

Pothole repair kit contains innovative features

GOSCOR Power Products (GPP) has developed the enviable reputation of being able to react quickly to changing market demands. The most recent example of this is its marketing of a pothole 'industrial tool kit' to the numerous teams throughout the country that are repairing potholes in South Africa's roads. The government has allotted more than R150 million to this endeavour.

Perhaps the key item in the 'pothole kit', is the MSR7M Meiwa double-drum, hydrostatic drive, walk-behind vibratory roller, which is ideal for any patch and repair work because of its compact size and exceptional manoeuvrability. This unit is powered by a very robust, water cooled Kubota diesel engine.

GPP National Sales and Marketing Manager, Mark Bester, says that the MSR7M contains a number of features. These include a centrifugal clutch for more efficient engine start; a coupling mechanism instead of a driving belt to connect pump and driving mechanism directly; and a side frame of the rope-rack type specially designed to enable easier maintenance of motor and sprinkle pump.

As with all Meiwa products, safety is taken very seriously and the MSR7M comes standard with a light for safety at night, a break with lock-pinion system making parking easy and a handle with a dead man lever for simple operation and safety.

"The MSR7M generates exceptionally powerful centrifugal force and its new and incredibly strong frame easily manages this. The frame's rigidity is enhanced by a special shaft through the centre of the roll, which significantly reinforces the right and left sides of the frame," says Bester.

"This innovation should make a big difference to those entrusted with fixing our roads," he says.

The rest of the 'kit' comprises a concrete/tar cutter, rammer, and plate compactor.

GPP's range of Vibracon concrete/tar cutters are designed for accurate cutting of asphalt and concrete roads and their strong simplified design ena-

bles both smooth and efficient operation for any application and durability. The range includes 350-450 mm cut machines powered by the premium EX-series engines. Diesel powered options are also available.

GPP's Meiwa RT-70RD rammers, because of their low centre of gravity, are extremely stable and easy to operate. Their simplified design considerably reduces maintenance



Included in Goscor's pothole repair kit arsenal is the Meiwa Roller

requirements, which means greater productivity and availability. They are excellent in just about all types of soil conditions, including cohesive clay. The Meiwa rammer/engine (EH12D) has passed a 200 hour matching test – ensuring a perfect combination of engine and rammer.

GPP's Vibracon plate compactors are world renowned for their ease of use, efficiency and durability. Used principally to remove air from soil by vibration, they are amongst the most popular compactors in the country today.