



Press Release

Large Areas, Hard Work – Taken Care of Quickly

MTD Introduces its New Lawn Tractors for the Coming Gardening Season

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Lawn tractors are the top machines for lawn care. Once you have mowed your lawn with one, you will probably never want to go back to a walk-behind mower. Of course, MTD, one of the worldwide leading manufacturers and developers of lawn tractors, has a comprehensive product range that fulfils all your gardening needs.

Two lawn tractors from the wide selection should now be introduced: the MTD LE 135 is a lawn tractor with rear discharge. With its cutting width of 92 cm it is ideal for lawns of approximately 1,000 to 2,000 square meters. It has a 10,1 kW (13,5 hp)* powerful Briggs & Stratton engine under its hood. A transmatic transmission (“switch gears without stopping”) transfers the engine’s power to the rear wheels. This type of transmission allows you to switch drive positions without interruptions. The desired speed can be easily set with the gearshift. The brake pedal allows you to apply the brakes and then continue driving. When you take your foot from the brake pedal, the tractor returns to the speed previously set.

The LE 135 can be used as a 3-in1-machine that can mulch, bag and discharge when equipped with a mulch kit and deflector which are available as accessories. Thanks to its voluminous grass catcher (240 liter) you do not have to drive to the compost pile often, even if you have a large lawn. A few of the extra features from the comprehensive range are the floating deck, the turf-saving wheels and the pivoting front axle - attributes that are not usual in this price class. Thanks to the deck that projects over the left side, you can mow especially close to the edge.

State-of-the-Art Technology

The lawn tractor MTD P 180 AMN definitely belongs to the top category of rear discharge lawn tractors. It carries the name “MTDPro” due to its wider range of features. The tractor’s robust construction design makes it suitable for continuous



use under rough conditions. It can also be used as a 3-in-1 machine that can mulch, bag and discharge when equipped with a mulch kit and deflector. Its smooth 2-cylinder, 4-stroke Briggs & Stratton engine performs with 13,4 kW (18,0 hp)*, which allows you to mow slopes quickly and easily. Even large areas of 4,000 - 5,000 square meters can be tackled in a relatively short period of time thanks to its working width of 105 cm. Another of the lawn tractors distinctive features is the newly developed automatic transmission from MTD.

With it, the transmission is controlled by very robust mechanical parts. This makes it almost indestructible. You can easily control the speed, forward and in reverse, with a single pedal. There's no need to shift gears, the transmission continuously adjusts itself to the speed. With the new "automatic"-transmission the tractor achieves a driving comfort that was known up to now only with hydrostatic transmissions. A soft-grip steering wheel, high backrest, front bumper, top-quality rubberized, anti-skid foot pads and the step-through frame for easy getting on and off round off the list of extra features. MTD lawn tractors are available in home improvement stores and garden centers.

Key Word: Lawn Tractor. Which Tractor for Which Use?

If you are thinking about buying a lawn tractor, you should take the time to select the right machine for you, because after all, it's not a small investment. The first question is the lawn's size: it is worthwhile to buy a lawn tractor if your lawn has approximately 800 square meters. The rule of thumb here is: the larger your lawn, the wider the cutting width of the deck. If you have about 1,000 square meters of lawn you will need a cutting width of 70 - 92 cm. If however, you want to tackle an area of more than 5,000 square meters within a reasonable amount of time, you should select a tractor with a cutting width of at least 105 cm. The second criterion is surely the condition of the land. Is your lawn flat, do you have to mow on slopes or is your lawn hilly? If you have a hilly lawn you should make sure that the tractor has a pivoting axle and a floating deck. Thirdly: gardens with trees, shrubs or flower beds put special demands on a tractor's agility. A tight turn radius and excellent maneuverability should also be at the top of your list of priorities. And last but not least, you must ask yourself: how multi-functional and variable should the lawn tractor be? Does it need to mulch, as well as discharge? Which accessories are available for it and how are they attached? Whatever your requirements as a gardener and however the terrain – a tractor from MTD is the right tractor for many satisfying gardening years!

Maximum engine power rating as per engine manufacturer. The engine power rating may vary depending on the engines usage.



About MTD Products AG

The MTD Products AG in Saarbrücken-Bübingen is the European headquarters of MTD Inc. in Cleveland Ohio (USA). It was founded after the takeover of the traditional German manufacturer GUTBROD by MTD in 1996. MTD has over 20 production and sales locations worldwide and approximately 10,000 employees. According to market shares, the company is one of the top 10 manufacturers of motorized gardening equipment worldwide.

MTD's European sales offices are located in Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland and Poland. All of the other European markets are covered by sales partners and importers.

In Europe, MTD's portfolio comprises the brands MTD, Bolens, GUTBROD, Yard-Man and Cub Cadet. Some of the products in their program are electric and petrol mowers, verticutters, lawn tractors, compact tractors, ride-on mowers, garden shredders, brushcutters, tillers, snowthrowers and quads. European production is located in Saarbrücken-Bübingen (Germany) and Nemesvamos (Hungary).