

## MACHINE

## BEST PRACTICES

### **Installation - FLAT BED LAYER**

Use WG std weight "Plain" (good), std weight "Creped" (best)

- Roll out the WG on a calm morning or evening and soil is not wet

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### **Set Up**

- Use bed-former to roll beds so they are shaped, smooth topped and packed down a bit
- Be sure the 3 point hitch is tightened up and there is NO SWAY in it
- Mount WG roll so it moves freely, on spindles or core rod, be sure nothing hinders free unrolling
- Adjust trailing press wheels so they are perfectly vertical and parallel to row, **no tilt, no angle**
- Remove ALL downward or angled pressure of wheel springs off the WG - Wheels MUST **REST** on WG

### **Roll Mounting and Threading**

- While layer is lifted by hitch above the soil, feed WG under/over any mulch layer machine rollers
- Pull a few feet of WeedGuard mulch past the end of the layer and lower 3 point hitch and layer

### **Mulch Layer - Adjusting Press Wheels, Colters (Discs) & Soil Paddles**

- Pull WG through and under trailing press wheels (press wheels should be RESTING on the WG)
- Adjust press wheels so they are riding (no pressure) on the outside (outer 2 inches) edges of the WG
- Adjust press wheels so they are perfectly vertical and perfectly parallel to the tractor tires  
the press wheels cannot be tilted or angled, lighter weight pneumatic tires are best
- Be sure the WeedGuard can unwind freely, no tension, no posts, springs or brackets are obstructing the roll
- Colters (discs) should be outside the outer edge of the WG mulch and not touching the mulch
- Soil paddle bottoms should be above and not touching the mulch

### **Laying the WeedGuard mulch**

- Place a few loads of soil on the lead portion of the WeedGuard mulch to hold it in place
- Start driving the tractor forward, after a few feet observe how the mulch is laying
  - \* It is best to have someone walk behind to check for any problems or tears
- If there are tears, it is usually the press wheels - adjust wheels until the mulch lays properly

[Pictures](#)

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### **Planting**

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Use Water-Wheel Transplanter or manually cut/make plant holes only when the WG is dry

### **Using a Water-Wheel Transplanter**

- Depending on spacing, the WG can handle a water-wheel transplanter > For questions - please call us

[Pictures](#)

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### **During the season**



In the first 3-4 weeks, walk the rows regularly (every day or every few days)

- If you see a tear > put a load of soil over it
- If an edge has separated from the soil > cover it entirely with a load of soil
- Repeat

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## BEST PRACTICES

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- Use WeedGuardPlus "Creped" for best results
- Lay mulch on a calm morning or evening
- 3 Point Hitch = NO SWAY
- Thread roll so it move freely and easily, no obstructions
- Press Wheels must "Rest" on roll, No Pressure
- Press Wheels must be perfectly "Vertical" & "Parallel to row", NO Tilt, No Angle
- Colters must not touch mulch
- Soil Paddles must not touch mulch
- Start slowly and have someone walk behind you and check for problems or tears
  - \* Tears are usually caused by the press wheels or roll is not unwinding freely



- 3 Point Hitch = NO SWAY

- Thread roll so it moves freely and easily  
- No obstructions

- Press Wheels must "Rest" on roll, No Pressure  
- Press Wheels must be perfectly "Vertical" & "Parallel to row",  
- NO Tilt, No Angle



- Press wheels perfectly straight, No Pressure  
- Colters - Outside roll edge

- Have someone walk behind and note problems (usually press wheels)

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