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### For Immediate Release

## The 2008 Toro® TimeCutter® Z5000

*Quality design and proven performance provide professional results*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (Spring 2008) — This isn't your father's garden tractor. The Toro® TimeCutter® Z5000 is your super-charged, professional-grade, lawn mowing machine. In fact, the TimeCutter Z's zero turning radius technology can literally cut your lawn mowing time in half.

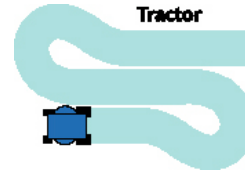


Forget the old fashion steering wheel, and step up to the steering choice of landscape professionals. The TimeCutter Z uses dual hydraulically dampened control levers that let the operator smoothly and easily navigate around the yard. Independent rear wheels allow the mower to literally turn on a dime. This zero turning radius technology allows the mower to hug trees and curved

lawn edging, eliminating the need to make additional runs to mow grass that is typically missed by conventional riding mowers.

### Traditional Lawn Tractor

Takes multiple passes around trees or at the end of a row



### TimeCutter Z

Spins on a dime around landscaping in one simple pass



### **Professional Performance, Proven Durability**

The TimeCutter Z5000 is backed by more than 90-years of Toro's professional lawn care experience and based on the company's highly successful line of commercial zero turning radius mowers. Landscape professionals count on Toro every day, now homeowners can too.

### **New 2008 Product Features**

While creating the 2008 TimeCutter Z line, Toro engineers listened to feedback from both professional cutters and homeowners. That insight resulted in new product features that make the TimeCutter Z even easier to use and maintain. The new models feature a **fuel sight gauge** that allows you to quickly read the fuel tank level. An **oil drain tube** for quicker and less messy oil changes, and a **seat lanyard** that protects the seat from being damaged while transporting your TimeCutter Z.

### **Proven, dependable Z5000 features include:**

- 21 horsepower\* Kohler® Courage® twin cam engine that enables a top ground speed of seven mph. Combined with precision steering, an automatic braking system, and a commercial-grade fixed axle and you've got a high-performance mower.
- Wide, 50-inch mowing deck operates three cutting blades, allowing you to cut more grass in less time.
- Rugged, uni-body steel frame, cast iron rear bumper and 1½-inch x 2-inch tubular steel axle that fortifies the front of the mower.
- A heavy-duty steel engine guard and cast iron bumper provide extra protection for the engine.
- Nuts and bolts are used throughout (versus commonly used self-tapping screws) to ensure quality, durable construction.

### **Exceptional Quality of Cut**

The Z5000 features the TimeCutter Z's professional cutting system. This meticulously designed system provides exceptional performance in all grass conditions. The 4-inch deep, 50-inch mowing deck operates three cutting blades. This extra wide deck covers more area to cut your mowing time. The deep design optimizes airflow in the cutting chamber, creating an increased vacuum that lifts and suspends clippings above the cutting blade. The result is clippings that are re-cut and reduced to fine particles before being discharged. A top discharge deck design allows clippings to flow freely out the opening, reducing clogging and creating superior bagging abilities. The TimeCutter Z offers three cutting options including the standard side discharge, and optional bagging and mulching capabilities. When mowing is complete, cleaning the underside of the mowing deck to maintain maximum cutting efficiency is simple thanks to the convenient deck washout port. Taking the deck off your TimeCutter Z5000 for blade sharpening and seasonal maintenance is easy as well, all it takes is three steps. Simply remove the pin on the front level rod, remove the deck from the rear bracket and then remove the belt. The whole task can be done in less than two minutes.

### Comfort and Ease of Use

The Z5000 is loaded with features that make tackling large lawns easy and comfortable. The mower is outfitted with an extra-tall, 18-inch seat and smooth front tires. The Z5000 has a pierced floor pan that allows simple clean up by hosing down after use. The non-slip extrusions also provide increased operator safety. Additionally, a foot-assisted height of cut system option allows the operator to easily lift the deck to change the minimum cut level or quickly raise the deck while mowing to avoid scalping. The TimeCutter Z5000 also has an automatic braking system that increases operator safety by eliminating the need for a separate parking break. Simply move the control arms outward and the automatic breaking system is activated.

### Value

The Toro TimeCutter Z5000 offers the most value you can find in a zero turn radius mower when it comes to quality of cut, durability and comfort. The Z5000, with its 50-inch mowing system and 21 horsepower Kohler Courage twin cam engine, has a suggested retail price of \$3,519.95 (CAD) and is backed by a three year limited warranty.

Look for the new Toro TimeCutter Z5000 at authorized Toro Dealers and select The Home Depot™ stores this spring. For more information on the TimeCutter Z or other Toro products, contact Toro toll free at 1-800-544-5364 or visit us on the web at [www.toro.ca](http://www.toro.ca).

### 2008 Toro TimeCutter Z Series

<u>Model</u>	<u>Engine</u>	<u>Deck Size</u>
Z4200	19hp* Kohler® Courage® engine	42 inch
Z5000	21hp* Kohler® Courage® engine	50 inch
Z5060	25hp* Kohler® Courage® engine	50 inch

### About The Toro Company

The Toro Company (NYSE: TTC) is a leading worldwide provider of outdoor beautification products, support services and integrated solutions. With sales of nearly \$1.9 billion in 2007, Toro is committed to providing environmentally responsible products of customer-valued quality and innovation. Since 1914, the company has built a tradition of excellence around a number of strong brands that serve a customer base that includes golf course superintendents, groundskeepers, sports field managers, landscape and irrigation contractors, fruit and vegetable growers, and homeowners. The Toro Company is headquartered at 8111 Lyndale Avenue in Bloomington, Minn. Visit the company website at [www.thetorocompany.com](http://www.thetorocompany.com).

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*\*The gross horsepower of this engine was laboratory rated by the engine manufacturer in accordance with SAE J1940. As configured to meet safety, emission, and operating requirements, the actual horsepower on this class of lawn mower will be significantly lower.*

\*\*See retailer for warranty details.