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## **Visions for Perfect Lawn Care**

### **Every Detail of the GUTBROD "VISION L-Series" Lawn Tractors is Carefully Thought Out**

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**A complete success, Rating: "Invaluable". Actually, there is not much more to say about the "VISION L-Series". When GUTBROD presents a machine for gardening work, the gardener can be sure he is getting a highly sophisticated, comfortable and durable product - and this applies to every single model. However, the VISION L-Series offers the gardening fan even more: that special something.**

### **The GUTBROD-VISION L-Series: State-of-the-Art and More**

It can be said without exaggeration that the "VISION L-Series"-tractors unite all of the comfort and performance characteristics considered today as state-of-the-art in lawn tractor construction. The following short profile will however limit itself to the most fundamental.

The technology: a smooth, high-performance, two-cylinder, four-stroke engine from Kawasaki is the heart of the machine. The tractors are exclusively equipped with first-class AutoDrive™ or hydrostatic transmissions that guarantee a smooth and comfortable driving experience. The pivoting, cast-iron front axle helps the wheels adapt to the landscape, even on bumpy and rough areas and keep contact with the ground. In addition, the greasable axle-pivots make steering especially smooth-running. Another special feature is the so-called FastAttach™-system. With it, you can attach and detach selected machine components such as for example, the deck and attachments such as dump carts, lawn rollers or dozer blades within minutes and without tools, which saves a lot of time and money.

Two blades that rotate in opposite directions are positioned offset in the deck so that they cannot bump into each other. This helps you to achieve a perfect cut. After your work is done, you can attach a garden hose to the specially-formed deck wash nozzle for quick and easy cleaning without dismantling the deck. The height of the cutting deck can be adjusted with one hand.

The greasable, ball bearing wheels are especially gentle to your lawn thanks to their wide contact surface and special profile - and speaking of being gentle to your lawn: the floating deck with “antiscalp” guide rolls also contributes to preventing damage to your lawn and gives you a perfect cut by keeping the cutting height constant.

And on the topic of comfort: a soft-grip steering wheel, high-backed seat, step-through frame for easy getting on and off and a glove compartment with an integrated 12-volt power outlet, as well as a front bumper and a battery charger are standard in all “VISION L-Series” rear-discharge tractors. You can easily empty the collection bag on the rear discharge tractor from your seat and a break-proof bag-full indicator with an acoustic signal warns you when the collection bag needs to be emptied. The cruise control allows you to mow your lawn at a constant travelling speed. A mulch kit and deflector are standard for all side discharge lawn tractors.

### **Safety: MTD Philosophy**

Safety has top priority and is the credo of all MTD’s brand developments. Thus for example, a tractor can only start when the deck is decoupled. This means that the deck and machine stop as soon as the driver leaves his seat. The deck also stops when you accidentally go into reverse gear. You can however, select the “cut in reverse”-mode in most models with the safety switch OCR (“Operator Controlled Reverse”). And another safety plus: two stable hooks keep the collection box locked on the rear discharge tractor, even on slopes.

“VISION L-Series” GUTBROD tractors are available exclusively in specialized stores where you will also receive competent advice with regard to accessories, maintenance and financing.





#### **About MTD Products AG**

The MTD Products AG in Saarbrücken-Bübingen is the European headquarters of MTD Inc. in Cleveland Ohio (USA). It was founded after the takeover of the traditional German manufacturer GUTBROD by MTD in 1996. MTD has over 20 production and sales locations worldwide and approximately 10,000 employees. According to market shares, the company is one of the top 10 manufacturers of motorized gardening equipment worldwide.

MTD's European sales offices are located in Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland and Poland. All of the other European markets are covered by sales partners and importers.

In Europe, MTD's portfolio comprises the brands MTD, Bolens, GUTBROD, Yard-Man and Cub Cadet. Some of the products in their program are electric and petrol mowers, verticutters, lawn tractors, compact - tractors, ride-on mowers, garden shredders, brushcutters, tillers, snowthrowers and quads. European production is located in Saarbrücken-Bübingen (Germany) and Nemesvamos (Hungary).