



Yamahauler can be converted from a box application to a flatbed.



Kromer's Landscape Machine is a one-vehicle tool that can handle lots of landscape and grounds maintenance jobs because of a range of attachments.



Ground-Tek's GT Pro-Man has adjustable spray gun.

UTILITY VEHICLES:

They're small but turf-tested tough

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Our nominee for the most abused vehicle in the groundskeeper's garage is the utility vehicle. Grounds crews use the handy, motorized, miniature pickups the same way cowboys used to use horses: to carry loads, run errands and as basic transportation. Only today's cowboys don't treat the utility vehicle half as kindly as those of yesterday. Utility vehicles are subject to lots of stop-start driving, get overloaded with seed or fertilizer bags, are left in the rain and are victims of haphazard maintenance schedules.

Just as the perfect car would be designed with the lines of a Miata, the luxury of a Cadillac and carrying capacity of a Kenworth, the perfect utility vehicle would be able to zip around into tight spots, carry more than a pickup and glide over the turf-grass on those trips, leaving no marks behind.

As good as these utility vehicles are, each still has its special features. That requires some analysis before making the buying decision:

- ▶ Is the vehicle going to be used primarily to transport people and tools?
- ▶ Is it going to serve as the equivalent of a junior pickup truck?
- ▶ Is it expected to run all day without refueling, or will it be used for short hops?
- ▶ Should hydraulics or a PTO be attached so it can be used for other tasks?
- ▶ Is a tight turning radius required so the cart can maneuver between plant beds or shrubs?

The answers to most of those questions can be found in the handy utility vehicles and attachments found below.

AGRI-FAB
217-728-8388
www.agri-fab.com

Sullivan, IL-based Agri-Fab has a full line of lawn groomers, rollers, sprayers and carts. Their 4-wheel steerable axle cart is 16-gauge steel with

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reinforced guides. The steerable, three-quarter inch axle turns four 16x6.5-inch turf tread tires with zerks. This cart can handle up to a ton. Also available is the 2-axle Super ATV-17, with its 1-inch axle and capacity to haul up to 1,700 pounds at speeds to 20 mph. A 60-inch bedliner is available for either unit.

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CLUB CAR, INC.

888-227-7925

www.clubcar.com

Both the Turf II and the Turf II XRT from Club Car, Augusta, GA, feature an 11-hp gas engine with pedal start. The Turf II has 1,200-pound rated capacity and comes standard with antisway torsion bar, synchromesh transmission, neutral lockout switch, fuel gauge, hour meter and headlights. The XRT is built to handle extra rough terrain, with 4-wheel brakes, 6.4-inch ground clearance under the differential, heavy duty stabilizer bar, brush guard and heavy duty all-terrain or turf tires. Optional 1,000-pound winch, electric lift or hydraulic dump, exhaust spark arrestor and pintle hitch are available.

Circle No. 251

JOHN DEERE

800-468-8517

www.deere.com

Two utility vehicles, the Gator 4x2 and the 6x4, are available at your local Deere dealership. The 2WD 4x2 has a 10-hp air-cooled single-cylinder engine and 900 pounds

towing capacity. The 4WD 6x4 is powered by an 18-hp liquid-cooled V-Twin engine and has 1,200 pounds towing ability. Both models have two front wheels and a low center of gravity for better stability, a relocated drive train, and maximum ground speed of 15.5 mph. They feature side-by-side seating with raised seat edges and hip restraints. Heavy duty, all-purpose tires offer improved puncture and wear resistance with deep-lug design.

Circle No. 252

E-Z-GO TEXTRON

706-798-4311

www.ezgo.com

The newest member of the utility vehicle family from E-Z-Go, Augusta, GA, is the Workhorse 800. With a 46x35x10-inch cargo bed and an 800 pound payload capacity, it is ideal for light duty applica-

and pinion steering for top handling.

Circle No. 253

GROUND-TEK

407-877-7473

www.groundtek.com

Utility landscape maintenance machine is perfect for large area coverage, spot spraying and fertilizing golf courses and other green areas. Rear utility tray, made of aluminum, carries five 50-pound bags. The GT ProMan from Ground-Tek, Ocoee, FL, has an adjustable spray gun, letting tech spray hard-to-reach areas without leaving the unit. Ornamental gun is ad-

pulley, and heavy duty belt continuously sustain power and speed. Optional features include a front carrier, snow blade, canopy, hydraulic front disc brakes, turn signals and a bed liner.

Circle No. 255



Haul Master's Huskie HD has 1,000 lb dump box.



E-Z-Go Workhorse 800 has an 800-lb payload capacity and a cargo bed equipped with a bedliner.



John Deere's Gator available in 2WD or 4WD.

tions on golf courses or other grounds environments. The cargo bed is equipped with a bed liner. Center console has a 4-position drink/2-way radio holder. It is available in two versions: the 800G, a gasoline-powered unit that features a 9-hp, 295-cc twin-cylinder overhead cam engine; and the electric 900E, powered by a quiet 36-volt, high efficiency motor. Both have rack

justable for wide or narrow patterns with pressure from 0 to 300 psi. With the shift of a lever, operator can switch back to boom spraying.

Circle No. 254

HAUL MASTER, INC.

800-848-4285

The Huskie HD from Haul Master, Mendota, IL, features a 1,000-pound dump box capacity — largest in its class — yet is small enough to fit in a standard pickup bed. This is the new, upgraded version of the original Huskie utility vehicle. It has a 4-cycle, air-cooled, 16-hp Briggs & Stratton engine. Auto torque converter with Salsbury clutch, driven

INGERSOLL EQUIPMENT CO.

920-582-5000

www.ingersoll-inc.com

The HC48 pull-behind rough-cut brush Hydracutter from Ingersoll Equipment Co., Winneconne, WI, has a working width of 48 inches. The deck frame is welded 10-gauge steel and the mower rotates at 1,082 rpm. Two steel hardened blades, each 19.25-inches long make quick work of any project. The unit has five adjustments, cutting height from 1.5 to 6 inches, and attaches with a hitch drawbar and pin.

Circle No. 256

JACOBSEN

800-727-JAKE

www.jacobsen.textron.com

The SV-series utility trucks from Jacobsen, Racine, WI, come in a variety of models for any use. These 4-wheel units come with either a 34-hp gas or 23.5-hp diesel engine. They are capable of handling loads to 2,800 pounds. A hydraulic PTO makes changing attachments easy, and the SV has a standard hydraulic lift. Also check out the 1110 Hauler, which carries up to 1,000 pounds and has rear and side cargo box panels which are removable for oversized loads. The 2315/2015 models are 3-wheel units with ei-

ther a 23.5-hp or 20-hp engine. Both are highly maneuverable and both can handle loads up to 1,500 pounds.

Circle No. 257

KAWASAKI
949-770-0400
www.kawasaki.com

Put the 1999 version of a mule to work with the Kawasaki Mule 2500 series. Designed to be

ments make it a versatile utility tool at any operation.

Circle No. 259

KOYKER
605-647-2811

Zip along in the Raptor Utility Vehicle from Koyker, Lennox, SD. With a top ground speed of 25 mph, three forward gear ranges, and a powerful engine, the Raptor is able to handle rock hauling, bags

cooled engine. There are 22- and 27-hp models available. All feature rugged hypoid differential with integrated 2-speed transmission and standard quick-connect hydraulic box make it easy to use this workhorse. Units come with two seats and can be hooked up with optional PTO (standard on the 22-hp 633 model) to work with sprayers, spreaders or other units.

The 4-wheel Turf-Trucksters fea-

TORO
612-888-8801
www.toro.com

The Toro Workman Utility Vehicle provides unparalleled versatility, reliability and durability. It offers 3-wheel maneuverability with 4-wheel safety and stability. It is available in 2-wheel drive or 4-wheel drive, with a gasoline or diesel engine. The Workman is designed for carrying heavy loads and performing unique



Kawasaki Mule 250 is lightweight, maneuverable, but carries over 800 lbs.

lightweight and highly maneuverable, the 2500 can handle up to 803 pounds of cargo in its 13.5 cubic-foot tilting bed. All have large, low-pressure, high-flotation balloon tires that are easy on the turf. Every unit has a dual-mode differential that can be unlocked to minimize disturbance to grass. Assembled in Lincoln, NE, all units come with continuously variable belt-drive automatic transmission. The smallest, the 550, will fit into the cargo bed of a pickup for long-distance transport. And, the 2520 Turf model can carry over 1,300 pounds and has a maximum speed of 16 mph.

Circle No. 258

KROMER
800-373-0337
www.kromer-afm.com

The Landscape Machine from Kromer, Mound, MN, is a one-vehicle tool for a multiplicity of jobs. Power options include an 8-hp Kohler Magnum M8S, 9-hp Briggs & Stratton, or 8-hp Honda. The unit's hydrostatic transmission, electric start and full fleet of attach-

of fertilizer or seed, and still make its way over hills without bogging down. Available with stake-sides for the bed area, it has all required operator protection features for safe handling.

Circle No. 260

RANSOMES CUSHMAN RYAN
800-228-4444
www.ransomes.com

The 3-wheel 536 Turf-Truckster from Cushman features a 20-hp Kawasaki 4-cycle, 2-cylinder, liquid



The Toro Workman available in 2WD or 4WD. More than 30 attachments, accessories available.

ture towing hitch, fuel gauge, hour meter, hand throttle, hydraulics with auxiliary outlets and available PTO (standard on the 634). These utility vehicles are rated at 2,600 pounds each for box, operator and passenger. Every model has live hydraulics and two models have power steering for ease of operation. All units have large self-adjusting rear brakes to deliver the most stopping power under load.

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tasks. More than 30 attachments and accessories are available to customize the Workman for specific needs.

Circle No. 262

Yamaha Golf Car
800-843-3354
www.yamahagolfcar.com

The Yamahauler utility vehicle is designed to be two vehicles in one. By unbolting the sides and tailgate, the Yamahauler can be converted from a box application to a flatbed application. The bed is 4x4 feet, has 13.4 cu ft of space and 1,000 lb capacity. The Yamahauler's elongated steel frame is fortified with channel-over-tube design, and features a 5-mph front bumper that protects against impact damage. These features, combined with the vehicle's special suspension system enhance its reliability. Powered by Yamaha's 10-hp, four-stroke OHV engine, it is available through a nationwide dealer network.

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4-wheel Turf-Truckster rated at 2,600 lbs.