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Best Buys in Riding Mowers

Best Buy Categories:

[P]=Premium selection;
[M]=Midrange selection;
[E]=Economy selection.
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Best Buys were selected on the basis of ease of use, performance and durability.

Best Price reflects the lowest retail price available at presstime and is subject to change.

Riding Mowers and Lawn Tractors

[P] Snapper FastCut ZT184410KHC

List: \$4,300;
Best Price: \$3,900

This zero-turn-radius model is ideal for large, flat lawns with lots of trees or other obstacles. The mower has a heavy-duty, welded steel frame and deck; large, 20-in. rear tires for improved traction; and PTO for running snow throwers and other attachments. The



Husqvarna YTH1542XP

single-cylinder, overhead-valve (OHV) engine delivers good efficiency. The other two models in the line are the **ZT20500BV**, with a 20 hp Briggs & Stratton engine and 50-in. deck (list: \$4,000), and the **HZT21480BV**, which has a 21 hp Briggs & Stratton engine and 48-in. deck (list: \$5,300)

Features:

- * 18 hp Kohler engine
- * 44-in. cutting deck
- * Cutting height: 1-1/2 to 4-1/2 in.
- * Adjustable twin-lever controls
- * Turning radius: Zero
- * Warranty: 2-yr.

[M] Husqvarna YTH1542XP

List: \$2,200;
Best Price: \$2,000

Husqvarna's medium-duty lawn tractor, good for moderately hilly lawns of up to 1 acre, delivers loads of features usually found on more costly machines. For starters, it has a commercial-grade, V-twin OHV engine that runs very smoothly and is relatively quiet and vibration-free. The unit starts easily, and the hydrostatic (automatic) transmission has

an easy-to-set, infinite-speed control: Just slide the lever until you're cruising at a comfortable speed. Blade height can be adjusted with a knob that is easily reached while seated.

Features:

- * 15 hp Kawasaki engine
- * 42-in. cutting deck
- * Cutting height: 1-1/2 to 3-1/2 in.
- * Turning radius: 18 in.
- * Warranty: 2-yr.

[E] John Deere 100 Series, Model 115

List: \$1,599;
Best Price: \$1,599

This new model has a hydrostatic, two-pedal transmission. Powered by a 19 hp Briggs & Stratton engine, it reaches 5.5 mph in forward gear. The unit comes with a two-blade, 42-in.-wide deck that features The Edge cutting system for even, skip-free cuts. A mulch kit and bagger are optional.

Features:

- * 19 hp Briggs & Stratton Intek OHV engine
- * 42-in. cutting deck
- * Cutting height: 1 to 4 in.
- * Turning radius: 18 in.
- * Warranty: 2-yr.

For more on the above Best Buys, contact the manufacturers directly. See page 70.