

EASY MANEUVERABILITY MAKES THEM IDEAL FOR THE FARM

"Zero Turn" Mowers Catching On Fast

"Zero turn" mowers that easily maneuver around trees, shrubs and buildings are taking over a bigger share of the farm mower market. Two manufacturers recently introduced new mowers that are selling like hotcakes throughout the country.

Schweiss Magnum I

"When a farmer buys a mower he needs to know it'll go through road ditches, orchards and tall grass and brush. No other zero turn mower is built as heavy as the Magnum I. We can't build them fast enough," says Harold Schweiss, a farmer-turned-manufacturer who also builds snowblowers, trailers, woodsplitters, bean weeders, and chicken pluckers. This summer he introduced what he calls the industry's "premier farm mower".

Schweiss says the 50-in. deck on his mower is unlike any other on the market. "Other decks come to a point in front which causes grass to be thrown forward and chewed up, using up too much power and leaving windrows. Our deck, which is rounded in front, goes through 2-ft. grass and spreads it out nice and even — no windrows or streaks. Also the blades overlap 2 in., versus 1/2 in. on many mowers, and the deck rollers mount just behind the blades, rather than in a straight line across the back of the deck, which helps prevent scalping. In addition the deck is fitted with a larger 18-in. discharge opening."

The deck, built with heavy 3/16-in. steel, is handled with an electric lift so anyone can easily raise and lower it. It's mounted back from the front caster wheels so that on slopes there's no traction problem caused by weight

transfer to the front wheels.

The Schweiss mower has no chains or sprockets and no gearbox. It features Timken tapered bearings with grease zerks in the wheels. Key to it's success, according to Schweiss, is the use of heavy-duty hydrostatic motors in the wheels.

"Most mowers have 4-hp. hydrostatic drives on each wheel, driven by an 18 hp. motor. That makes the hydrostats the weak point. We put heavy-duty Char-Lynn 24 hp. hydrostatic drives on each wheel, and drive them with an 18 hp. motor so they'll last virtually forever," says Schweiss, noting that his mower also has an electric clutch and a 5-in. thick seat cushion with a high back and padded arms. The mower steers with a single "joystick."

"I used just about every mower on the market on my own farm and I didn't like any of them. That's why I decided to build my own," says Schweiss, who sells his mower, equipped with a 50-in. deck, for \$5,200. He just introduced a new Magnum II version with a larger 24-hp. motor and a 60-in. deck. It sells for \$6,200. Optional grass-catching and snowblowing attachments are available.

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Controlled by a single "joystick", heavy-built Schweiss mower "turns in its tracks" for close-in trimming.

Shivvers' Country Clipper

Shivvers Manufacturing, Corydon, Iowa, got into the lawn mower business earlier this year due to the faltering market for grain dryers. The company's new zero-turn "Country Clipper" is already handled by more than 350 dealers nationwide.

The Country Clipper is available in 11 models from 11 hp. to 128 hp. with decks that range in width from 42 in. to 60 in. Power is transferred from the engine directly to hydrostat-powered wheels with no sprockets or chains.

Tires are set close to the mower deck to allow smooth cutting in the roughest conditions.

"The low wide body of the Country Clipper makes it extremely stable on slopes. The compact design allows trimming close around and between buildings and obstacles," says sales manager Roy Truax.

The mower deck is made of heavy-gauge steel reinforced with 3/8-in. steel bar frame. All decks have three blades with a minimum 1 1/2 in. overlap to cut smoother and eliminate windrowing.



Low, wide body of Country Clipper makes it ideal for slopes.

Prices range from \$3,495 for the 11 hp. model to \$5,995 for the 18-hp. model with a 60-in. deck.

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MOWS GRASS BEFORE YOU DRIVE OVER IT

Front-Mount Mower Fits Most ATV's

"Mounting this new mower in front of your ATV allows you to mow grass before you drive over it, plus it gives the mower more maneuverability," says a spokesman for Cycle Country Accessories Corp., Milford, Iowa, manufacturer of the just-introduced "Quick Silver" front-mounted 48-in. wide mower for 4-wheel ATV's.

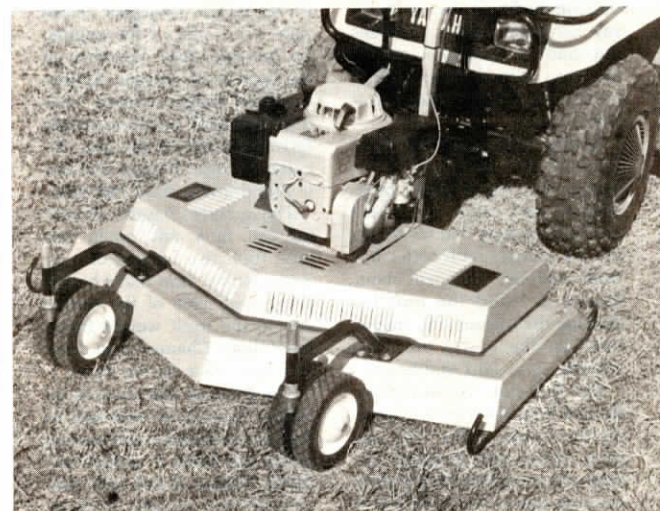
The mower mounts on a special bracket that bolts to the 4-wheeler frame. Once the bracket's installed, you can attach or remove the mower in just seconds.

Powered by its own 10 hp. Tecumseh 4-cycle engine (a 11 1/2 hp. Honda is optional), the mower features 3 blades with a 48-in. total cut. The control box, which is readily accessi-

ble from the driver's seat, contains the engage/disengage clutch, electric start and throttle control. Mower cutting height is adjustable from 1 to 4-in. The 48-in. rear discharge allows for trimming up close on both sides, and spreads grass out for a smooth, even cut.

If you have a 3-wheeler, you can pull the mower behind using a rear-mounted bracket. And, for those big mowing jobs, you can put 3 mowers on your 4-wheeler — one in front and two in back — for a whopping 11-ft. cutting width.

The Quick Silver mower sells for \$1,195, including the front mounting kit. A mower with a 40-in. cut is also available.



Mower can also be pulled behind 3-wheelers, using rear-mount bracket.

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