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Groundsmaster® 3500-D

For Precision Trimming on Rolling and Banked Surfaces

Only Toro has the decades of experience necessary to deliver another perfect combination of the features you want and need.

Our Groundsmaster® 3500-D, with Toro's exclusive Sidewinder™ cutting system, is a revolutionary advancement in rotary mowers. Now you can get a championship-quality cut from a rotary product in trim applications on undulating terrain—with virtually no scalping.

That's because the Groundsmaster 3500-D features Toro's exclusive Contour™ Plus cutting technology, with free-floating decks that follow the shape of the ground. It also has special air inlets to keep the grass standing tall for the cleanest possible cut. And the Sidewinder system gives you the ability to slide the

decks 12" (30.5 cm) to either side for varied tire tracking and to trim bunkers while keeping traction wheels away from the edge.

Scores Big with Superintendents

Introduced in late 2000, the Groundsmaster 3500 is quickly winning fans among superintendents.

"It's just a far superior piece of equipment than anything else that is out there," says Cindy Johnson, superintendent of the 27-hole Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

"We saw it at a demo, a field day. That was when we knew we really want

ed it," Johnson explains. "It did such a superb job."

The Contour Plus cutting system in the 3500—with three independently floating 27" decks—is ideal for trimming on all sorts of rolling or banked surfaces, even the most challenging berms and mounds. Its patented Series/Parallel full-time 3-wheel drive system also gives the Groundsmaster 3500 excellent traction with minimized spinout.

"It can climb on hills and everything," says Johnson. "We use it on all of our tee banks, green sides and bunker banks."

Another experienced superintendent who's discovered the advantages of the Toro Groundsmaster 3500 is Max Morgan. He is responsible for 54 holes on three courses at the Myrtle Beach



The Contour Plus rotary decks on the Groundsmaster 3500-D make it ideal for precision trimming applications around bunkers and banks.



National Golf Club in South Carolina.

“The mower is extremely maneuverable,” Morgan says. “My guys feel it climbs around the hills better than any other mower we have had out here.”

The premium course of the three at Morgan’s club—known as “Kings North”—was redesigned a few years ago by Arnold Palmer. It’s now particularly well-suited for the versatile 3500 mower.

“It’s very hilly compared to my other two courses,” says Morgan. “When they renovated it, they put in lots of mounds, hills and bunkers. There are 39 bunkers on the last hole alone.”

That’s no problem for the 3500. Its floating decks articulate and adapt to the surfaces of bunkers and green or tee sur-

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rounds, hugging them evenly for a consistent cut.

“I think the biggest advantage of this mower is that it doesn’t scalp,” Morgan adds. “It’s remarkable how it doesn’t scalp. *You can’t get it to scalp.*”

Productivity Plus

Beyond superior trimming and outstanding maneuverability, the Groundsmaster 3500 contributes more improvements in both user productivity and course appearance.

The Groundsmaster 3500 is powered by a 35-hp, turbo-charged Kubota diesel engine, and delivers lots of hard-working performance. “It cut down the mowing time significantly,” Johnson says. “We can definitely mow many more holes in a day with the 3500.”

Jeff Holmes, CGCS and golf course manager at Egypt Valley Country Club,

Grand Rapids, Michigan, ordered a pair of new 3500s and put them to work on his 36-hole course. “The two units handle what it took three mowers to do before,” Holmes says. “We probably cut a quarter off our labor time, eliminated a unit and increased the quality of cut with the Groundsmaster 3500s.”

Holmes uses the rotary mowers around the elevated tee complexes, green bank complexes and sand bunkers that are incorporated into the Arthur Hills designed course. “We also use them in sloping shaded areas,” he adds. “The turf there is a little weaker and tender throughout the year. We find that when we use the lighter mower with the deck that shifts back and forth, we’re not running in the same wheel tracks all the time,” Holmes reports. “It eases the wear and tear and that results in healthier turf.”

The unique Sidewinder feature lets you slide the cutting decks off center in either direction to modify your mowing patterns. “Week to week you don’t go in the same wheel tracks, so your pattern is moved,” Johnson adds. “That’s a great feature.”

The Groundsmaster 3500 even provides effortless, top-quality striping as you mow, thanks to built-in rear rollers on each deck. “We can do crisscross patterns or nice long lines,” Holmes reports.

Other handy features include a modified discharge opening for more even clipping dispersal, and an optional



Above: King’s North at Myrtle Beach National Golf Club in South Carolina is a challenging Arnold Palmer-designed course with many bunkers. Those special mowing needs are nicely handled by the Groundsmaster 3500-D.



Jeff Holmes at Egypt Valley Country Club, Grand Rapids, Michigan, uses two 3500s to maintain 36 holes.

mulching kit. Operator comfort is enhanced with power steering, tilting steering wheel, adjustable seat and easy-to-use controls.

Of course, every Groundsmaster 3500 represents top-line Toro quality of dependability and workmanship.

“The guys that ride it all the time like it; they like it a lot. And the mechanics are much happier,” says Morgan. “Morale around here went up dramatically when we got Toro equipment.”

All things considered, the Toro Groundsmaster 3500-D is taking precision cutting to a whole new level... especially on ground that isn’t. ■