

RJW Machinery: Outfront Mower Guide

When choosing an outfront ride on mower it is important to select the most suitable machine for your requirements. RJW has therefore provided a buyers' guide to help with your decision.

Road registration: Commercial machinery used throughout the year often requires road registration, complete with requisite road lighting kit applications. Whilst mowers for private use are less likely to require road registration and road lighting kits, you may like to consider them as an option.

Fuel; petrol or diesel? Petrol mowers are often less expensive to buy but more costly to run and are widely available in the domestic market. Conversely, diesel mowers are more expensive to buy but less costly to run and are widely available in the commercial market.



Flail head: Flail heads offer excellent versatility whilst maintaining impressive cut standards. Despite being better suited to tougher terrains than their belt driven rotary counterparts, flail heads remain capable of delivering a professional striped finish.

Rear discharge rotary cutter deck: Available in both 60" and 72" cutting widths, rear discharge decks can adapt to a variety of grass conditions and therefore offer greater versatility than side discharge decks. Consequently, rear discharge decks are the most popular outfront rotary units available.



Rollover protective structure (ROPS): Health and safety is paramount, not least when operating plant and groundcare machinery, and so all outfront mowers used in commercial environments should come fitted with ROPS to increase operator safety.

Engine and transmission: Power units differ in HP capacity so as to achieve a variety of output requirements. Most power units are fitted with hydrostatic transmission (HST) for a more user-friendly drive, whilst some are available with manual transmission if preferred.



Side discharge rotary cutter deck: Most suited for dry grass cutting and therefore fairer weather conditions, side discharge decks require a more considered approach. Operator's should be mindful of cut discharge and ground speed to ensure an optimum cut.

Landscape: Whilst well suited to large cutting areas, outfronts also offer good manoeuvrability, often enhanced by power assisted steering. 2wd power units are ideal for flatter landscapes whereas 4wd units are better suited to uneven, hilly terrains requiring greater versatility and power output.