

## No-Till Grass Drill Rental Contract

The Truax FLEX-II 88 No-Till Grass Drill is designed to plant grasses and legumes on a variety of site conditions for agricultural conservation and native restoration projects.

Reserve online: <https://wccd.myturn.com/>

For rental requests, questions, or schedule changes notify us:

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### TRUAX DRILL RENTAL TERMS

1. Renter shall agree to **read and operate Truax Drill according to the Truax operator's manual** (link below) and the WCCD's staff's instructions. The operator is responsible for calibrating the settings for the desired population.
2. DO NOT reset the meter under any circumstances. If the meter has been tampered with you will be charged for 80 acres of use per day of having the equipment.
3. **Operating speed of planter must not exceed 5.5 mph.**
4. Transportation speed on road **transport must not exceed 20 mph** and the drill tail lights must be used. The drill has the slow-moving vehicle (SMV) emblem, it is against Michigan law to exceed this speed. Renter should prioritize paved routes as much as possible to avoid damage caused by uneven dirt roads.
5. Renter's transportation vehicle must be rated to safely tow the drill (3500 lbs.) and have appropriate hitch (see photo below for example).
  - a. Hydraulic cylinders must have the transport channel locks installed on during transportation.
6. **No fertilizers or coated seeds shall be used in drill seed boxes.** Renter must provide a seed source details and a picture (or copy of) the receipt to Owner for approval prior to drill usage.
7. Drill usage requirements:
  - a. **Follow all safety precautions** outlined in the operator's manual (section 10).
  - b. Renters should calibrate following manual and according to needs, but not alter, adjust or repair the drill without first confirming with the Owner.
  - c. Add the hydraulic cylinder stops (provided) to the two rephasing hydraulic cylinders to limit weight and set the depth of the discs. DO NOT dig a furrow with the no-till blades.
  - d. DO NOT back up the drill when the openers are in planting position.
  - e. DO NOT use the drill in the presence of rocks, stumps, or other potentially damaging materials.
8. After drill usage, Complete the drill "Post-Use Checklist", sign, and return.
9. The drill will be picked up and returned on the confirmed rental dates, regardless of weather and unpreventable circumstances. Pick-up and Drop-off will be at the WCCD office, 705 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103, unless otherwise specified.
10. Equipment will not be transferred to another individual without the permission of the Washtenaw County Conservation District.
11. **Rental Fee:** Renter agrees to pay: \$10 per acre, a minimum fee of \$150 will be charged.
12. **Out of County Fee:** If the equipment is transported outside of Washtenaw County, Renter agrees to pay \$3 per mile that the equipment traveled outside of the county.
13. **Cleaning fee:** All equipment shall be in clean, working order when it is picked up and upon completion of planting. Equipment will be returned in the same condition it is received. If these stipulations are not met, the renter will be charged a \$100 clean-up fee.
14. **Late fee:** Length of possession of the drill, by any renter, will be determined by the WCCD staff. In cases of bad weather or break-down prohibiting use, contact the WCCD technician as soon as possible. A fee of \$50 for the first day and \$100 each additional day will be charged for not adhering to rental schedule. This is an important step to keeping the equipment moving during planting season.
15. **Late Payment fee:** A late fee of \$25 per month will be charged on all bills not paid within 60 days of billing. If balances are not paid in full, use for next planting season will be withheld until prior bill is paid.

16. **Damage fees:** All damages of the Equipment, regardless of cause, including misuse or negligence on the part of the Renter will be paid for by the Renter. Upon receiving the Equipment, the Renter must check it over before using. If damage is seen, the Owner should be called immediately so someone can check its condition. This will protect the Renter from being charged for the damage.

I, the undersigned, agree to use the Washtenaw County Conservation District's no-till grass drill as outlined in the above Rental Terms and the "Equipment Rental Agreement" (provided separately):

Renter Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/s Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you operated a similar drill or equipment before? YES / NO

EXPECTED Acres planting: \_\_\_\_\_ ACTUAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/s Planted: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Sites: \_\_\_\_\_ Township/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Planting:  Food plot  Pasture  Pollinators  Warm season grasses  Cool seasons grasses  
 Cover Crop  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Species Planted: \_\_\_\_\_ Seed source: \_\_\_\_\_

*Coated seed or fertilizer are prohibited as they jam the mechanisms. Must provide copy of any seed receipts for records.*

Tractor Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower: \_\_\_\_\_ (min. 40 HP)

<i>WCCD Internal use only:</i>			
Reserved Date Out _____		Expected Date Back _____	
Actual Date Out _____		Actual Date Back _____	
Checked out by WCCD signature _____		Checked in by WCCD signature _____	
Initial Acre Meter reading: _____		Returned Acre Meter Reading: _____	
Payment Date: _____		Check #: _____	
Returned Acre Meter	Initial Acre Meter	Total Acres Used	Payment \$10/acre, \$150 minimum:
			\$
Miles out of County:	(\$3 / mile) Out of County Fee:		
	Cleaning Fee:		\$
	Late Return Fee:		\$
	Damage/repair Fee:		\$
	Late Payment Fee:		\$
	Payment Total:		\$

## No-Till Drill Loan – Checklist:

The renter is responsible to review this, follow the instructions, and return a signed copy.

### Pre-use Checklist:

- Before transporting: (full list on the manual page 20-7)
  - Properly hitch with provided pin & Attach safety chain between the drill and the towing vehicle.
  - Return the drill to transport mode, disengage the clutch pin (pull it and set in OUT position) to ensure the drive, meter reader, and shafts are not turning.
- Calibrate following manual and according to needs.
- Add the hydraulic cylinder stops (provided) to the two rephasing hydraulic cylinders to limit weight and set the depth of the discs.
- Set the drill to operation mode, engage the clutch pin (pull it and set in IN position) to ensure the drive, meter reader, and shafts are turning.
- Check the disc depth band scrapers (plastic & metal). Scraper blades should touch the depth band without applying pressure that will prevent the disc blade from turning.

### Pre-use Damage / Cleaning / Issues noted:

Note here any issues experienced or damaged observed prior to using the drill:

### Post-use Checklist

- Collect all hydraulic cylinder spacer clamps and return into the toolbox.
- Replace the hydraulic cylinder boot.
- Lower drill onto the cylinder boot & neutralize the hydraulic pressure before disconnecting hydraulic lines.
- Clean out / vacuum any materials in seed boxes & hoppers immediately after use. Rotate the disc wheels to clear the tubes of any seed materials.
- Use synthetic grease applicator (provided by WCCD) on all the zirks, ideally immediately after drill usage.
- Clean any mud/soil/debris from the drill. Drill must be returned as clean as it was received.
- Before transporting: (full list on the manual page 20-7)
  - a. Check air pressure in tires, refill if needed.
  - b. Properly hitch with provided pin & Attach safety chain between the drill and the towing vehicle.
  - c. Return the drill to transport mode, disengage the clutch pin (pull it and set in OUT position) to ensure the drive, meter reader, and shafts are not turning.

### Post-use Notes / Issues / Damage:

Please note here any details about using the drill. Any parts missing, issues experienced, or damage caused during use:

“By signing, I confirm I followed the checklists, and honestly noted any issues/damage”:

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NAME

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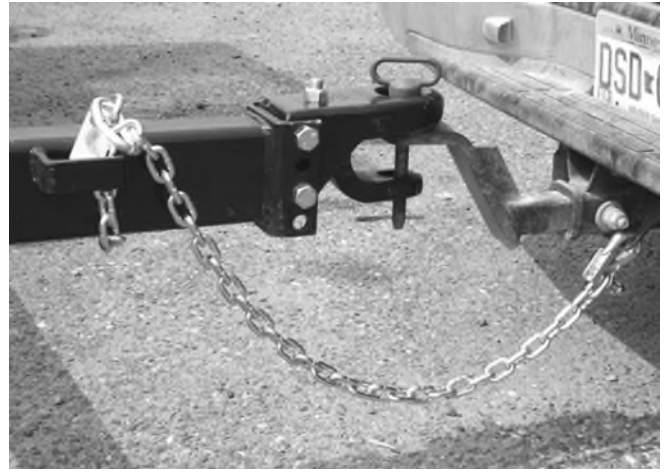
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DATE



*WCCD Truax No-Till Grass Drill*



*Drill Hitch pin will be provided. Renter vehicle must have appropriate tow rating and safety chains must be used.*

## Truax Grass Drill – Frequently Asked Questions

### *What can it plant?*

Grasses, hay, wildflowers, food plots, pastures. \*The emphasis and priority for scheduling usage shall be for the planting of native warm season grasses.

### *What size tractor do I need?*

A minimum of 40 horse tractor is recommended with hydraulic hookup to raise/lower machine.

### *How big is it?*

The machine itself is 8' wide.

### *What is the planting row spacing?*

The Truax plants 8" rows, 8 rows, plants a total of 5.3' wide.

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### **Specifications, Operating Manual, and more details on the Truax website:**

<https://www.truaxcomp.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/FLEXII-Manual-2013.pdf>

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