

Kobelco's New Tier-3 SK260LC Acera Mark 8 Excavator

The new SK260LC Acera Mark 8 hydraulic excavator from Kobelco Construction Machinery America Co. Ltd. features intelligent technology that provides precision control for fine grading and leveling applications. The SK260LC also delivers more horsepower, improved hydraulic flow and an impressive combination of bucket force, swing torque and drawbar pull forces.

Powered by a 181-hp turbocharged fuel-injected engine that is Tier-3 certified, the SK260LC has an operating weight of 57,300 lbs, digs to 23 ft and provides a maximum reach of 33 ft, 3 in. at ground line.

The SK260LC features an industry-exclusive Intelligent Total Control System (ITCS) that recognizes the operator's moves and provides smooth hydraulic response. The auto-acceleration system increases engine rpms and hydraulic flow in proportion to the operator's movement of the control levers, resulting in even acceleration for precise operations. To extend engine life and reduce fuel costs, the auto-deceleration system reduces engine rpms after four seconds of operator inactivity.

The new excavator features a power mode system with four power modes to match the operator's specific work operations. The power boost system provides 10 percent more power on command for increased bucket breakout force, without time limitations. The new excavator also provides outstanding drawbar pull force –



with a 3,400 lb increase – giving the operator confidence to climb a grade under heavy load. A spacious cab combines complete operational control, maximum comfort, easy egress, progressive hydraulic acceleration and a clear view of the worksite for optimum performance. A seven-position suspension seat can be adjusted to fit the comfort requirements of nearly every operator for exceptional personal comfort.

Online: www.kobelcoamerica.com

The Pickup Pack from Highway Products

Highway Products Inc. has introduced 2008 Pickup Pack, a unique work truck storage system for contractors that combines lockup security, maximum storage and is built to last. Pack includes different storage compartments, a center hatch, and a removable ladder rack. The pack is available with the Gorilla Slide, truck bed slide-out cargo tray that holds up to 2,000 lbs slides your cargo out of the truck bed fast and easy.

Online: www.highwayproducts.com



Pipe Thread Grinding from Rex-Cut

Rex-Cut Products Inc. features a line of Type-1 cotton-fiber wheels for removing thread-root corrosion and grinding out cracks to help assure pipe connection integrity. Wheels are made from multiple layers of non-woven cotton fabric and either aluminum oxide or silicon carbide abrasives which are laminated, pressed



and bonded together. Providing an effective way to remove thread-root corrosion and grind-out cracks using a high-speed grinder, they will not change the thread geometry. Available in two styles: A54GFX soft bond for cleaning and finishing threads and A54MTX hard bond for grinding-out cracks, Rex-Cut Type 1 Wheels for pipe thread grinding are offered with coarse, medium, fine and very fine grain sizes.

Online: www.rexcut.com