



The new 24 metre dribble bar from SlurryKat in action.

# Slurrykat launches 24 metre dribble bar

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WARINGSTOWN-based Slurrykat has announced the launch of a new 24 metre dribble bar as an attachment to its already popular umbilical slurry system.

"The new combination will allow slurry to be spread on cereal crops with 24 metre tram lines, courtesy of 96 slurry outlets across the boom," explained Slurrykat's managing director Garth Cairns.

"Contractors mainly, will be the target customers for the new systems."

"The 24m dribble bar in tandem with a 1000m Bisk-Pak can be used in tramline slurry spreading up to 24m. It is the only dribble bar of its kind that can carry a detachable hose reeler with hose all on the one tractor with one operator. As with all our spreading technology equipment the same Bisk-Pak can be lifted with all our dribble bars as standard."

In early 2008, Slurrykat developed the smaller, 12 metre version of the dribble bar and umbilical spreading combinations to work with it to enable the application of slurry on growing cereal crops in an extremely targeted and controlled manner.

"We have been trialling the system on cereal ground for the past couple of years with great success, with increasing requests from larger cereal growers for a 24m version, so we set about designing the 24m dribble bar and we are very pleased

with the finished product," added Garth.

"Slurry constitutes the perfect pick-me-up for cereal crops, provided it can be spread accurately and without causing serious ground compaction problems. Our umbilical spreading system with dribble bar attachment meets this requirement in full.

"We have developed dribble bar technologies that work in tandem with our umbilical spreading systems. This is helping to ensure that slurry is spread extremely accurately in every field. The reduction in volatilisation is ensuring that smells are reduced by up to 80% and the fertiliser value of the slurry is maximised.

"The GPS facility that can be included with the new dribble bar and umbilical combinations allows operators to spread slurry to an accuracy of 100 millimetres, something which is crucial when it comes to ensuring that application distances from watercourses are maintained within the parameters laid down for Cross Compliance and the Nitrates' Directive."

Courtesy of the new system, contractors can provide client farmers with a detailed report on each field visited. The EZ (Easy) Guide print out details the name of the operator, the type of material applied, the time of application, the volume of material applied, the area of the field and the time required to complete the spreading procedure."

Garth continued: "The built-in flow meter monitoring system guarantees pre-

cise application of the slurry. This is vital on cereal crops as over application will cause the crop to "lie down" in later maturity growth stages.

"The new 24 metre dribble bar also comes with electro hydraulic folding system from tractor seat plus an auto and manual 'Swing Max' self levelling system for smooth operation over uneven/rough ground.

"There is a 360 degree hose swivel tail as standard," continued Garth.

"The transport width of the new system, when fully folded, is 2.8m. Significantly, one of our 150 hp tractors was all that was needed to work the new system comfortably and effectively and not a large and expensive 200hp tractor as initially thought. It is also available with 50/50 boom electro-hydraulic shut off as standard or optional individual pipe shut off by means of a compressed air 'Pro-Flow' shut off system."

Garth concluded: "We have already sold three units in the UK to date and we are already getting a number of good enquiries for dribble bars from farmers and contractors who have an eye for financial savings, seen with the equipment and also developing their business further for the start of the new slurry spreading season in February."

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