

Remote-Controlled Tracked Mower

You can run this remote control mower from Summit Lawn Mower Co. with a handheld transmitter from up to 300 ft. away. The combination of weight, track drive and a low center of gravity makes it safe to mow the steepest hillsides, but it also handles conventional mowing chores. Best of all, the mowers are priced way under comparable European units. With optional remote video, it can even be operated from inside.

The tracks have treads only 3/8-in. deep, but they still get good traction with their 9 by 40-in. footprints.

Unlike other commercial grade remote control mowers that tend to be rough-cut mowers, the TRX-42 is a finish mower. The anti-scalp deck offers side discharge, bagging or mulching options. The 23 hp Kawasaki commercial engine (with oil pump)

is paired with a hydro-gear dual transmission and a 4-gal. fuel tank. The deck has height adjustments from 2 to 6 in. and can be equipped with optional remote hydraulic controls as well.

The transmitter has one joystick to control remote engine start/stop, while the other controls movement and direction. A toggle switch controls blade engagement, and a knob controls graduated choke on and off. Optional upgrades include remote on-board video, headlights and a snow blade attachment. The self-charging electrical system powers high torque, 6V electric motors for remote control functions.

Summit markets smaller remote control mowers. "Our mowers are designed for simplicity," says Wright. "If a problem develops with a component, it's easy to remove and



Remote-controlled tracked mower can be operated by a handheld transmitter from up to 300 ft. away. The low center of gravity makes it safe to use on steep hillsides.

replace. In the case of the remote control actuator for the deck lift, if it fails, you can still adjust the deck manually."

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Add A Zipline To Your Backyard

Ever thought of adding a zipline to your backyard? Backyard Ziplines can help, with kits starting at \$99.

"The majority of our customers buy it for their kids with the intent of using it themselves," says Ryan Olszewski, owner of the Portland, Ore., business. He says they have kits designed to handle up to a 350 lb. adult.

Made of stainless steel and galvanized materials that are rubber or powder coated, the parts are weather-resistant and made to last by a U.S. machining business that tests the parts for safety.

"The safety aspect is a good reason for buying from us. Not all parts are safe on a zipline," Olszewski says. "Some homemade ones use a rope and pulley, which shakes and can come apart. Rope has give and stretches so you can hit the ground."

Backyard Zipline kits come with or without cable, giving buyers the option of buying the cable (from 3/16-in. to 3/8-in.) locally.

While most kits are used in backyards, many go to camps and church groups. The company has custom-cut cable from 10 to 1,800 ft., including a few commercial ziplines.

Olszewski started his business with Backyard Playplaces and developed the zipline kits when he found there wasn't much available. The kits are available through the business's website.

Dealer inquiries are welcome.

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Kids and adults alike can have fun with the Backyard Zipline. The adult version includes 200 ft. of cable, a brake setup, and a handle and seat.

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