



Walker rotary designed to do the work of a walk-behind with the increased productivity of a rider.



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ROTARY MOWERS

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Check the ease of servicing on any riding mower. It should be simple to get to the oil dipstick, battery, and other key components. Check how easy it is to adjust the height of the mower itself. Most days will find the operator cutting in a variety of conditions and changing the cutting height should not provide an excuse for major downtime or a trip back to the shop. It's good to have a machine which can handle attachments to do a variety of other light tasks.

If diesel fuel is available at the worksite and the mowers are run long hours, diesel is probably the fuel of choice. No matter how easy diesels are to start, gas engines always will be more forgiving in on-and-off situations. If the business is a mobile one, a gas or diesel powered mower certainly will be the unit of choice. Some office buildings require noiseless operation near the premium executive space in the complex. If the work is being done around an office park or a recreation center where electrical outlets are plentiful, the job may require an electric push mower.

ROTARY MOWERS

BEFCO
800-334-6617
Circle No. 250

Both rear-discharge and side-discharge Cyclone finishing mowers are available from Befco. All models have four tires to ensure a perfectly level, even cut, very high blade tip speeds and heavy-duty blade spindles. Cutting heights are quickly adjustable from 1 to 5 inches.

BUNTON
888-423-7897
Circle No. 251

The BHR Rider features better control with single-wheel, chain-drive steering. Easy-to-reach controls with separate carburetor choke, blade engagement and foot-operated transmission pedal. Customized cutting in 52-, 61- and 71-inch cutting widths. Contoured, padded seat, lumbar support.

BUSH HOG
334-872-6261
Circle No. 252

Counter-rotating spindle design on the TDM-11 cuts grass and lifts clippings up through two sets of mulching blades rotating in the opposite direction. This exclusive technology from Bush Hog, Selma, AL returns fine clippings to the soil and keeps grass looking neat. Unit requires 40-45 pto hp tractor to operate three 48-inch decks with a total 11 foot cutting width.

COUNTRY CLIPPER
800-344-8237
Circle No. 253

The zero-turning-radius Commercial Clipper has 25-hp Kohler V-Twin OHV Command engine and 23-inch drive wheels. A 10-gauge steel-reinforced deck is another improvement. The 48- and 60-inch decks have steel plate at trim edge.

JOHN DEERE
800-537-8233
Circle No. 254

The F725 Front Mower from John Deere's Commercial Equipment Division, Raleigh, NC is available in 48-inch and 54-inch rotary mower. Designed for small-area commercial operators, it has a two-cylinder 20-hp Kawasaki engine. Cutting height can adjust from 1 to 4 inches with a hand crank.

DIXIE CHOPPER
800-233-7596
Circle No. 255

The Suburban Turbine is a 72-inch mowing machine powered by two vertical crankshaft Kohler Command 20 engines. Features an engine oil cooler, hydraulic-drive oil cooler, an Amsoil 1-micron filter, a low-oil warning horn, a Turbinator cyclone pre-cleaner, a Donaldson air filter, stainless steel body panels.



Exmark Lazer Z has an instant height adjust system.

DIXON INDUSTRIES
800-264-6075
Circle No. 256

Choose from 42, 50 and 60-inch deck options with the ZTR 5022 commercial mid-mount riding mower from Dixon, Coffeyville, KS. Cutting height ranges from 1.5 to 4.5 inches and the low overall weight (615-685 pounds) means it is easy on turf. 1998 model features 22-hp Kohler Command engine.

ENCORE MANUFACTURING
402-228-4255
Circle No. 257

The Prowler Front Cut from Encore, Beatrice, NE is available with 52 or 61-inch out front decks with a cutting range of 1 to 5 inches using a single lever. The zero-radius turn machine comes with single or dual tail wheel options and can be powered by a 20-hp water-cooled Kawasaki or 22-hp air-cooled Kohler. Deck flips up for cleaning.

EXCEL INDUSTRIES
800-395-4757
Circle No. 258

A new 22 hp Kohler Command engine and a new 60-inch side-discharge deck are available on the ShortCut line of commercial mow-

ers from Excel. ShortCut is the most compact rider on the market, says Excel, shorter than comparable walk-behind mowers. It features zero-turn Hbar Steering, resembling motorcycle steering.

EXMARK
402-223-6300
Circle No. 259

The full line of Exmark mowers features floating decks to trace turf contours. The Lazer Z's instant adjust system lets the operator change cutting heights while seated. Made

in Beatrice, NE it runs at 9 mph forward, 4.2 mph in reverse and has true zero radius turning. Four models offer cutting widths of 44, 48, 52 and 60 inches.

FERRIS INDUSTRIES
315-363-9536
Circle No. 260

The Z100, by Ferris Industries, Vernon, NY, is the first mower with an independent suspension system. A mid-mount zero-turn rider powered by a 25 hp Kohler, this mower has a 61 inch cutting width, hydro-drive transmission, independent left and right speed control levers, gear-actuated engine kill blade/clutch safety switch, neutral and parking brake safety switch, jumbo 23 inch tires and twin 4 gallon tanks.

GRASSHOPPER
316-345-8612
Circle No. 261

With its 28 hp liquid-cooled diesel engine and Gemini2 dual-path hydrostatic direct drive, the zero-radius turn Model 928D2 from Grasshopper, Moundridge, KS provides outstanding maneuverability and productivity for its size. It has



Grasshopper 928D2 works with all company attachments.

forward speeds up to 9 mph and accepts the company's complete line of interchangeable decks.

GRAVELY INT'L.
800-472-8359
Circle No. 262

The ProMaster 360D front-mount riding mower from Gravelly includes front and rear tie-downs, a transmission brake to secure the unit for safe transport and power steering for ease of operation. It is available with a 22.3 hp Yanmar liquid-cooled diesel and hydrostatic transmission providing speed up to 8.8 mph.

GREAT DANE
704-846-6617
Circle No. 263

The zero-radius turn Surfer from Great Dane, Charlotte, NC is just 53 inches long on the 52-inch cut model. Also available are 48 and 61



Great Dane's surfer cutting height adjusts from 1.5-5.5"

inch decks made of 7-gauge steel. Units are powered by 16-hp twin cylinder Vanguard, or an 18- or 22-

hp Kohler electric start.

HOWARD PRICE
314-532-0201
Circle No. 264

The Turf Blazer 727 features a floatation deck of heavy structural design. Scalping is virtually eliminated with oversized anti-scalp rollers adjusted to your specific cutting conditions. Strength is where you need it, up front, with 11-gauge double wall construction.

INGERSOLL
920-582-5000
Circle No. 265

The Grazer 2297K from Ingersoll is a 62-inch front-cut mower. Body is easily removed to expose inner works which include patented chopper screen, hydraulic valve lifters, fan-cooled transmission, Warner Mag-Stop electric clutch and replaceable wear bushings on the push arm pivots.

JACOBSEN
800-727-JAKE
Circle No. 266

The HR-9016 Turbo wide-area rotary mower from Jacobsen, Racine, WI has a 16-foot cutting width and 8.5 mph speed, letting it handle 16.5 acres per hour. New this year, the HR-9016 has a 90-hp turbocharged diesel engine and 4-WD which is engaged whenever the mow switch is activated.

F.D. KEES
402-223-2391
Circle No. 267

The ZT Max Mid-Mount Rider features a low center of gravity and wide body for hillside stability. The dual-lever, hydraulically dampened operator controls provide smooth and instant steering control. Travels up to 9 mph. Available with a 22- or 25-hp Kohler Command V-twin engine; 52- or 61-inch decks; mulching kit.

KUBOTA TRACTOR
1-888-458-2682
Circle No. 268

The Grand L Series is a full line of low-emission, low vibration machines from Kubota, Torrance, CA. Available with E-TVCS (three vortex combustion



Jacobsen HR 9016 Turbo has a 16-foot cutting width and 8.5 mph speed.

system) diesel engines in 2- and 4-wheel drive, they come in 32.1, 35.2, 38.5 and 45.3 hp models. Glide Shift transmission features clutchless on-the-go operation through all 8 forward and reverse gears.

LASTEC
800-515-6798
Circle No. 269

The Articulator is the solution to uneven terrain, says Lastec. The 325E articulates three 25-inch decks to deliver a precision 72-inch cut. The mower rides low, wide and stable so it handles extreme contours without scalping.

LAWN BOY
612-888-8801
Circle No. 270

The Lawn-Boy 21 inch commercial mowers feature a tough, lightweight cast-aluminum deck, steel wheels with ball bearings, and a cast iron cylinder sleeve for durability. Made by Toro, Bloomington, MN, these mowers feature DuraForce 6.5 hp 2-cycle engine.

LELY CORPORATION
252-291-7050
Circle No. 271

Rear-mount grooming mowers are designed for estates, parks, golf courses and municipal maintenance. The KRM-60 has a 60-inch cut with a blade speed of 2690 rpm. It requires a 15-30 hp tractor. The KRM-72 is a 72-inch unit cutting at 2290 rpm. The KRM-84 Heavy Duty operates behind a 25-50 hp tractor with a 540-rpm pto.

LESCO
440-333-9250
Circle No. 272

Both the LCR2200 and the LCR7400 feature two-pedal hydrostatic controls, independent wheel brakes for tight radius turns, and hydraulic weight transfer valve for increased traction on hillsides and in the wet, and vertical tilting deck for easy removal and installation of blades.

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MTD Products Inc.
330-225-2600
Circle No. 273

The MTD Pro series features two Direct Effect mowers with instant forward and reverse operation with cruise control. The 4815F has a 15 hp engine and 48 inch floating stamped deck, while the 5416F has 16 hp and a 54 inch deck.

NEW HOLLAND
717-355-1121
Circle No. 274

The CM 222 from New Holland, New Holland, PA has a cutting width of 60 inches and a height range from 1.5 to 4.5 inches. The side-discharge mower is powered by a 3-cylinder liquid cooled 22-hp diesel. Rear weight bracket is standard.

RANSOMES
800-228-4444
Circle No. 275

The 951 wing rotary mower from Ransomes Cushman Ryan, Lincoln, NE mows at speeds up to 7 mph and transports at up to 14 mph allowing it to cut 59 acres in an 8-hour day. Unit can be equipped with one, two, or three decks for mowing and its zero-turn radius makes for outstanding maneuverability. It operates with a Perkins 4-cylinder, 4-cycle, liquid-cooled engine.

SCAG POWER EQUIPMENT
920-387-0100
Circle No. 276

The hydro drive system on the

Scag STHM provides smooth, even power to both wheels, controlled by a convenient, single foot-pedal control. The Scag STHM is available with a 52-, 61-, or 72-inch cutter deck and 20- or 22-hp Kohler Command engines. Optional accessories include a 44-gallon capacity grass catcher with auxiliary engine.

SNAPPER, INC.
770-954-2500
Circle No. 277

The tractor-style Peerless transmission on the SPE1250KW Pro Express mower from Snapper offers five forward speeds from 1.5 to 6.5 mph and one reverse. This



36-inch commercial walk-behind is powered by a 12.5 hp Kawasaki engine. Automatic pistol grip controls, electric PTO, and 16-inch drive tires for superior ground clearance.

TORO
612-888-8801
Circle No. 278

The Z Master Mid-Mount ZRT (zero radius turn) mower from Toro, Bloomington, MN comes in two models. The Z252 has a 22 hp Kohler engine with a 52-inch deck. The Z255 has a 25 hp Kohler with a 62-inch



deck. Ground speed of 8.5 mph forward and 4 mph in reverse makes it one of the fastest in industry. Twin 9-gallon

fuel tanks.

WALKER MANUFACTURING
972-221-5614
Circle No. 279

Designed by the Fort Collins, CO firm to do the work of a walk-behind with the increased productivity of a rider. Five models range from 11-25 hp with gas or diesel engines. Also available are five mower decks ranging from 36 inches to 62 inches with grass collection, side discharge or mulching capability.

WRIGHT MANUFACTURING
301-330-0086
Circle No. 280

The Wright Stander comes in several compact models, with triple-bladed mowers in widths of 48, 52 and 61 inches. Mowers have a 7-gauge steel deck, rounded trim-side for closer trimming and adjustable anti-scalp rollers on the deck nose. A full range from 16 to 22 hp and choice of electric or recoil start available. Cutting height ranges from 1.75 to 4.5 inches in quarter-inch intervals.

YAZOO POWER EQUIPMENT
800-723-9496
Circle No. 281

The ZT Max midmount rider from Kees, Jackson, MS features a low center of gravity and wide stance. Dual-lever hydraulically dampened operator controls provide smooth, instant steering control. Unit has cutting speeds up to 9 mph and runs for a long time on the 10-gallon fuel tank.

ZIPPER MOWER
888-876-6937
Circle No. 282

Standard electric deck lift is just one of the many features of the Zipper-TS mowers that make them easy to operate. Made in Augusta, KS, these mowers come with 20 or 22 hp engines, allowing speeds up to 6.2 mph, and in cutting widths from 54-74 inches. The frames on these zero-turn radius machines are 10 gauge steel, the bodies 14 gauge. LM