

# Landscaping Roller Blade

Viking

... for Complete
LAWN BUILDING and
LAWN CARE from the Tractor Seat

This catalog contains all the information to sell, service, operate, and maintain

The Landscaping Roller Blade

Also contained is educational material about lawn building and lawn care.

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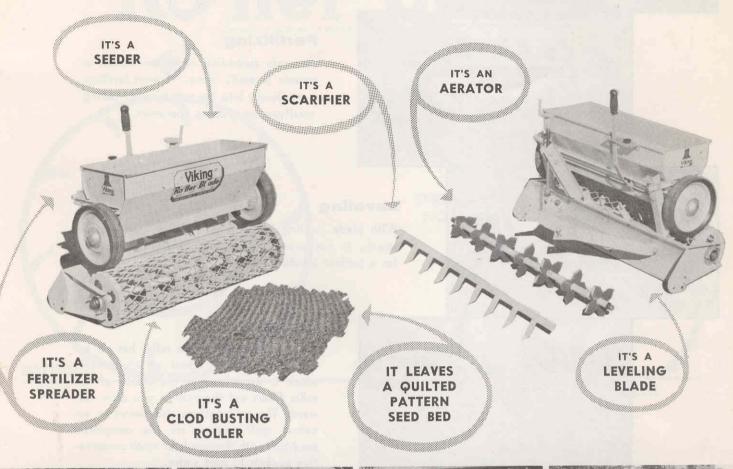
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Learn How
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# MODEL 33 VIKING Landscaping ROLLER BLADE











#### **BUILDING NEW LAWNS**

BEGINNING OF JOB.

Yard should be brought to grade by shearing off high spots and filling in low places until general rough shape is achieved. SCARIFIER TEETH TEAR
up ground and Grid Roller
pulverizes clods. Fertilizer
can be worked deep into

MINUTES LATER, a level quilted seed bed is established and seeding is accomplished without hand work.

#### RENOVATING

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For Model 33 Viking Roller Blade

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### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

MODEL 33 VIKING ROLLER BLADE

Figure 1



After Roller Blade is mounted on tractor according to mounting instructions, entire machine may be raised by means of lifting lever of tractor as shown at (A) in Figure 1. Lever should be in complete down position for proper operation.

Figure 2



Pitch of the machine is controlled by pitch crank (A) in Figure 2. Turning the crank clockwise pitches the roller blade back and raises the blade up off the ground. As in (B) Figure 3.

Figure 3



Figure 4



Turning the crank counter clockwise pitches the Roller Blade forward or lowers the blade toward ground. As in Figure 4.

There are two catches, (right one shown at (A) in Figure 3) which hold the hopper up off grid, roller and out of operation. To lower hopper into operating position lift rear of hopper slightly, disengage both catches and lower hopper until wheels ride firmly on Grid Roller.

Figure 5



With slicing attachment installed, entire weight of machine can be placed on slicing blades for deep penetration, by turning pitch crank counter clockwise which lowers blades and raises grid roller. See Figure 5 (additional weight may be added by filling hopper with fertilizer or coarse sand) Figure 5.

Same Instructions Apply to Scarifier Attachment.

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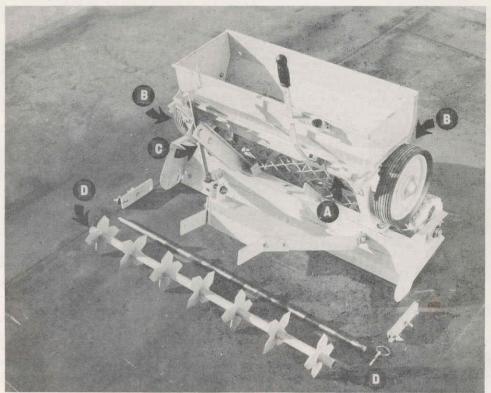
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## MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

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There is no maintenance required on the Model 33 Roller Blade other than to keep the hopper clean.

To do this: Remove bottom slide, (A). Wipe clean with dry cloth then coat hopper bottom and slide with oil.

Wheel bearings and agitator (B) may be oiled from outside of hopper.

Threads of pitch control screw (C) should be oiled periodically to insure ease of operation.

A heavy grease should be put into pipe (D) of slicing attachment before sliding shaft through it.



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### SET-UP INSTRUCTIONS

#### MODEL 33 VIKING ROLLER BLADE

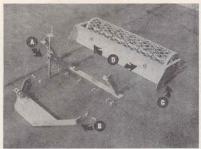


Figure 1



Figure 2

Boit bracket (A) Figure 1 to top of blade (C) Figure 1 using eight  $\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " capscrews and lockwashers. Bolt frame (B) Figure 1 to brackets (D) Figure 1 using two  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $1\frac{1}{4}$ " bolts and self locking nuts. Caution: Do not draw these nuts up too tightly.

Insert slide lever (A) Figure 2 into slot of regulator plate (B) Figure 2 and engage tip into slot of bottom slide (C) Figure 2. Fasten slide lever bracket to hopper using two  $\frac{3}{16}$ " x  $\frac{3}{8}$ " bolts lockwashers and nuts, with nuts inside hopper. Fasten regulator plate (B) Figure 2 to hopper using two  $\frac{1}{4}$ " x  $\frac{1}{2}$ " bolts, lockwashers and nuts. Before tightening these nuts, set adjusting plate on No. 19. Move slide lever so that openings in bottom slide (C) Figure 2 form perfect rectangular openings with the openings in the hopper bottom. Move regulator plate (B) Figure 2 until lever rest against adjusting plate of No. 19, then tighten very securely.

Attach braces (D) Figure 2 to hopper using four 14" x 5%" bolts, lockwashers and nuts.

Assemble seed hopper to Roller Blade, using two 3/8" x 1" bolts and self

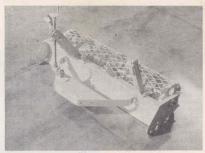


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Figure 3



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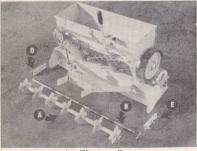


Figure 5

To attach scarifying bar (A) Figure 4 remove klik pins, (B) Figure 4 insert bar into slots of wings at

(C) Figure 4. Reinsert klik pins outside of wings.

locking nuts. Draw nuts tight then back off 1/2 turn.

To attach slicing attachment (A) Figure 5 insert shaft (B) Figure 5 through pipe of slicing attachment (A) Figure 5. Bolt brackets (D) Figure 5 and

(E) Figure 5 to outside of wings of blade using four 3%" x 1½" bolts, washers and wing nuts. Large holes in brackets should be nearest to ground. Shaft (B) Figure 5 should be inserted into large hole of bracket so that klik pin hole in shaft is on same side as bracket with klik pin hole. Klik pin is then inserted through pin hole in bracket and pin hole in shaft as shown at (A) in Figure 5A.

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Figure 4A

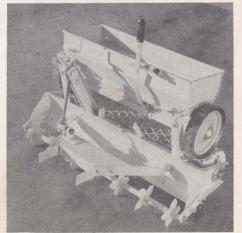


Figure 5A

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## PARTS LIST

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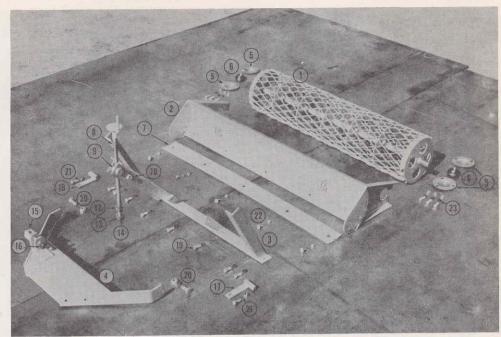
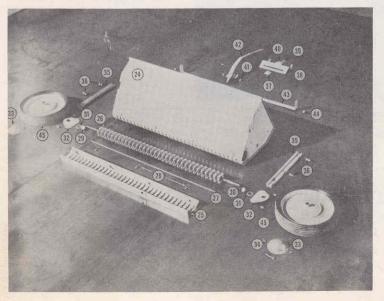


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1	Grid Roller	33001	15	Anchor Pin	1015
2	Blade Frame	33002	16	5/8" Self Locking Nut	3016
3	Pitch Bracket		17	Hopper Catch Left	3017
4	Wishbone		18	Hopper Catch Right	3018
5	Bearing Flange (4 used)		19	3/8" x 3/4" Capscrews and LW (8 used) . 33	3019
6	Sealed Ball Bearing		20	1/2" x 11/2" Bolt and Nut (2 used) 33	3020
7	Replacement Blade		21	3/8" x 3/4" Bolt and Nut (2 used)	3021
8	Pitch Screw		22	3/8" x 1" Carriage Bolts, Lockwashers	
9	Threaded Bushing	33009		and Nuts (5 used)	3022
10	1/2" x 13/4" Bolt Spacer and Nut.		23	5/16" x 3/4" Bolts, LW and Nuts	
12	5/8" Jam Nuts (2 used)			(6 used)	
13	5/8" Castelated Nut		24	Hopper33	
14	1/8" x 1" Cotter Pin		25	Bottom Slide	
	78		26	Agitator	
			27	Agitator Rod	3027
SI	EEDER SECTION		28	Spring Clip (3 used)	3028



25	Bottom Slide	33025	
26	Agitator		
27	Agitator Rod		
28	Spring Clip (3 used)		
29	Left End Spacer		
30	Right End Spacer		
31	Shaft Washer, R and L		
32	Bearing Assembly (2 used)		
33	Hub Cap (2 used)		
34	3/4" Screws (6 used)		
35	Hopper Hangers (2 used)		
36	1/4" x 5/8" Bolts, Lockwashers and		
	Nuts (4 used)	33036	
37	Weld Plate	33037	
38	Regulator Plate	33038	
39	Knob	33039	
40	Slide Adjusting Plate	33040	
41	1/4" x 3/4" Bolts and Nuts (2 used)	33041	
42	Slide Lever	33042	
43	Baffle	33043	
44	1/8" x 1/2" Stove Bolts and Nuts (2 used)	33044	
45	Wheel (2 used)	33045	

### MODEL 33-2 SLICING ATTACHMENT

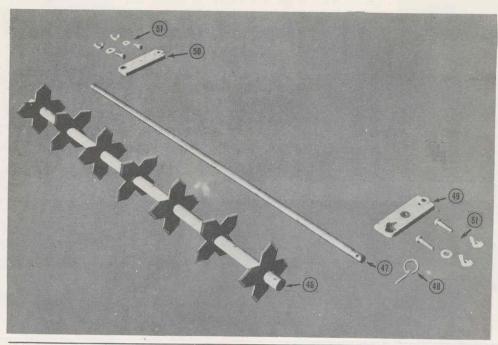


FIG. NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
46	Slicing Blades and Tube	33046
47	Shaft	33047
48	1/4" Klik Pin	33048
49	Left Hand Bracket	33049
50	Right Hand Bracket	33050
51	3/8" x 11/4" Bolts Washers and Wing Nuts	
	(4 used)	33051

#### MODEL 33-1 SCARIFIER ATTACHMENT

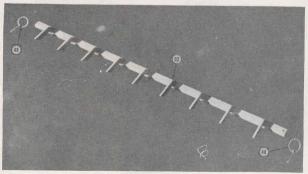


FIG. NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
52	Scarifier Bar	33052



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## PARTS PRICES MODEL 33 ROLLER BLADE

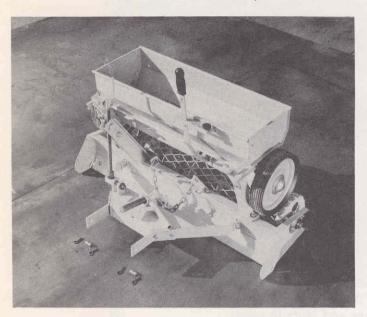
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PARTS NO.	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
33001	Grid Roller	49.00
33002	Blade Frame	38.00
33003	Pitch Bracket	12.00
33004	Wishbone	11.00
33005	Bearing Flange (4 used)	.45
33006	Sealed Roller Bearing (2 used)	3.45
33007	Replacement Blade	9.00
33008	Pitch Screw	8.50
33009	Threaded Bushing	1.40
33010	Bolt, Nut, and Spacer	.20
33012	Jam Nuts (2 used)	.30
33013	Castellated Nut	.50
33014	Cotter Pin	.03
33015	Anchor Pin	3.90
33016	Self Locking Nut	.50
33017	Hopper Catch Left	1.40
33018	Hopper Catch Right	1.40
33019	Cap Screws and Lock Washers (8 used)	.06
33020	Bolt, and Self Locking Nuts (2 used)	.40
33021	Bolt, and Self Locking Nuts (2 used)	.35
33022	Carriage bolts, Washers and Nuts (5 used)	.11
33023	Bolts, Lockwashers and Nuts (6 used)	.09
33024	Hopper	17.50
33025	Bottom Slide	4.50
33026	Agitator	11.50
33027	Agitator Rod	.35
33028 33029	Spring Clip (3 used)	.15
33030	Left End Spacer	.20
33031	Right End Spacer	.15
33032	Bearing Assy. (2 used)	.50
33033	Hub Caps (2 used)	.35
33034	3/4'' Screws (6 used)	.05
33035	Hopper Hangers (2 used)	1.80
33036	Hopper Hangers (2 used)	.10
33037	Weld Plate	.55
33038	Regulator Plate	1.35
33039	Knob	.35
33040	Slide Adjusting Plate	.40
33041	1/4" x 3/4" Bolts and nuts (2 used)	.10
33042	Slide Lever	1.65
33043	Baffle	1.45
33044	1/8" x 1/2" Stove Bolts and Nuts (2 used)	.05
33045	Wheel (2 used)	4.35
33046	Slicing Blades and Tubes	16.00
33047	Shaft	3.50
33048	1/4" Klik Pins	.40
33049	Left Hand Bracket	3.60
33050	Right Hand Bracket	3.60
33051	3/8" x 11/4" Bolts, Washers, and Wing Nuts	
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33052	Scarifier Bar (Order as Attachment)	

## VIKING ROLLER BLADE

## SPECIFICATIONS and PRICES

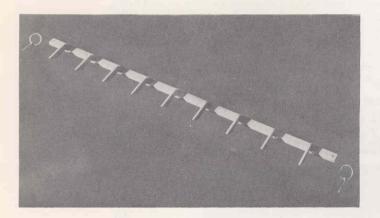
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Model 33

# ROLLER BLADE \$160.50 and SPREADER

Weight ... ... ... ... ... ... 120 lbs.
Blade Width ... ... ... 40"
Roller Width ... ... ... 36"
Hopper Width ... ... ... 30"
Seed Capacity ... ... 30 lbs.
Fertilizer Capacity ... ... 85 lbs.
Mounting or Hitch — Specify make and model of tractor when ordering.



Model 33-1

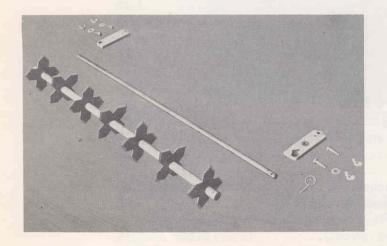
# SCARIFIER \$9.00 ATTACHMENT

 No. of Teeth
 9

 Spacing of Teeth
 41/2"

 Maximum Soil Penetration
 3"

 Weight
 10 lbs.



Model 33-2

# SLICER \$19.00 ATTACHMENT

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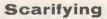
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## HOW ALL 4 MODELS OPERATE

(Model 33 is shown)



With scarifier attachment you can rip up hard packed ground. Additional down pressure caused by scarifying teeth help Grid Roller pulverize clods.



#### **Fertilizing**

Accurate spreading of recommended amounts is easily done. To work fertilizer more deeply into the soil, spread during scarifying or grading operation.



#### Leveling

With blade floating between Grid Roller and tractor wheels, it can be raised or lowered by the pitch control for a perfect levelling job.



#### Seeding

The grid pattern of the roller has an excellent pulverizing effect on clods. Dirt which is pulverized to the inside of the roller filters out the rear as you drive forward. The grid pattern also leaves an excellent quilt pattern on the completed seed bed with thousands of small conservation pockets to hold water.



With slicing attachment in operating position, weight of machine will cause blades to slice through grass mat and thatch so that the soil will be aerated and openings will be provided for seed and/or fertilizer. Also, the root system and runners will be sliced.



#### Slicing

With slicing attachment in operating position spread fertilizer and seed. The grid roller will work seed into freshly sliced sod and will compact it around seed.

Let a Roller Blade Do YOUR Work!



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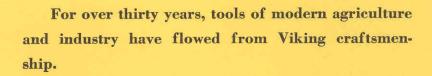
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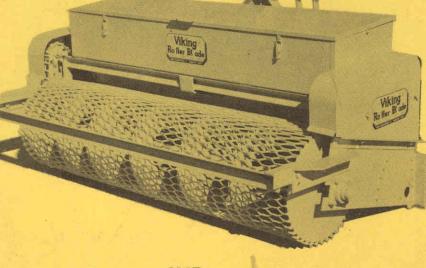


# Big Brothers to the Model 33

# Landscaping Roller Blade

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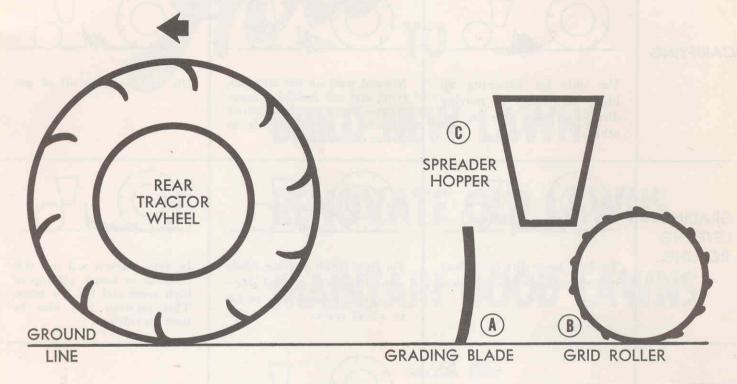
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# The ABC's of the Roller Blade



- (A) A blade for grading and leveling, mounted between two wheels just like a road grader—The rear wheel of the tractor and the wheel B of the grid roller—A blade on which can be mounted scarifiers, slicers, and other attachments—A blade which can be controlled by the pitch of the machine.

  (See pitch effect)
- (B) A grid-type roller to cut into soil, break clods, and provide an erosion resistant quilt pattern on the soil—a roller that acts as a guide or leveling wheel for the blade—a roller that evenly compacts loose soil or breaks up lumpy soil to make a seed bed excellent for the best grass stand.
- (C) A spreader for accurate spreading of grass seeds of all common types and fertilizers or plant foods in their many free-flowing forms—Both seeds and fertilizer are dropped on the leading edge of the grid roller B to achieve a precise broadcast pattern accurately controlled by operator.

# PITCH EFFECT

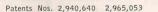
	FORWARD	LEVEL	BACK
SCARIFYING	Use only for loosening up high, hard spots or moving dirt from one area to another	Normal position for all scarifying and soil loosening operations—Teeth can be lowered slightly to adjust depth to power of tractor	Use to rake trash off of soil
GRADING LEVELING ROLLING	To drag loose dirt for filling in low spots, use this position	For final finish grading, blade should be set at ground line—Drag just enough dirt to fill in wheel tracks	In very uneven soil use this position to knock off top of high areas and fill low areas. This position may also be used for rolling
SEEDING AND FERTILIZING		This position will be used for most spreading operations — Blade should be lowered just enough to fill wheel tracks	
SLICING AERATING OVERSEEDING	For maximum depth penetration of soil, thatch and grass, use this position – weight can be added to hopper in form of sand or fertilizer	For lesser penetration use this position, with or without weight in hopper	In overseeding use this position with enough pressure of roller on ground to turn agi-weight in hopper



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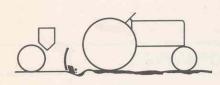
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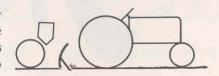


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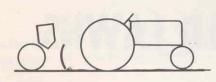
Rough grading should be done before any leveling or finish work. Dirt should be dragged into extreme low spots and extreme high spots should be cut down. To do this you may need to alternately use the scarifier and blade.

#### Step 2

After rough grade is established, scarifying teeth should be used over entire area. The pitch of the blade should be set, so that teeth penetrate ground but dirt does not build up in front of blade. In this position as teeth pull into ground additional down pressure is put on grid roller to help pulverize clods.



#### Step 3



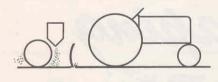
After ground is thoroughly loosened, remove or raise scarifying teeth and begin leveling. The pitch of the blade should be set so that blade rides up off ground between rear wheels of tractor and grid roller. In this position it will shear off high spots and spill out dirt into low spots. By gradually lowering blade, so that a small amount of dirt is always carried in front of blade, your Roller Blade will do a perfect finish job on your lawn.

#### Step 4

Next spread a complete plant food fertilizer over entire area. (See application chart) To do this you should use scarifying teeth so that soil is opened up to work fertilizer down deep. These ruts left by scarifying teeth will be filled up by Step No. 5.

#### Step 5

Loosen knob on seed regulator and set regulator according to application chart. Keep hopper bottom closed and fill seed hopper. With scarifying teeth removed or raised set pitch of blade so that it always carries a small amount of dirt in front of blade to cover wheel tracks and ruts. (Trial and error will determine this before you start spreading seed) When Blade and regulator have been set properly open hopper by pushing lever firmly against regulator and drive straight across lawn. Close hopper when you reach other side.



Blade will relevel the ground covering the fertilizer deeply. The seed will fall on the front side of the grid roller which will spread it into a precise broadcast pattern; the grid roller will compact part of the seed into the top ½-inch of soil and part of the seed will be left exposed. As the roller passes over the seed, light pulverized dirt will filter out of the inside of the roller onto the seed behind. Furthermore the grid roller will leave a perfect quilt pattern on the finished seed bed. Thousands of tiny conservation pockets will help prevent rainfall runoff while the seedlings are getting established.



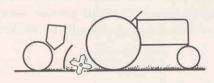
#### Step 6

With a fine spray keep the seed bed damp for the first few days until the seeds germinate and gradually lengthen the time between waterings as the stand of grass becomes more firmly established.

## RENOVATE OLD LAWNS

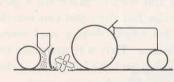
**Step 1** If your lawn has bad infestations of crab grass or weeds, secure a good commercial crab grass or weed killer and apply to lawn with Viking Roller Blade in advance of renovation work. Follow recommendations as to length of time to

elapse, before renovating and seeding Mow existing grass close and remove clippings. Renovation work is best done in early spring or early fall but may be done anytime during growing season.



**Step 2** With slicing attachment installed or lowered, and with blade pitched forward so that entire weight of machine is on slicing attachment, fill hopper with fertilizer or coarse sand for additional weight. Drive over entire lawn several times. Where your grass stand is good, this will aerate the soil, cut the thatch, slice the runners and root systems so that the plants will propagate. It will also provide openings for fertilizer, seed, and moisture to go deep into soil. Over areas which may be

dead from the chemical weed or crab grass killer or which are bare, drive in a figure 8 or circular pattern. This will churn up the soil into a more pulverized seed bed. It may be necessary to use the scarifying teeth, if some of the bare spots are hard packed, in order to further loosen soil.



Step 3 Set the pitch of the Viking Roller Blade so that the slicing attachment is penetrating the ground slightly and the grid roller is firmly on the

ground. Lower the hopper by releasing the two catches which hold it off the grid roller. Set the regulator according to the application chart for the fertilizer to be used. Fill hopper with fertilizer, open slide by moving lever over against regulator slide. Drive straight across lawn. Close slide when you reach other side or when you stop.

**Step 4** Apply seed according to application chart. It is a good idea to use only half of the recommended volume and spread seed in one direction, then use the other half and spread seed in the cross direction. This will help eliminate the possibility of skips. Keep the lawn watered well until the seedlings become well established.



An explanation of "thatch", is necessary because it is a condition which is not readily apparent to the average person and it is a condition which can stifle the healthy growth of a lawn.

As clippings and dead leaves settle down to the soil between the grass blades they form a thatch over the ground. In time this thatch will decompose and add valuable humus to the soil, however if this thatch builds up faster than it decomposes it forms what is known as mat.

This mat will prevent moisture and plant food from entering the soil. The root system of the grass will begin to grow in the thatch instead of down into the soil as it should. Remember: A small amount of thatch is a healthy condition but too much is an unhealthy condition.

Speeding up decomposition is a good solution to this problem. Aerating or slicing the soil is a way to speed up decomposition.

## MAINTAIN GOOD LAWNS

Step 1 As soon as the growing season gets underway it is time to put on the first complete plant food application. Install the slicing attachment to the Viking Roller Blade and aerate your entire lawn well. This will (1.) Speed up the decomposition of thatch. (2.) Open up the soil so that air, and water can work deep into the root system. (3.) Slice runners and root systems so that healthy new plants will spring up.

**Step 3** On Bermudagrass, nitrogen should be applied often during the growing season. It is a good practice to aerate your lawn deeply several times before spreading nitrogen. This will provide many deep openings so that the nitrogen will be worked deep into soil.

Step 2 Fungicides, insecticides, herbicides and fertilizer can be spread accurately with the Viking Roller Blade. These should be spread at the rates recommended by the manufacturers. Consult application chart to find setting on regulator slide of the seed and fertilizer hopper.

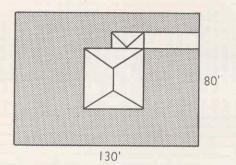
Step 4 If your lawn is a warm weather grass, such as Bermudagrass, and you wish to maintain a good green color longer in the fall then you can use the Viking Roller Blade for overseeding a cool season grass such as rye or fescues. This will maintain the green color later in the fall and the following spring the warm weather grass will take over again.



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# How to Estimate Your Seed and Fertilizer Requirements How to Set Your Viking Seed Hopper Accurately



#### EXAMPLE

80 x 130 = 10,400 Sq. Ft. Total Lot Size Subtract for House 30 x 45 = 1,350 Garage 15 x 20 = 300

Garage 15 x 20 = 300 Drive 10 x 45 = 450 2.100

10,400-2,100 = 8300 Sq. Ft. to be seeded

To apply 20 pounds of fertilizer per one thousand sq. ft. multiply 20 x 8.3—166 lbs. Fertilizer needed.

## How to Use Application Chart

Find Brand Name in this column such as Pounds Per 1000 Square Feet

1 2 3 4 5 7 10 20 30 40 50 60 75 100

Armour Vertigreen 6-12-6

Read over to column giving 20 lbs. per 1000 sq. ft.

This is setting on Viking Seeder

OVERLAP AT LEAST 6" ON EACH PASS OF ROLLER BLADE TO AVOID SKIPS.