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Finishing Power

With blade sizes ranging from 24 to 48 inches and engines offering 34 to 60 hp, these machines offer the versatility to handle a number of finishing applications.

A. Size and engine choices

Stone Smooth Operator power trowels are available in 24-, 36-, 46-, and 48-in. diameters and balanced with a cast-iron spider, rotating stabilizing ring, and variable blade adjustments. All machines are available with a choice of engine: Honda, Briggs, Robin, or Wisconsin. The Dyna-Clutch system stops the blade from rotating without turning off the trowel. A shock-mounted ring reduces vibration and chatter for increased operator comfort. Finish or combination blades are available. Stone Construction Equipment Inc. 800-888-9926. www.stone-equip.com.

B. All-hydraulic operation

This hydraulic-powered riding trowel includes a 60-hp Cummins Turbo Diesel engine, low weight-to-horsepower ratio, and reliable hydraulic components for peak performance. The HDX 740 comes standard with joystick power steering with independent hydraulic blade pitch control, six-bladed spider for uniform blade and pan coverage, and powered spray system for retardant application. For operator comfort, the seat and arm rests are adjustable and the foot pedals raise. Dolly jack transport wheels are optional. Allen Engineering Corp. 800-643-0095. www.alleneng.com.

C. Three engine options

The three models in the expanded CRT 48 ride-on trowel series feature improved steering, a torsion-assist steering system, and an engineered clutch and belt specifically designed for durability. Within the CRT series, three engine options are available: 34-hp liquid-cooled Vanguard engine, 35-hp air-cooled value Vanguard engine, or four-cylinder 35-hp liquid cooled diesel engine. Speeds on the 48-in. trowel range from 20 to 165 rpm. Wacker Neuson Corp. 800-770-0957. www.wackerneuson.com. **CC**



Blades for any application

The company's line of trowel blades meets a variety of project needs. Finish blades are available in two sizes: 6x14 and 6x18 in. For float and finish operations, combo blades come in 4¾x9-, 8x14-, and 8x18-in. sizes. Float blades, available in 10x14- and 10x18-in., create uniform and level surfaces. All blades fit standard trowels. Stens Corp. 800-457-7444. www.stens.com.

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