

Walk-behind mower buying considerations

Because today's walk-behind mowers can cost \$7,000 to \$11,000, it's prudent to have a list of buying considerations. Here are some thoughts to keep in mind while shopping: Does unit have good traction for hill climbing or performing in wet conditions? Is the fuel tank large enough to go 8 hours without re-filling? Is the deck heavy enough (10- or 11-gauge steel)? How does it feel to operate—can you feel potential for hand fatigue?

If your terrain is hilly, does the deck "float"? Is it easy to grease and maintain, including a low-maintenance blade spindle assembly? Is the blade engagement smooth? Any options available, like parking brake, hour meter, electric start, beverage holder, electric blade clutch, reinforced spindles and/or operator presence controls that bring the mower to neutral without shutting off the engine?

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NEW PRODUCT!

WALK-BEHIND MOWER

Gravely introduces new GRI336FXP gear-drive, walk-behind mower. Features include ergonomic ground drive controls with intuitive action, a parking brake with a single point of operation, adjustable single tube handle bar that can be set to fit different operators, an hour meter and a heavy-duty electric clutch. It has a 13-hp Kawasaki engine and 36-in. fixed deck. Unit operates at speeds of up to 6.7 mph forward, has a 6.6 gal. fuel tank and 9 x 3.5-in. no-flat front cast-er wheels.

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National Mower's I-Stripe is a 22-in. walk-behind rotary mower with a powered rear roller for creating the classic striped finish. The machine also features a die-cast aluminum deck and a blade friction disc to limit the impact to the engine drive shaft. Powered by a Briggs & Stratton Intek OHV 5.5 engine with a finned deck for better cutting and collection. Cutting height set with a single lever adjustment.

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TORO MID-SIZE

Toro's ProLine Gear and Hydro Floating Deck mid-size mowers offer four different size engines: 15- and 17-hp Kawasaki and the 13- and 15hp Kohler Command PRO. The units feature the patented Toro T-Bar Steering system, which is so easy to operate even a novice can quickly become productive with little effort. All the models have a forward ground speed of up to 6.5 mph to quickly cut through large projects.

These mowers feature fully floating Super Flow System (SFS) decks with blade tip speeds over 18,000 ft./min., height of cut from 1-4 1/2 in. with 1/4-in. increments.

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WALK-BEHINDS

Encore's Premier Pro-line walk-behinds are available in both gear-drive and hydrostatic models. The gear-drive units are available with 32-, 36- and 48-in. decks and the hydrostatics with 36- and 48-in. decks. Engine power ranges from 12-17 hp. All units feature the convenience of an easy-to-fill, removable fuel tank. The decks have a reinforced 7-gauge support channel under the belt shield and a front-to-back, deck-stabilizing Z-bar to minimize vibration and increase deck strength. A steel bumper adds more front-deck stability between the casters and protects the mower from front-end damage.

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Walker Manufacturing
800-279-8537
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WALK OR RIDE

The Convertible mower from Rich Manufacturing can function as either a walk-behind or riding mower. As a hydraulic-drive walk-behind, it is maneuverable and flexible. As a zero-turn rider, it offers speed and comfort, says the manufacturer.

Engine choices are 17-25 hp Kawasaki and Kohler V-twins; deck choices are from 48-61 in. wide with manual or lift system height adjustments. A new raised control panel features ignition switch, PTO switch, operator presence, and hour meter.

Rich Manufacturing/765-436-2744

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CUB CADET WALK-BEHIND

Cub Cadet Commercial's G1436 Gear-Driven wide-area walk-behind mower features a 14-hp Kawasaki OHV engine and a 36-in. cutting deck. Other features include: steel fixed fabricated deck with 10-gauge top and 7-gauge skirts; 5-speed Peerless transmission with a durable, greasable 9-spline shaft; patented Vari-Touch that allows you to quickly and easily adjust drive belt tension to maintain traction and keep working in damp conditions; and Crew Boss hourmeter/tachometer to help keep maintenance schedule.

Cub Cadet Commercial

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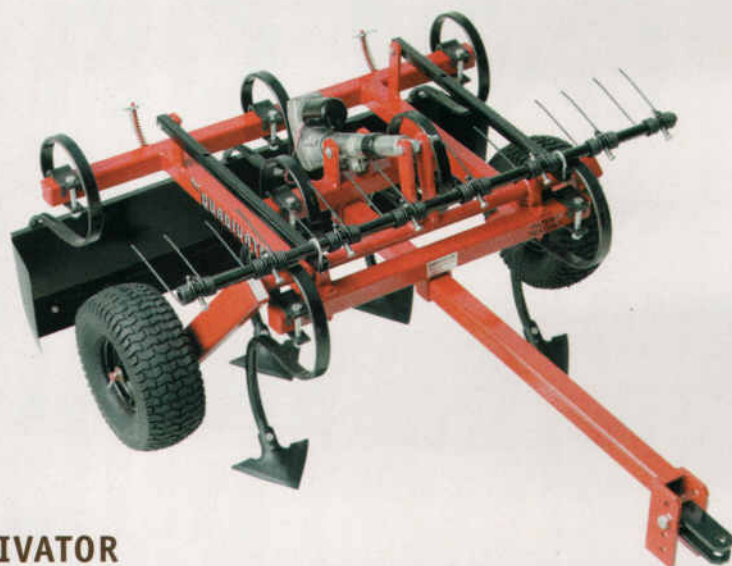
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Swisher/800-222-8183

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RIDING MOWER

Exmark has powered up its Lazer Z EPS mower line with the addition of an available fuel injected 28-hp Kohler Command Pro engine. "The Lazer Z EPS is our largest, most productive air-cooled riding mower," said John Cloutier, marketing communications manager. "This new Kohler 28-hp EFI engine option gives operators the increased power they desire, without adding the weight or added complexity of water cooling. When paired with our 72-inch Ultra Cut deck, the 28-hp Lazer Z EPS can cut up to 6.0 acres per hour."

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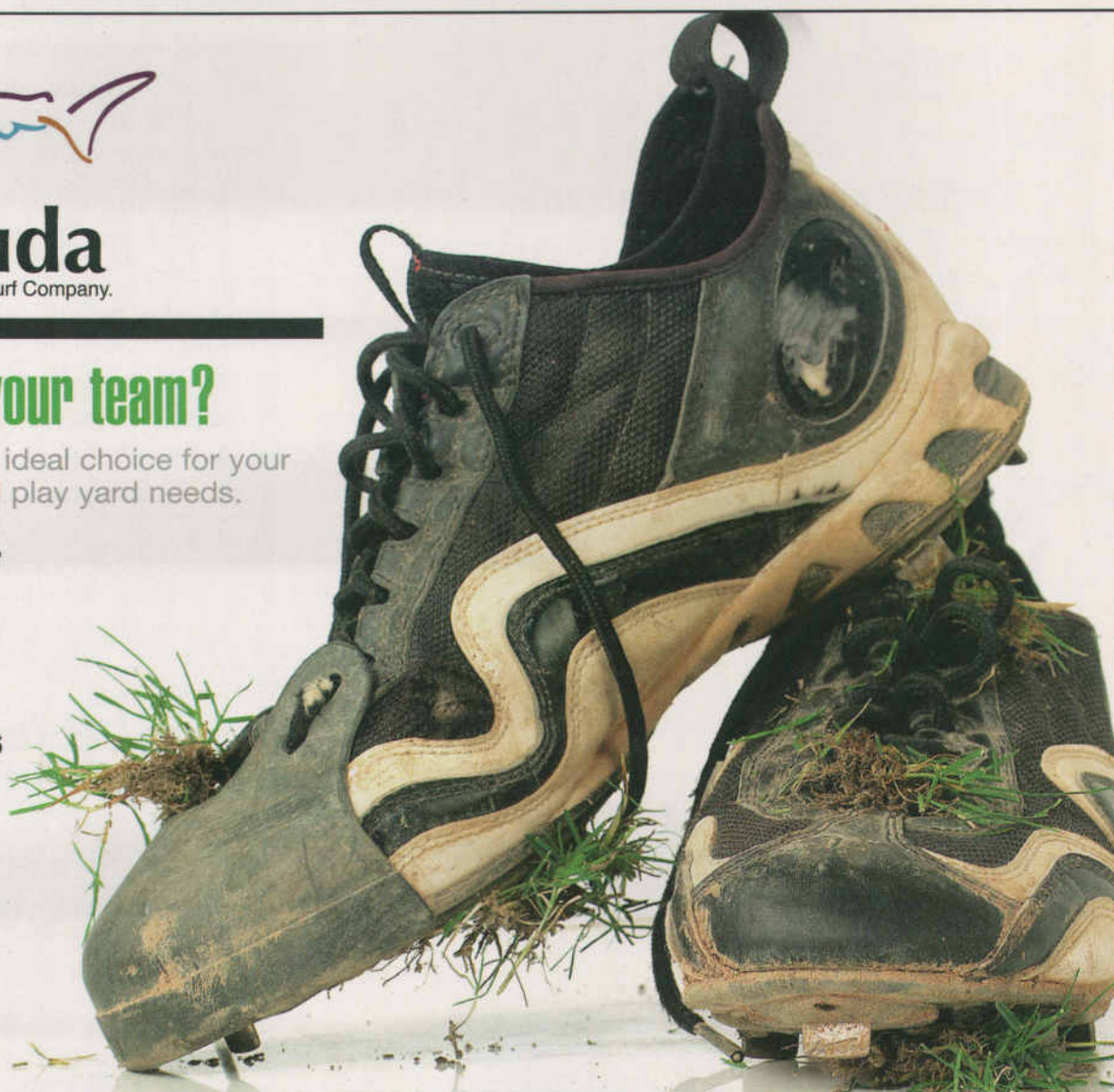
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HUSQVARNA'S WALK-BEHIND

Husqvarna's 55R21HV walk-behind mower boasts a 5.5hp Honda OHC engine and Auto-Walk rear drive self-pacing system to complete mowing projects more quickly.

The 55R21HV features a 21-in. cutting width, two-point cutting height adjustment, a 3-in-1 mulching system and a 2.5-bushel grass bag. With a three-position handle height adjustment and foam grip upper handle, the 55R21HV means comfort for operators.

Husqvarna/800 GET SAWS

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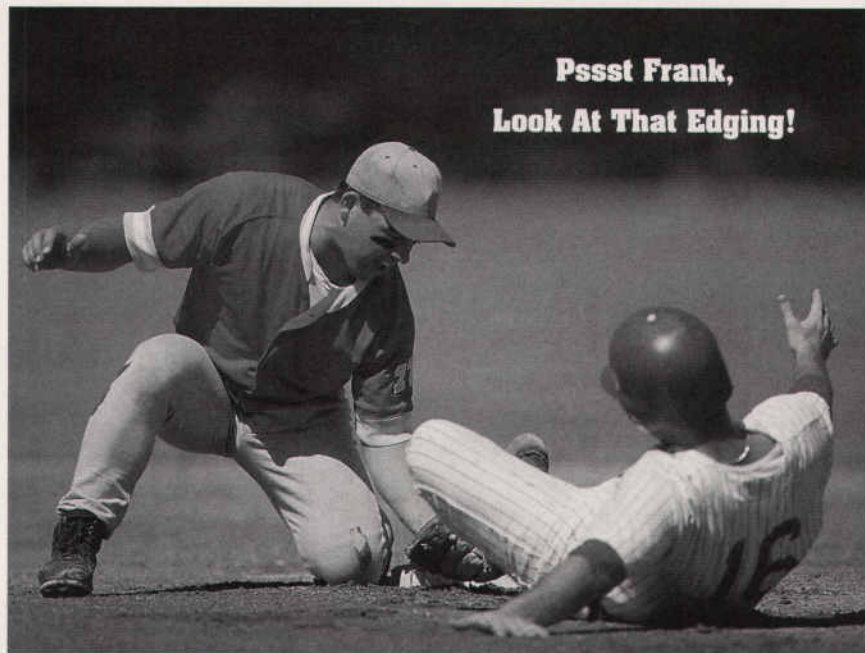
The new Dixie Chopper riding mower XT3000 features a Generac 30-hp OHV engine and stability in a 60- or 72-in. deck, zero turn design. Unit can cut an average of 8 acres of grass in an hour with a ground speed of 15 mph and has extra features for operators, including a beverage cooler.

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