

Using a Weed Badger® in new plantings

Get answers to the frequently asked questions below.

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I'm in the planning stages or just starting out. When is it best to purchase a Weed Badger®?

The best time to purchase a Weed Badger® is when you are ready to start preparing the field to plant. Your Weed Badger® precision in-row tiller is extremely useful before, during, and immediately after planting. Weed Badger® in-row rotary tillage is very useful in preparing planting strips. You have two methods of preparing to plant in the field.

- A) Clean cultivate the entire field, working deeper soil zones or ripping to open it up for future root development.
- B) Mow the field and rip only where you plan to plant rows.

Then use your Weed Badger® after step “A” or “B” to finish preparation of the actual planting strip or row. Build up berms or level off soil with

simple adjustments to the Weed Badger® Rotor position. Planting into a soil strip prepared with a Weed Badger® is much easier. Use your Weed Badger® to close the planting strip after each row is lined out. There is no need to replant a cover crop in the middles, between the rows, if you used method B. It is already established.

You now maintain each row from day one with your Weed Badger®. No herbicide risk to young plants or problems associated with herbicide residue in the soil. Optimum conditions are now in place from the start ensuring that your crop thrives.

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How can the Weed Badger® be used to close the planter trench immediately after plants are lined out?

Planters really aid in lining out a new orchard, vineyard, or block of nursery stock. However, such implements can leave an open trench in line with the plant row. This can cause root drying if not closed soon after lining out plants. New plants are then stressed and possibly stunted.

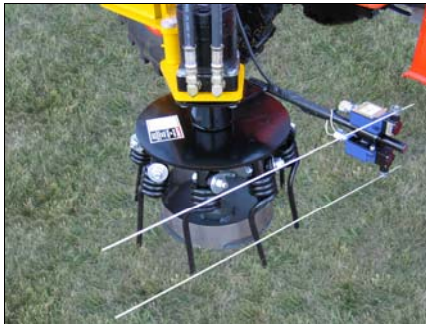
Weed Badger® precision cultivating action closes the planter trench quicker and easier than hand labor. Use the **Rotor Shroud Assembly** with the **Reverse-Wound 562 Magnum Coil Tines**. Run up and down each row **rotating clock-wise** with a

slight upward tilt of the rotor toward the tree row. If you choose to cycle in and out of the row don't be concerned with working right up to the tree trunk. The unique cultivating action of your Weed Badger® tines will pulverize and deposit soil right into the open trench, locking in moisture and protecting your investment faster than a large hand labor crew and with greater precision. The position and movement of your Weed Badger® rotor is more predictable and precise than any person using a hand hoe.

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Can I use my Weed Badger® on new plantings, just lined out?

Yes, Weed Badger® precision in-row rotary tillers work well on new plantings. Weed Badger® gives you two ways to work in new plantings.



Ultra-Lite Sensor

The **Ultra-Lite Sensor** is the most durable lightest-action sensor we have ever offered. It virtually eliminates bark damage in tender young plants. It features a durable wand design that allows you to bend or curve the wand into the shape you want. The double wand design means less maintenance and adjustment. It can be used on ALL tractor-mounted Weed Badger models and is easily and quickly installed.



Super Sensor



Heavy-Action Sensor

As the plantings mature you can continue using the Ultra-Lite Sensor or switch to the Light-Action **Super Sensor** or the **Heavy-Action Sensor**, depending on your crop and weed situation.

Weed Badger® equipment is also designed so you can use it easily without any sensor. The fingertip operated **Retract/Extend Control (R/E)** is used on manual or semi-automatic when trees, vines, or bushes are too young to use the Ultra-Lite Automatic Sensor. It is as easy as operating the turn signal on a vehicle. With at least one-half hour of practice on some stakes in the yard, or along a fenceline, you will be an expert at cycling the rotor in and out of the row.



Retract/Extend Control

Remember this is the same control that can be used to override the sensor, to take out a large weed or volunteer caneberry, sapling, or other undesirable competitor in the row. You also can pull the rotor out a little early on a crooked vine or tree. Perhaps there is a low marker or sprinkler riser. The R/E control gives you, the operator, split second control to override the sensor. Once the Sensor Wand makes definite contact you can let go of the control. It's back to automatic sensing. Only Weed Badger® precision in-the-row rotary tillers and mowers have that kind of override control...at your fingertips.

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