

# "You achieve quick results without harming the environment"

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*Landscaping company Michelbrink is very pleased to use the Weedee PRO weed removal machine with electric EGO drive*

Weed control is often an issue for landscapers. The use of chemical pesticides is being increasingly phased out. Mechanical weed control, and electric at that, is the solution for a more sustainable future. In this context, Terrazza MC has now also equipped its Weedee PRO weed removal machine with EGO batteries. Landscaping company Michelbrink has purchased one and is full of praise for its use. 'The Weedee Pro is very user-friendly and you achieve quick results.'



*Jonnie Michelbrink is an enthusiastic user of the Weedee PRO*

Jonnie Michelbrink, owner of Landscaping Company Michelbrink, has been working with great pleasure with Terrazza MC for several years. He came into contact with the Belgian specialist just over four years ago during a paver supplier's installation day, where they gave a demo with a Terrazza TMC terrace cleaner. 'I was immediately very enthusiastic about it,' Michelbrink recalls. He purchased a terrace cleaner and has been using it to his full satisfaction ever since. Subsequently, Michelbrink came into contact with the new Weedee PRO weed removal machine, also from Terrazza MC, earlier this year. The easy-to-handle and maneuverable Weedee PRO machine can be used on all kinds of paved surfaces, such as terraces, driveways, parking lots, and footpaths made of materials such as concrete, bricks, cobblestones, clinkers, and asphalt. A major plus is that the Weedee PRO machine is multifunctional thanks to the system of interchangeable brushes.

## EGO batteries

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The weed remover is equipped with two EGO batteries, the battery specialist that also supplies electric machines. Michelbrink: 'We now have a considerable amount of EGO electric tools in use. When I saw that the Weedee PRO machine runs on the EGO battery system, I was immediately sold. The EGO batteries are simply top-notch, I know from experience. Subsequently, Terrazza gave a demo that convinced me even more. A reseller here in the area with whom we work closely eventually delivered the weed remover to us. That all went very smoothly, with extensive user instructions. Moreover, the service is well taken care of.'

Michelbrink has been using the Weedee PRO for a few months now. 'We have already worked with it a lot. Our employees enjoy working with it. It is very user-friendly. The great thing is that the machine has a relatively low speed, which minimizes the risk of stones being thrown. Moreover, the ergonomics are absolutely perfect. Mounting and dismounting also go smoothly. Putting another brush on it is just a plug-and-play story.'

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He once again emphasizes the unique brush system of the Terrazza machines. 'We already knew the strengths of the brush system from the Terrazza TMC that we purchased at the time. It is a different way of brushing than just with steel brushes, as you see with most other machines. Thanks to the clever, combined system of the plastic brushes and the height-adjustable steel brushes, the Weedee PRO works perfectly.'





*Landscaping company Michelbrink swears by the EGO battery*

## **Lots of power, no noise**

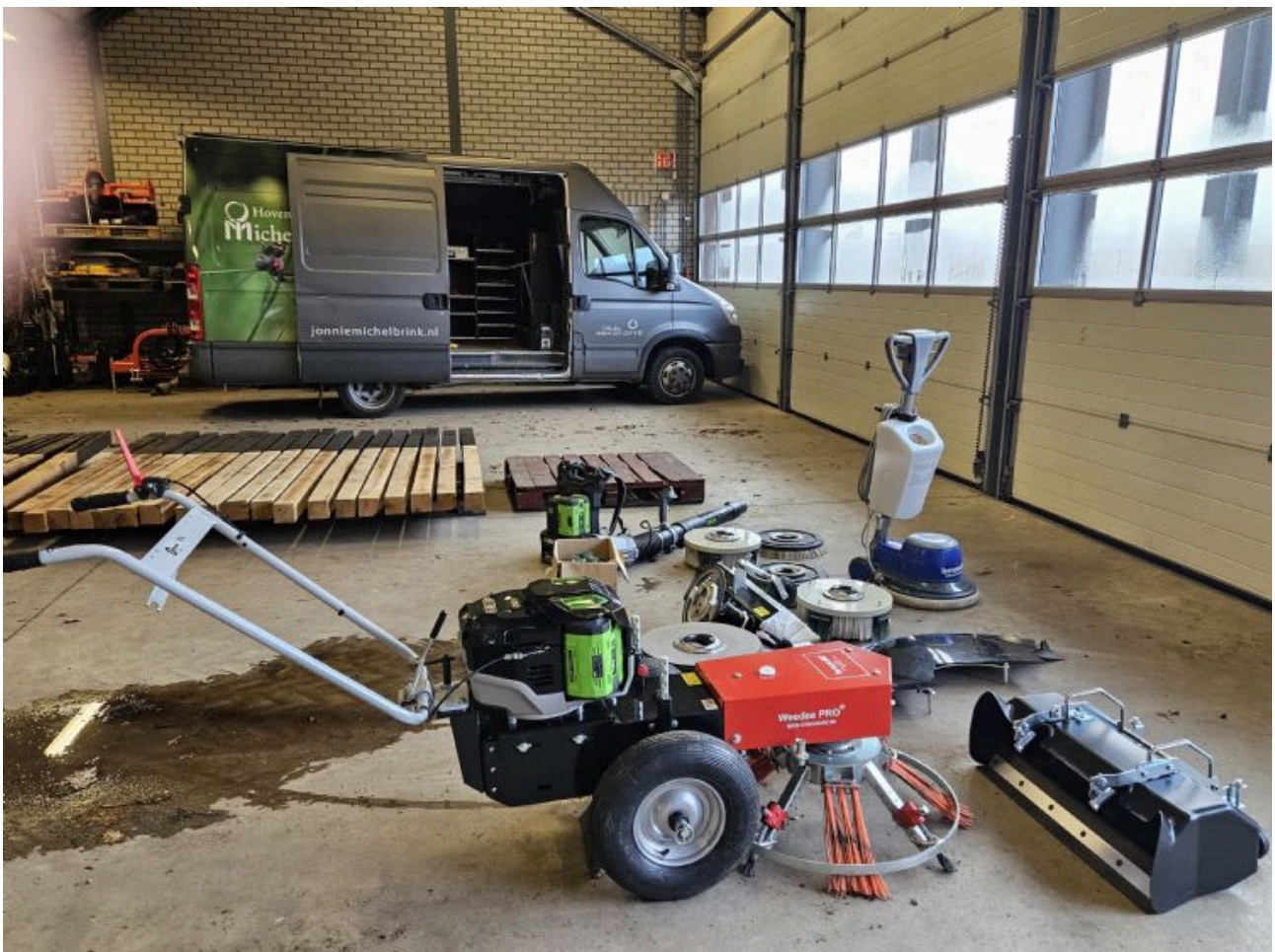
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The equipment with EGO batteries is, as mentioned, a major plus for Michelbrink. 'You can work for an average of four hours with one battery, but you can also easily take an extra charged battery with you and switch it easily if necessary. Moreover, you can load the charging station for the job. This way, you can work with the Weedeo PRO all day long. The power is also excellent; it really doesn't drop, even if there is a little more resistance. The machine is very ingeniously made. Moreover, you have hardly any noise due to the battery drive, which also makes maintenance practically superfluous. A gasoline engine requires much more care. Furthermore, you of course produce no emissions, which contributes to the CO2 reduction that we have to participate in. Fortunately, there are more and more and better battery tools. The vans will also all become electric; how quickly will depend on the government. We are increasingly moving towards electric tools and machines, and then certainly equipped with EGO batteries.'



At the Hulsel landscaper, the need for a machine for mechanical weed control grew strongly, because the use of chemical pesticides is being increasingly restricted. 'We just have to go in that direction. I have also tried methods like hot air or hot water, but that is incredibly labor-intensive. The Weedee PRO costs much less labor and you have results in a relatively short time. That is very nice. It was a matter of rethinking for us and for the customer. Previously, you sprayed a pesticide and you had results. You were done in ten minutes. But that is no longer possible and you shouldn't want it either. Perhaps the use of the Weedee PRO is a bit more labor-intensive, but the return is no less.'

Michelbrink also considers the Weedee PRO as part of the service. 'We are very careful with our maintenance customers who come back every year, and with this machine we offer an extra service. You can easily take it with you, which is why we often load it as a precaution. For example, with the Terrazza TMC, we can turn a green terrace at a customer's into a new, clean terrace. If at the end of the day you have a beautifully pruned and tidy garden and the sidewalk is still green, then it's just not finished. If you can also leave the terrace or the deck neat and tidy, you offer something extra and you have really scored.'



## **The Weedee PRO with EGO battery system**

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The Weedee PRO is a multifunctional weed removal machine that distinguishes itself with its two different brushes, Weedee and the Terrazza Wire TECH (TWT), and the reduced rotation speed. The very maneuverable machine can remove weeds and moss from hard surfaces deeply and efficiently without using chemicals, high pressure, or thermal treatment. The solid frame and the powerful motor enable vibration-free working, with barely noticeable lateral forces. The simple changing system ensures that the brush can be changed quickly. The Weedee PRO is equipped with two EGO-12Ah-56V batteries and is supplied with two fast EGO-700W chargers.

## **Landscaping Company Michelbrink**

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After Jonnie Michelbrink had completed secondary horticultural school, he started in 1989 from the garage as an independent landscaper in his hometown of Hulsel. His drive behind this choice was that he wanted to become an independent entrepreneur and had a love for working outdoors. Another plus for him was that with landscaping work you always have results at the end of the day. Landscaping company Michelbrink has grown at a steady pace over the years. About twenty years ago, Michelbrink moved into a new (company) home with an adjoining farm in Hulsel and built a new company building next to it. After that, growth accelerated. Currently, eight full-time employees and a number of apprentice landscapers work there. Michelbrink runs the company together with his wife and (since the beginning of this year) his son Rik.

The landscaping company focuses on the Kempen region, which extends in both the Netherlands and Belgium in a radius of 35 kilometers. Michelbrink takes care of the garden design, the garden construction, and not to forget the garden maintenance, which is a solid foundation for the company. This ranges from small gardens to very large garden projects, especially for private individuals and very occasionally for businesses. ""