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TESTING OF THE JOHN DEERE ULTRA DUAL BLADE

1: Quality for blades vs genuine blades?

We at The River Club have had the opportunity to test the new ULTRA DUAL BLADE on our walk behinds and found them to be of top quality.

2: Straightness vs genuine?

Both the ULTRA DUAL BLADE and the genuine blade are of an excellent quality and the straightness is very good.

3: Is back lapping required to seat the bed knife/bottom blade to cylinder?

We still do back lap after new blades are fitted, although it is minimal.

4: Cutting quality vs genuine blades?

They are both great and compete well against each other.

5: How long has the blade been in service? Estimated hours of cutting?

The ULTRA DUAL BLADE has been on the same machine for 5 months through 40 dusting sessions (every 2nd week) as well as 2 hollow tinning sessions. You would be able to use them for at least 10 months.

6: Estimated wear on the blade in millimetres (when new 2.5 mm) what is it now?

The ULTRA DUAL BLADE was originally 2.5mm when new it now stands at 0.991mm and it was still cutting perfectly, but because we decided to sharpen cylinders on walk behinds did we also change the blade around.

7: Has the side that has not been used yet got any signs of rust or any fatigue?

No signs of rust for the full usage of the one side which we have recently turned around.

8: As the second row of holes are exposed has there ever been a complaint or any signs of clippings left behind on the greens?

As the second holes are exposed we have not had issues that the grass gathers in them and fall onto the greens.

9: Can you say that the ULTRA BALDE is better or equal to the genuine John Deere blade?

Like any other machine if the cutting cylinders are sharp they are in our opinion equally good.

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10: Current price of the JD genuine blade ET17533?

Please contact John Deere for updated price.

11: Will you recommend the ULTRA DUAL blade to other courses?

I will definitely recommend it to other club's as there is in our opinion a huge cost saving involved in the long run with a quality of cut on the same standard as other imported blades.

Well done

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lionel Van Wyk'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'L' and 'W'.

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