

A LOADER FOR THE TOUGHEST, HEAVIEST JOBS

EDITOR'S PICK



Hitachi's ZW550-6 wheel loader is designed for the heaviest applications, including tough rock and high volumes of dirt. The 104,000-pound loader runs on a 512-horsepower Isuzu engine that meets Tier 4 Final requirements with no diesel particulate filter and is designed to reduce fuel consumption. Operators can further save on fuel with auto-shutdown and the lockup transmission. A new Power Mode boosts engine rpms by 10 percent with the flip of a switch on the steering joystick for extra rimpull and breakout force when digging in heavy piles, as well as extra power for climbing steep grades with a full load, faster bucket lifts and faster acceleration on flat surfaces.



For handling those tall demo jobs

Volvo Construction Equipment's new EC750E HR excavator is designed for heavy-duty demolition, with a pin height of 118 feet. The new excavator is based on the EC750E but as a high-reach version – hence the "HR" in its name – for demolishing tall buildings and other applications where high reach is needed. It is the company's largest high-reach excavator model in North America. Volvo also designed the machine for versatility with extensions and different boom settings, so it can be used for standard digging operations when the additional reach is not needed.



Joystick mounted to the seat for comfort

Gehl has brought its largest radial-lift track loader and the newest addition to its Pilot Series, the RT255, to North America. The track loader features the industry's first seat-mounted joystick, the company says. The hydraulic pilot control joystick is designed to move with the seat to reduce operator fatigue, provide a smoother ride and give the operator more legroom. The RT255 runs on a 74.4-horsepower Deutz diesel engine, has an operating capacity of 2,550 pounds at 35 percent tipping load, and height to hinge pin of 10 feet 8 inches.