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The 2008 Toro® TimeCutter® Z Series *Professional Performance for the Homeowner*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. (Spring 2008) — When landscape professionals want to get the job done fast, with top

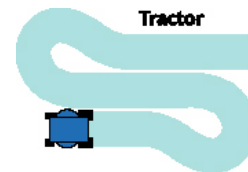


quality results, they rely on Toro. Specifically, they choose Toro zero turning radius technology. That same quality the pros count on is available to homeowners in the Toro TimeCutter Z. Each machine in the TimeCutter Z Series can literally cut your lawn mowing time in half, compared to a comparably-equipped lawn tractor, all while providing a professional quality cut.

The new TimeCutter Z line features superior maneuverability giving you the ability to finish your mowing jobs faster. Forget the steering wheel, the TimeCutter 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 professional grade, 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.

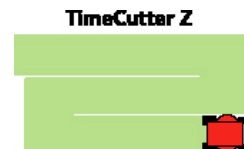
Traditional Lawn Tractor

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



TimeCutter Z

Spins on a dime around landscaping in one simple pass



Exceptional Quality of Cut

The source of the TimeCutter Z's quality cut is its professional cutting system. This meticulously designed system provides exceptional performance in all grass conditions. The 4-inch deep, 42- and 50-inch wide mowing decks optimize airflow in the cutting chamber, creating an increased vacuum that lifts and suspends clippings above the cutting blade, resulting in 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 side discharge and bagging performance. Each TimeCutter Z offers three cutting options including the standard side discharge, and optional bagging and mulching capabilities.

Taking the deck off your TimeCutter Z to change the blades is a quick, three-step process. 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.

Superior Performance

Toro takes pride in matching the best engine for each mower type. The 2008 TimeCutter Z series mowers feature Kohler® Courage® engines in 19- 21- and 25 horsepower options.* Already proven in commercial use, Kohler engines enable a top ground speed of seven mph to help get the job done fast. Pair this engine with precision steering, automatic braking system and a commercial grade fixed axle and you've got a high-performance mower even the pros envy.

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 Durability

The 2008 TimeCutter Z line is based on the Toro's highly successful commercial zero turning radius mowers. Landscape professionals put these mowers through their paces daily. They know that Toro's quality construction will provide dependable performance year after year. The TimeCutter Zs bring that dependability to the homeowner and backs it with a three year limited warranty. It's built with a heavy, 11 gauge steel frame, cast iron rear bumper and 1½-inch x 2-inch tubular steel axle that fortifies the front of the mower. The TimeCutter Z also boasts thick, ¼-inch steel caster forks for added durability. Nuts and bolts are used throughout (versus commonly used self-tapping screws) to ensure quality, durable construction.

Comfort and Ease of Use

TimeCutter Zs feature either a 15- inch mid back or 18-inch high back seat. Each machine is outfitted with 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. 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. The TimeCutter 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 braking system is activated.

Value

The 2008 Toro TimeCutter Z series offers the most value you can find in a zero turning radius mower when it comes to quality of cut, durability and comfort. Professional cutters count on them. Now homeowners can too.

Look for the new Toro 2008 TimeCutter Z Series mowers, starting at just \$3,199.95 (CAD) 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.

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.

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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.*