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NuBax and HAGIE launch ProBax[®] seating option for crop spraying vehicles in North America

Hagie Manufacturing Company of Clarion, Iowa introduced the new STX10 high clearance sprayer to the public at the 57th annual Farm Progress Show in September 2010. Continuing their long tradition of industry leading design, the STX10 is another first for the US self-propelled sprayer market. Composite body panels provide styling as well as directing engine airflow and a new, unique boom pivoting design separates machine movement from the boom. Like all Hagie sprayers, the machine's weight balance is near perfect and the STX10 is equipped with independent automatically adjusting air-ride suspension. In a first for the agricultural equipment market Hagie is offering a premium seat option; a Knoedler Air Chief seat containing the patented ProBax[®] foam technology by NuBax Ltd of the UK.

The STX 10 cab is designed to give the operator a comfortable spacious work area. The ProBax[®] Air Chief seats from Knoedler take the comfort experience to a new level in agricultural machinery.



STX Crop Sprayer

ProBax[®] is a patented foam based seating technology that uses conventional materials to induce correct posture for the seat occupant. By aligning the pelvis and spine into a more natural curvature ProBax[®] greatly relieves pressure on the discs and muscles to the neck and lower back. In addition, the corrected posture improves blood flow in the seat occupant, further reducing muscle fatigue and numbness. Combined, these features offer unrivalled comfort for the driver and also reduce the stresses and strains on the body.

The STX10 is available in 2011 with full production scheduled for 2012.

“Whilst this is very much a niche market for NuBax it again reflects another high quality manufacturer with a very discerning customer base which sees the benefit of the ProBax technology” said Ian Moore, NuBax C.E.O. *“These seats are often occupied for extended periods during the crop spraying season and are ideally suited to the long term comfort and health benefits our technology has to offer”*.

After a successful launch at the Farm Progress Show talks are already underway regarding the extension of the ProBax offering to the STS range of sprayers and for a new, jointly developed ProBax[®] seat to be offered as standard throughout the Hagie fleet.

“At Hagie we pride ourselves on innovation and customer satisfaction. The new ProBax[®] seat offering combines real benefits to our clients whilst setting new standards in the agricultural equipment market”, commented Jacob Bolson, Application Engineer in the Design Engineering Department, Hagie Manufacturing Company

About Hagie

Hagie Manufacturing Company (www.hagie.com) is the world's oldest manufacturer of self-propelled crop sprayers, introducing the world's first sprayer in 1947 and beginning worldwide sales in 1955. In the years that followed, Hagie Manufacturing Company has continued to be an innovator in the industry with items such as front-mounted booms, hydrostatic drives and hydraulically-adjustable booms. Hagie Manufacturing Company is committed to making versatile and durable sprayers and will continue to be an UpFront leader in development, design and philosophy.

About NuBax

NuBax Limited (www.nubax.com) is a privately held UK Company owning all rights and patents for an innovative foam based seating technology. The technology uses conventional materials and manufacturing processes and offers breakthrough comfort, health and safety benefits with applications in aviation, and furniture as well as on and off road vehicles. The commercial brand names for the technology, (ProBax[®] in vehicle and furniture applications, AeroBax[®] in aviation) have been registered worldwide. TAG Group S.A. is the largest shareholder in NuBax Limited.

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