



SPREADING THE MESSAGE

Having settled on a method of compost production, the next issue is one of application. This is where the **Millcreek Model 27 Spreader** can save a lot of hard graft, while at the same time giving a controlled – and even – application of material to your land.

The principle of a ground drive muck-spreader will need no introduction to the farming community – indeed, many ‘young farmers’ among us will have had a working model muck-spreader attached to our Dinky Toy tractor. The Millcreek 27 fits somewhere in between, in size terms, but it should be stressed, this is no toy. In fact, a compact size is the main advantage of the unit. It has the features of an agricultural machine built to a scale suitable for equestrian yards, nurseries, or even larger domestic gardens.

Built in the USA and imported by Quad Connection, the 28 cubic feet capacity unit is solidly constructed without being too heavy to manhandle. It can be used to spread anything from fine graded compost to quite rough material straight from an equestrian muck heap. The ‘flow rate’ can be adjusted by simply changing travel speed, and when coupled up to a Honda ‘Foreman’ Quad, we discovered the combination could be manoeuvred quite easily in a large domestic garden.

Constructed in steel with a recycled high density plastic floor, the rear spreading rotor and floor feed

mechanism are engaged by simple hand-operated levers that can be reached from the driving seat of the Quad.

A flip-over end gate is designed to prevent spillage during transit to the spreading site, and the unit we had on test featured a new design of flip-up jockey wheel to make hitching an easy process. Weight of the Model 27 unladen is just 150kg.

The performance of the Model 27 really was a surprise, with a good, even spread taking place at little more than a fast walking pace. Load capacity is 0.45 cubic metres, but up to 0.79 is possible with a heaped load. The unit can also be used to transport other materials.

● *Retail price of the Millcreek 27 Compact Spreader is £1,503 as tested. Larger capacity models for tractors up to 30hp available from Quad Connection, North Kelsey, Lincolnshire. Telephone 01652 679000.*

SMALL BUT TOUGH:

The Millcreek Model 27 Spreader is easy to manoeuvre behind a Honda ‘Foreman’ Quad, but can handle rough material

FACTFILE

- The Model 27 is a compact groundspeed related compost/muck-spreader
- Suitable for towing by an ATV, 4x4, or 15hp+ compact/garden tractor
- Width is 1181mm. Length 2819mm. Weight unladen 150kg

STRONG POINTS

- Just like a full-sized muck-spreader but smaller. Plastic floor prevents rust
- Operation is ground-speed related so can be towed by any Quad or tractor
- Can rapidly and evenly spread compost and muck without backache

PICTURES: ANDREW MCARTHUR; THE HONDA FOREMAN WAS LOANED FROM QUAD CONNECTION'S USED SALES STOCK