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Maybe we should call them 'versatility' vehicles

Few product categories offer the green industry as much choice or selection as utility vehicles.

■ **Utility:** 1. The condition or quality of being useful; usefulness. 2. A useful article or device.

This American Heritage Dictionary definition perfectly describes the lightweight work-horse-type vehicles known in the green industry as "utility" vehicles. But perhaps a more descriptive phrase would be "versatility" vehicles; they're used in so many different ways.

Transportation is, obviously, their purpose, but their real worth is in moving materials. In fact, when it comes to getting a person or two and a limited amount of supplies or materials quickly to a job site, they're unbeatable. More often than not, in fact, a utility vehicle can be driven right to a job site because of its light weight and maneuverability.

Also, they're incredibly reliable, inexpensive to maintain and easy to operate.

Increasingly, some manufacturers are making their vehicles even more versatile and valuable by offering attachments de-

signed specifically for them. Depending on the manufacturer, you can add:

- cargo boxes
- topdressers
- sprayers
- spreaders
- core harvesters
- cabs and
- aerators

These "versatility" vehicles come in three-wheel or four-wheel models, two-wheel or four-wheel drives, electric or gasoline, "bare bones" or bristling with attachments.

The chart on the next page, because of space considerations, is not all-inclusive, but merely presents a quick look at what's in the marketplace. Please contact manufacturers or distributors (use "reader service numbers") for more information.

—Ron Hall



Cushman Haulster is rugged machine



Jacobsen 810 has hydraulic shocks



Smithco Spirit PT, handy, maneuverable



Melex 252 with solid state speed control



Kawasaki Mule lives up to its name



John Deere 1800, many attachments



Toro Workman ready for attachments

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