

ASTEC RELEASES 4-TRACK TRENCHER

Astec Underground Inc. Training Manager, Bob Wren, was in Australia recently as part of the company's international dealer training. The program includes engineering, product development, parts, parts marketing and retail sales.

During his visit, he took the opportunity to introduce one of the company's latest developments, the RT 1160 Four Track trencher. Astec says prior to its release on the world market, the Four Track RT1160 was tested exhaustively in challenging soft soil, soft sand and wet surface conditions.

Based on the wheeled RT1160, this tracked version was designed for trenching in wet conditions. The company says this equipment is ideal for sugar cane plantations, irrigated areas and other applications where wheeled trenchers are challenged by the ground conditions. The machine operates the same as the conventional wheeled-type machine, with the same three steering modes - front, all wheel and crab steer.

According to Bob, "The heavy duty trencher attachment has been the key to our success for many years. The planetary trencher drive features a flywheel, torsion shaft that serves as a spring to absorb shock loads from the trencher driveline, and planetary gear set for smooth operation and long life. The flywheel helps keep the chain line from stalling in tough soil conditions and minimizes pressure spikes in the hydrostatic system".

The RT 1160 Four Track is available for ex-factory orders. Semco distributes the complete Astec compact model range, from the RT60 WALK-BEHIND up to the RT1160. The company says it provides competitive finance and insurance facilities through its own finance company, Semco Financial.

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