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YOUR GUIDE TO PRODUCT RESEARCH

## WALK-BEHIND MOWERS

### BEFORE YOU BUY

#### ▶ Front or rear drive?

There are two types of self-propelled mowers, there are two ways to go. Front-wheel drive models are easier to turn, making them ideal for maneuvering around hardscape features, and rear-wheel drive models offering better traction, which helps on inclines.

▶ To mulch or not to mulch? A mulching mower is eco-friendly, but a bag collection system keeps the clumps off the lawn and thus the rake on your truck. Some mowers offer both options so you can be all things to all clients

▶ Minimal maintenance. It's important to strike a balance between a mower that requires routine maintenance (and thus, devoted time and labor) vs. a unit that, when something breaks, is pretty much beyond repair.

### Cub Cadet → Commercial

Tougher than the bolted design found on many mowers, the 1748 wide-area walk-behind mower offers a fully welded, one-piece engine platform and mowing deck. Features include a 7-gauge steel skirt, reinforced solid-steel plates and a 48-in. Command Cut System cutting deck. Its patented Vari-Touch foot controls allow drive-belt adjustments on the go from 8 to 24 lbs., providing traction on wet or hilly terrain. [CubCadetCommercial.com](http://CubCadetCommercial.com) or 877/835-7841

### Ariens Co.

The new EverRide Wasp Hydro with a 52-in. deck offers twin 10cc hydraulic pumps and motors, as well as a 19-hp Kawasaki Kai engine. Complete with a 7-gauge laser cut steel deck, it also includes long-life, maintenance-free spindles and heavy-duty, heat-treated blades. Additionally, a belt-drive system offers loop handle, operator presence controls, which gives sharp turning-radius trimming ability. [Everride.com](http://Everride.com) or 920/756-2141

### Honda Commercial Mowers →

Both the new self-propelled, hydrostatic drive HRC216HXA (pictured) and push-type HRC216PDA mowers feature Honda's exclusive MicroCut twin-blade mulching technology. Other features include a dome shaped deck design that facilitates both bagging and mulching while delivering finer clipping particles; a front bumper that provides mower deck and engine protection, as well as convenient transport



tie down; durable, lightweight Xenoy wheels with axle protectors; and a large-capacity grass bag with on/off feature.

[HondaPowerEquipment.com](http://HondaPowerEquipment.com) or 800/426-7701

### Gravely

The new Hydro HE 1948FL Pro-Walk mower features 19 hp and a cutting width of 48 in. The drivetrain systems consist of Hydro-Gear 10cc pump and 12-cu.-in. wheel motor, Ogura GT 1A Electric Clutch and 16-in. drive tires. Operator ergonomics include an electric starter system and large-diameter fuel cap for quick refueling. Additional features include semi-pneumatic casters, which are designed to never go flat; a loop-handle Pro Steer Ground-Drive Control with Intuitive Action; and a heavy-duty plastic side discharge chute.

[Ariens.com](http://Ariens.com) or 800/472-8359

### Hustler Turf Equipment

With improved features, the re-designed commercial walk-behind TrimStar Hydro offers users a heavier-duty transmission than before, along with improved handling and stability. The redesigned TrimStar also provides a one-step height adjustment system, with a deck lift that has just one lever instead of several sets of pins. To cater to a variety of needs, three deck sizes are available: 36, 48 and 54 in. Additionally, an electric-start option is available for the 54-in. configuration. [HustlerTurf.com](http://HustlerTurf.com) or 800/395-4757

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**Scag Power Equipment**

Available in 36- and 48-in. deck models, the all-new Scag SFW belt-drive, floating-deck walk-behind features a cutting height adjustment system that requires

no tools. Operators will spend less time greasing thanks to the low-maintenance design. A lighter overall weight allows for easier handling when traversing curbs and other obstacles. The company also offers a two-year mower warranty. [Scag.com](http://Scag.com) or 920/387-3150



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## The Toro Co.

The new Toro GrandStand series features a retractable platform that allows for operation from both stand-on and walk-behind positions. All four models in the series incorporate the Toro Turbo Force deck and twin-lever steering controls for ease of use. Choose from 48- or 52-in. cutting decks with a 19- or 23-hp Kawasaki engine. The weight distribution can be customized to suit individual preferences, and operators have the freedom to easily shift their weight to further influence the machine's traction. [Toro.com](http://Toro.com) or 800/348-2424



## Briggs & Stratton ↑ Yard Power Products Group

As the latest feature added to the Snapper SE Series of mowers, the Pivot-N-Go variable drive system allows operators to easily adjust the speed of the mower to their own pace. The more the handle pivots forward, the faster the ground speed. Speed choices range from 0 to 4 mph. The system is available on two models: The SPVH21675 (pictured) features a 21-in. mowing deck and rear-wheel drive; the SPVH2265 features a 22-in. mowing deck and front-wheel drive. Both feature the ability to mulch, bag or side-discharge grass clippings. [Snapper.com](http://Snapper.com) or 414/259-5333





### Husqvarna ↑

The nine mowers in the new hydro walk-behind line feature fixed and floating deck designs ranging in size from 36 to 61 in. All models are powered by commercial-grade Kawasaki V-Twin engines ranging from 15 to 23 hp. The new drive system features a Kanzaki 10cc tandem style pump, Parker wheel motors and an easy-to-access control knob for tracking adjustments. A pistol-type operator interface includes an integrated operator presence control, thumb slide locks for neutral, and easy-to-reach drive levers. The speed control lever also features an automatic pump bypass in the neutral lock position to prevent creeping and assist with cold starting. A foot-operated brake helps secure the units for easier transport. [USA.Husqvarna.com](http://USA.Husqvarna.com) or 800/HUSKY-62

### Ferris Industries ↓

Now available in 36-, 48-, 52- or 61-in. cutting widths, the ComfortControl Dual Drive mower features an exclusive Torque Tuned Blade system. It's powered by a 15-hp Kawasaki V-twin engine, and offers dual transmissions for improved performance and downtime. A Cruise Control Bar with independent steering override allows the operator a



multitude of handling options. An electronic Sensor-Grip operator presence system detects the operator's hands on the handlebars. This anti-fatigue safety system requires no additional pressure to operate the mower, and it works by detecting moisture from the hands of the operator — with or without gloves on. [FerrisIndustries.com](http://FerrisIndustries.com) or 800-933-6175

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