## Honda Engines

#### All-New Rammer Engine

#### **New GXR120 Specifically Designed for Power Rammers**

Honda Power Equipment, a division of American Honda Motor Co. Inc., based in Alpharetta, Ga., and its operating unit, Honda Engines, will have a dynamic presence at GIE + EXPO 2013.

At this year's venue, Honda Engines representatives will be available at the company's indoor booth (#3118) and outdoor display area to discuss the company's continued technological advancements and environmental commitment. The Honda Engines team will showcase its complete range of engines models, including the latest advancements for its GX Commercial Series Engines and the recent introduction of the all-new GXR120 general purpose engine, a model uniquely developed as an ideal source of power for rammers – equipment used to compact soil or other granular material.

In addition, at its company trailer on display in the outdoor exhibit area, the Honda Power Equipment team looks forward to discussing design enhancements to selected product lines. Highlights include general purpose de-watering pumps as well as the introduction of an allnew Industrial Series generator for construction and rental applications.

#### The Honda GXR120: A Closer Look at the All-New Rammer Engine

The Honda GXR120 is capable of meeting the high demands that rammers require of the engine, frame and operator. With a displacement of 121 cc, the engine can appropriately power 110-lb. to 175-lb. rammers at multiple altitudes with ease. Additionally, a new, special cast-iron cylinder sleeve and a high carbon-steel, dualball bearing crankshaft provide improved engine strength for rammer applications. To further enhance engine durability, the recoil starter and fan cover of the new GXR120 now are even more robust through the incorporation of steel in the design.

When developing the GXR120 for the rammer marketplace, Honda engineers identified the need for a more compact and lightweight engine footprint to allow for more versatility in frame mounting.



Using an Overhead Camshaft (OHC) orientation similar to the Honda GX100, Honda designers incorporated a maintenance-free, low-noise timing belt to create a smaller, lighter and quieter engine.

Honda integrated several features

into the design of the GXR120 that

make it easy and comfortable to



OHC LAYOUT

control. Since quiet operation and low noise are critical for rammer machine operators, the GXR120 includes a newly designed and very compact muffler, which is 22 mm (.87 inches) narrower than the muffler used as standard on the Honda GX100 engine. This smaller muffler, combined with the OHC engine layout, reduces operation noise by 1dB over the current GX100 engine. In addition, a heavy-duty recoil starter, together with an automatic decompression system, allow for easy engine starting, while an Oil Alert feature prevents the engine from starting if the oil level is too low. A simple but innovative lubrication system with a dual-breather chamber optimizes engine lubricating performance in most rammer operating conditions.

#### **Editor's Note:**

Honda Power Equipment, a division of American Honda Motor Co., Inc., markets a complete range of outdoor power equipment, including outboard marine engines, general purpose engines, generators,

> lawnmowers, pumps, snowblowers, tillers and trimmers for commercial, rental and residential applications. Its comprehensive product line is powered exclusively by 4-stroke engines.



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## **Kohler Engines**

Power to Succeed A partnership based on trust and performance

rofessional landscape contractors have learned to depend upon Kohler Engines. They realize Kohler is dedicated to manufacturing well-crafted and durable products that will stand up in the field and deliver reliable, long-term performance. Of course, a relationship like this doesn't happen overnight. A company needs to prove itself by listening to the unique needs of landscape contractors and turf professionals, and then deliver on those needs by committing to product innovation and customer support.

#### **History of Innovation**

Kohler Engines was founded more than 90 years ago and has continually enhanced its product lineup in an effort to help make life easier and more profitable for end users around the globe. Its professional-grade engines have become synonymous with success in the landscape industry. When looking around a typical landscape operation, it's common to see Kohler Engines powering a wide variety of equipment. Command PRO, Aegis, Kohler Diesel – today's professionals regularly entrust their livelihood to many of the proven models within the Kohler Engines family of products.

And Kohler's products continue to evolve and improve. The most notable new product innovation for landscape professionals is the Kohler Command PRO EFI (electronic fuel injection) engine, which is the only closed-loop EFI engine in its class. These engines, which offer unmatched efficiency, have been proven to save end users up to 25 percent in fuel when compared to one of Kohler's carbureted engines under comparable load conditions. This translates into fuel savings of \$600 per engine every year for landscape professionals, which helps to explain the rapid growth and acceptance of EFI technology nationwide.

#### **Closed-Loop EFI**

Kohler closed-loop EFI engines are actually quite unique because they include an oxygen sensor that analyzes the air/fuel mixture in the muffler. If the oxygen level strays from the ideal air/fuel mixture, the sensor triggers adjustments to the amount of fuel





injected into the system. These engines then "close the loop" between the air/fuel intake and the exhaust output to provide a constant stream of feedback, which helps deliver optimal fuel efficiency and a variety of other benefits, including easier starting, fuel

compatibility, improved power, and better reliability.

Based on strong marketplace response to Kohler's Command PRO EFI engines, Kohler Engines has recently released a Command PRO EFI Propane Engine. This new option is ideal for those seeking the fuel savings, easy starting, and improved reliability of the company's closed-loop EFI technology in tandem with the cleanburning and eco-friendly benefits of propane.

#### **About Kohler Engines**

Kohler Engines and Lombardini – a KOHLER Company based in Italy – have been manufacturing engines since the 1920s. Kohler Engines produces a wide range of gaseous, gasoline and diesel engines, from 6.5 to 74.5 hp, which are supplied to equipment manufacturers worldwide in the lawn and garden, commercial and industrial, agricultural and construction markets. To learn more, please visit www.KohlerEngines.com or www.facebook.com/ kohlerengines or www.twitter.com/kohlerengines.



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## Kubota

ubota unveils its new Z700-Series commercial zero-turn mower at GIE+Expo.

The new Z700-Series includes three models: the Z723, Z724 and the Z725. The new series is the ultimate solution to the turf care professional's demand for a high-quality and productive zero-turn mower, at the perfect price point.

Designed to run day in and day out, the Z700-Series is a true workhorse, boasting the powerful Kohler Command V-Twin Engine and integrated Parker 14cc pump and wheel motor.

Available with a rugged commercial deck in three popular cutting widths - 48-inch, 54-inch and 60-inch - the Z700-Series comes equipped with a wide operator platform, a thick, high-back, adjustable seat and a convenient deck height adjustment dial.

Maintenance is easy with an optional maintenance lift kit attachment that allows operators to lift the front of the deck, plus sealed greaseless spindle bearings create for less down-time in between jobs.

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and staff get a live, real-time estimated actual hours scoreboard for any job, all from their mobile device.

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✓ Mobile Timetracking

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- ✓ Sync with Quickbooks
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#### **Major product lines:**

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