



News Release

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Introducing Four New Gehl Mid-Size Excavators, including exciting new Zero-Tail-Swing Models

Gehl Company is pleased to announce the new 503Z, 603, 753Z and 803 excavator models. These exciting new machines include zero-tail-swing and short-tail-swing models in 5-, 6-, 7- and 8-metric ton classes. The new zero-tail-swing models, the 503Z and 753Z, offer features that make them unique, and the best in the industry. They offer the same heavy-duty construction and smooth operating hydraulic systems that Gehl customers have become accustomed to, and also feature operator's compartments that are *larger* than the standard models they replace.

The zero-tail-swing concept allows the superstructure to rotate entirely within the dimensions of the tracks without any overhang. This enables the machine to operate close to walls without risk of contact, and operate on congested sites without fear of obstructing traffic.

Most manufacturers have compromised operator space and engine and hydraulic system serviceability in designing their zero-tail-swing excavators. The new Gehl excavator's side-mounted engine and tilting cab actually enhance service access and operator space. The Gehl zero-tail-swing and short-tail-swing models have one of the largest and best ergonomic cabs in the industry.

The 603 and 803 short-tail-swing models are designed in a similar manner to the zero-tail-swing units, but with an emphasis on increased stability, greater lifting capacity and more engine and hydraulic power than our previous excavator models. The overhang on these models has been reduced by approximately 29% on the 603 and 22% on the 803 compared to previous models. All models include optional air conditioning packages.

Gehl New Compact Excavators

All four new excavators are equipped with Yanmar TNV Series Tier II diesel engines, which range from 47 to 69 gross hp (35.4 to 51.1 kW). These powerful engines are completely isolated from the operator's compartment to minimize high temperatures and noise in the cab. Because the engine is located on the side of the excavator, the cabs are more spacious than other zero-tail-swing and short-tail-swing excavator models.

The cab is ergonomically built with an adjustable seat headrest and armrests, to accommodate the operator with the optimum height and position. The cab has a redesigned dashboard with all controls and indicators within the operator's direct field of vision. Ample legroom and a comfortable operator's seat provide for operator comfort and increased productivity. The four new excavators are also equipped with an automatic two-speed transmission. All models offer optional air conditioning packages.

State-of-the-art two-way auxiliary hydraulic systems with flat-faced couplers are standard on the new Gehl excavators. The excavators have large depressurized return lines fitted to the dipper stick, for use with hydraulic hammers. Large-diameter hardened steel pins with replaceable bushings, powerful cylinders and well-protected hose installations, and reinforced, welded-in steel castings are additional features that combine to make the new Gehl zero-tail-swing and short-tail-swing excavators the best in the industry.

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