

The deck doesn't have any rollers so it scalps the lawn. I plan to trade it in for a Deere."

• "I'm well satisfied with my 1988 **Simplicity** 36-in. 12 hp mower," says Curtis D. Weaver, Sparta, N.C. "It's trouble-free and does a perfect job of mowing. Cuts corners very short."

• "I'm pleased with my 1992 **Murray** 12-38 mower," says Thomas Deringer, Wellston, Okla. "However, it should have a few grease fittings so it would be easier to maintain. I had to remove and replace the steering gear assembly within the first year, but it works fine now. I bought a Load Hog two-wheel trailer for it at Wal-Mart for \$88."

• "I like my **Deere** RX 75 mower, but if I were in the market I'd buy a Woods model because the deck is out in front where it's easy to service. It's too hard to get at a mower that's mounted under the tractor," says Elmo L. Sorrels, Williams, Minn.

• "It's very maneuverable which makes it quick and easy to get around things," says Raymond C. Cory, Wells, Minn., pleased with his 1985 **Dixon** ZTR 424 mower.

• "My 1987 **Deere** SX 75 mower is easy to operate and start and runs quiet," says Leo Frederick, Lisbon, Iowa. "The only problem is that it isn't easy to clean the grass out from the underside of the deck or to replace the blades. I keep the grass discharge shield folded up whenever I mow in areas away from buildings and people. This spreads the grass more evenly instead of leaving windrows of mowed grass."

• "It cuts twice as fast as our other mowers and leaves the lawn looking better," says Ernest Henning, Fertile, Iowa, about his 1990 **Schweiss** 6-ft. cut diesel mower. "We have three other brands of mowers - Deere, Massey, and Allis-Chalmers, but Schweiss is better than any of them. My only complaint is that the seat could be more comfortable," says Ernest Henning, Fertile, Iowa.

• E. Dale Fowell, Amherst, Ohio: "My 1979 **Deere** 212 mower is reliable and parts are readily available. It has variable speed drive and rides comfortably. The blade clutch sometimes sticks in the engaged position, but a little tap usually breaks it loose. I added a lift assist spring to make it easier to raise the mower. New models have hydrostatic drive and electric lift. I also added a light on each side for night work."

• "No complaints. It does a good job," says John G. Faulk, Jeffersonville, Ga., about

his 1991 **Deere** LX176 mower. "We have a very large yard. I bought this mower for my wife and it has done wonders for our marriage. She was using a Sears mower that was always in need of repair and we couldn't get parts for it. It's easy to get parts for this mower and it always starts right up."

• "My 1992 **Snapper** CV145 mower mows evenly and I like the hydrostatic transmission. However, the starter could work smoother. Sometimes when I try to start it, it acts as if the battery is low, then when I try it again it starts right up. Also, there should be something on it to hold the hood in place," says Mariann Lisowe, Malone, Wis.

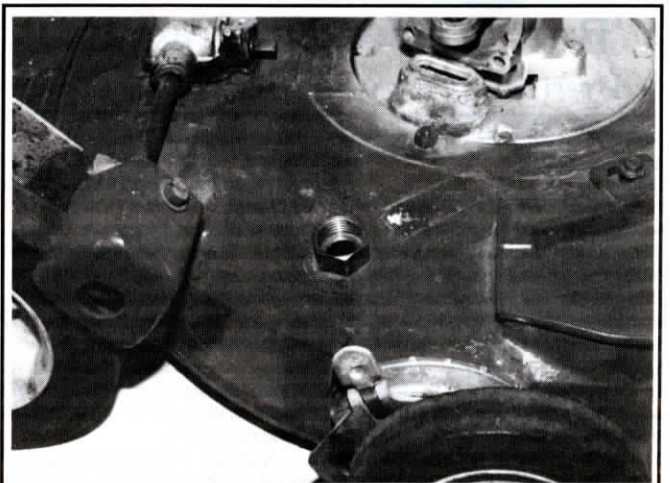
• Wayne Lanka, Palmer, Neb., is "completely satisfied" with his 1993 **Grasshopper** 616 mower equipped with a 48-in. deck. "The Briggs Vanguard 16 hp twin cylinder engine has plenty of power for

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farmstead mowing. My previous riding mower, a 38-in. Deere rear engine model equipped with a 12 1/2 hp Kawasaki engine, worked good, but the zero turning radius capability of the Grasshopper plus its ability to 'dump-on-the-fly' has cut my mowing time in half. Also, it's easy to clean under the deck and the grease zerks are easy to reach. It's loud, though. The combined noise of the grass blower and hydrostatic transmission has caused me to wear ear protection."

• "My **Kubota** 2400 4-WD mower does a good job of trimming around bushes and trees. However, there should be a differential between the front and rear wheels because when the 4-WD is engaged the tires often slide and tear up the lawn. It should also have a hand-operated control lever for the hydrostatic drive so that on big open areas my foot doesn't get so tired," says Eugene Adams, Sandwich, Ill.

• A.E. Reese, Rector, Ark., recently bought a 1993 **Sears** Craftsman II 14 hp mower equipped with a Kohler engine. "I like it, but it still can't replace the 25-year-old Deere 112 mower we just sold for 60%



Low-Cost "Deck Saver"

"It only cost \$4.75," says David Klaason, 12, inventor of this convenient, low-cost way to clean the underside of lawn mowers. David mounted a hose connection fitting on top of a mower deck. When he's finished mowing, he simply hooks a water hose to the connection to wash grass clipp-

ings and other debris from the underside of the deck with the blade turning.

David's clever idea earned him and his invention special recognition at the 1993 Minnesota Inventors Congress in Redwood Falls.

of purchase price. I don't think the new Deere mowers are built as well as the old ones. The clutch on this Sears mower is jumpy, cutting height adjustment is too complicated, and I don't like having the gearshift mounted on the fender. I also don't like the 2-blade deck on this model as well as the 3-blade deck that Deere offers on larger models. However, the larger models cost so much it would cost less to pour concrete over a small yard and paint it green."

• "I'm satisfied with my 1989 **Deere** 935 mower. It's a well-designed machine, easy to get on or off, easy to service, very fuel efficient, and has plenty of power. However, the mower deck doesn't raise evenly and the hydraulics are slow," says Fred Barsness, Kenyon, Minn.

• "I don't think I'll ever wear it out," says James H. Ruemmele, Hudson, Wis., pleased with his 1962 **Wheel Horse** Wheel Automatic 16 hp mower.

• Ron Neese, Lebanon, Ind., likes his 1989 **White** GT1855 50-in. mower. "Great dealer support. The deck is designed with high-lift blades which practically eliminate wheel tracks. The deck floats evenly and doesn't scalp. The hydrostatic pump and transaxle are reliable and require little maintenance. The drag links should be heat-treated for longer life. I made my own hitch for the 3-pt. to accommodate front tractor weights when using the snowblower or blade."

• "We're well-satisfied with our 1988 **Deere** 185 hydrostatic mower. We use it to mow three acres of hilly, rough yard and it just goes and goes. It mows very even and hardly uses any fuel. We haven't spent any money on it except for oil and filters," says Bill Moloney, Sidney, Ohio.

• "My 1987 **Simplicity** 4212 hydrostatic mower has worked very well. The only real problems so far have been a dead battery and a bad fuel filter," says Scott Pitz, New Vienna, Iowa.

• "We mounted a new-style high vacuum 46-in. deck on our 1980 **International** Cub Cadet 582 16 hp twin-cylinder mower equipped with a Briggs & Stratton engine. It gives the mower much more capacity and does a much nicer job of cutting," says Pete

Gilliland, Ludlow, Mo. "I'm very satisfied with the mower now. It's built strong, has a lot of power, and is dependable. I use it to mow three or four big yards every week and it just keeps going. We also use a snowblower and grass catcher with it."

• Jeff Snapp, Richmond, Mo., owns a **Lawn Chief** mower equipped with an 18 hp Briggs & Stratton engine. "I like the engine,

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but the mower deck is junk. It doesn't mow even and won't stay where I set it. The wiring diagram shows five safety switches, but I could find only two. I added a starter switch to override them."

• "Our **Deutz-Allis** 1918 Ultima mower requires little maintenance and has plenty of power to mow tall grass. It can really fly when I need to finish mowing before a storm hits. It has reduced mowing time from 6 hours to 2 hours. It does a nice job with little scalping and is stable on hillsides. However, it steered fairly hard so I added power steering. More of the weight should be distributed to the rear wheels because occasionally it'll spin out on wet grass or on hills. I wish it had tube-type tires on front. The deck is deep and well-constructed," says Walter Krosch, Blue Earth, Minn.

• Max Hartzler, West Liberty, Ohio, owns a 1986 **International** Cub Cadet 85 Special. "We had trouble with the wheel drive chain coming off. We added a spring-loaded brake to keep tension on the chain. We also rebuilt the transaxle. It works fine now."

• "I'm very satisfied with our 1993 **Grasshopper** 18 hp 52-in. mower," says James Wish, Bellefontaine, Ohio. "It's our second mower with the deck out front. The first one was a Woods. It's easy to operate and lets me mow fast around trees and other

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Front-Mount Mower Deck For Skid-Steer Loaders

Why tie up thousands of dollars in a self-propelled mower when you can do the same job by equipping your skid steer loader with a new Gras-Kat mower deck?

So says Midwest Mower, manufacturer of the new front mount deck for most makes of skid steers, including Bobcat, Deere, New Holland, Case, Gehl, Hesston, Prime Mover and others.

The new Gras-Kat cuts an even, smooth swath 59 in. wide through fine or mixed vegetation. Its two cutting blades (each 30 in. long) are belt driven by a high speed hydraulic motor powered by the skid steer's auxiliary hydraulics.

The deck, made of welded 10 gauge and heavier steel, floats with the loader's flotation system. It can be offset to track on the unmowed area by inserting attachment pins on the quick-a-tach plate. The side discharge chute can be temporarily



raised for "two-side" trimming. Sells for \$2500.

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