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Graden moves into Europe

The popular deep scarifier/grooving machine, the 'Graden', has been introduced into the European Golf Market with immediate success. Recent demonstration days in Germany and Denmark have proved to be very popular with greenkeepers who have heard about the machine - sales have already been chalked up. Further events are planned in many more continental European countries including Spain, France and Portugal. Turfmaster have been responsible for the marketing and distribution of the Graden in the UK and were very quickly convinced of the huge benefits for greenkeepers and golfers. As well as many prestigious American Golf Courses using Gradens on a regular basis, some of Europe's finest courses have already

invested in Graden Equipment including: Loch Lomond, Gleneagles and St Andrews in Scotland and the 'K' Club in Ireland.

The Graden has three different blade widths and can impact up to nearly 300% more surface area than normal hollow coring for aeration, used as an ideal seed bed and can remove large volumes of thatch from up to 45mm while creating minimal disturbance to the surface. Using the Graden provides an effective way of controlling thatch and will be of particular interest to many European golf courses where Creeping Bent grasses are widely used - these species produce an excellent surface and many greenkeepers have found the Graden extremely valuable in controlling thatch, tillering of the grasses creating firmer and smoother playing surfaces.

