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Mower madness

New designs in walk-behinds

BY CURT HARLER/ CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

Next month is time to celebrate Landscape Management's May Mower Month. The first lawn mower was patented on May 9, 1899. Today, the world of walk-behind mowers ranges from 20-in. hand-pushed units to ground-covering self-propelled workhorses with transmissions and independent hand brakes. Both can be found on the typical landscaper's truck.

As the old adage reminds us, the key to getting the most out of a walk-behind unit is not to send a boy to do a man's job—or vice-versa. Out in the field crew members, especially the newer ones, tend to use the big units for every job. They are more impressive to use and, being self-propelled, go faster and take less effort. However, they also have a disturbing tendency to eat bedding plants and miss tight areas close to buildings, headstones, or trees.

On the other hand, it's a real waste of time to use a small walk-behind or trim mower on any sizable area of turfgrass.

While this may seem obvious to a manager with 10 year's experience, it's quite common to see workers using the wrong tool on a job site. Especially early in the season, instruct or remind the crews to tailor the size of the mower to the size of the job. The result will be lower fuel expenses, more efficient use of labor and fewer customer complaints.

What to look for

- Height adjustability of deck/blades
- Easy grip on throttle handles
- Safety features like auto-shutoff
- A sizable fuel tank
- How easy is it to start?

BLACK ROCK
800/314-8984
Black Rock Mfg., Louisville, KY assembles mowers with quality components like the Peerless heavy-duty five-speed transmission and decks of 7-gauge steel. Three hydrostatic drive models come in 48-, 52- and 61-in. widths. Choose from a 14-hp OHV Kawasaki or 17-hp Twin OHV engine. Dual reservoirs with filters to eliminate cross-contamination, cold start, flexible 2-piece deck and frame are standard. Top ground speed is 8.5 mph.

FERRIS INDUSTRIES
800/933-6175
www.ferrisindustries.com
The HydroWalk DD from Ferris Industries, Munnsville, NY, features dual unitized Eaton hydros for zero-turn mobility and faster mowing. These transmissions are backed with a 3-year warranty, on top of the full 2-year machine warranty. The HydroWalk has a wide, low stance for top traction.
and stability. Large, 18-in. drive tires give good traction in adverse conditions. Deck options include 48-, 52- or 61-in. The SD comes with 36- or 48-in. decks.

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ENCORE MANUFACTURING
800/467-4255
www.encoreequipment.com

The Hydro Pro line from Encore Manufacturing Co., Beatrice, NB, is designed to work all day with its hydrostatic drive and large fuel tank. Units come in cutting widths from 36 in. to 60 in. Tough, 7-gauge wear strips and steel support channels assure that the mower can stand up to commercial use. Engine choices include 14-hp and 19-hp models.

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EXCEL
800/395-4757
www.excelhustler.com

The Hustler Hydro walk behind from Excel Industries, Hesston, KS, eliminates the need for tanks to keep going all day.

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EXMARK
402/223-6300
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Circle #268

HONDA
678/339-2600
www.honda.com

The new HRC7113TXA TruGear mower from American Honda Motor Co., Alpharetta, GA, comes in two versions: the 36- and 48-in. Both are powered by a Honda 13-hp OHV engine with oil filter and feature a transistorized magneto ignition. Mowers allow seven positions on the deck from 1.5 in. to 4.5 inches. They have a gear mesh transmission with ball-bearing supported axles with four forward and one reverse speed. Mowers come standard with hour meter.

Circle #269

LAWN-BOY
800/525-0059
www.lawnboy.com

The 21-in. commercial mower from Toro's Lawn-Boy division, Bloomington, MN, is available in the HP push model with a Dura-Force 6.5-hp commercial two-cycle engine with side discharge, or in the SP version with a 3-speed self-propelled version. At 4.25 quarts, unit has industry's biggest fuel tank.

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Circle #270

JOHN DEERE
800/537-8233
www.deere.com

Several enhancements to the 14-hp HD45 and 17-hp HD75 make them easier to use. John-Deere, Research Triangle Park, NC, equips them with an OHV 4-cylinder gas engine, pressurized lubrication and an oil filter for durability. Electric start is standard on the 75; optional on the 45. Choose from a 10-gauge 36-in., or the 11-gauge steel 38- and 54-in. mower decks. Cutting height is adjusted without tools using spring-loaded quick-pull pins. Adjustable rear gauge wheels to eliminate scalping are standard on many decks.

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LESCO
800/321-5325

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MTD PRO
877/MTD-PRO1
www.mtdpro.com

The DH-1648 from MTD Pro, Cleveland, OH, is a 16-hp recoil-start mower with a 48-in. deck.

Circle #275

RICH MANUFACTURING
765/436-2744

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Circle #276

SCAG POWER EQUIPMENT
920/387-0100
www.scag.com

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Circle #277

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