture



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resistance is problematic, introducing additional weight, wear and even corrosion.

Fitting the MICHELIN X Tweel Turf is therefore a “no brainer” when it comes to reducing downtime and ensuring the performance of the Grasshopper mower.

“If you’re cutting a motorway verge where there’s lots of debris, a puncture on a standard tyre likely means a return to base for a replacement and, potentially, the loss of half a day,” says Thompson.

Recent success stories include the grounds maintenance team at Henley-on-Thames-Council. The team has riverside, parks and town verges to maintain and had suffered a high percentage of punctures until Thompson introduced them to the X Tweel Turf, solving the problem.

The X Tweel is puncture resistant by design, hard-wearing and provides higher comfort and grip than a regular solid tyre. The wider X Tweel family is compatible with a wide range of machines beyond commercial mowers, including skid steer loaders, truck mounted forklifts, ATVs and UTVs.

The airless tyre is supplied as a single unit, replacing the current tyre and wheel assembly. This removes the need for complex mounting equipment and – as there is no air pressure – reduces maintenance.

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