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New Takeuchi TB257FR Compact Excavator: Power and Stability Foundation for Impressive Performance



The TB257FR compact hydraulic excavator features a patented, side-to-side offset boom combined with tight tail swing, enabling it to rotate fully with minimal overhang.

The TB257FR features an operating weight of 12,765 lb., a dig depth of 12' 9.3", maximum reach of 20' 4.7", bucket breakout force of 10,431 lb. This compact workhorse provides excellent working range and performance. The side-to-side boom feature enables the TB257FR to dig offset to the right or left

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sides without needing to reposition the machine. In addition, this feature allows more of the counterweight to remain in line with the center of the machine which greatly enhances stability and safety. An additional advantage of this system is the boom's ability to be stowed over center, which allows the TB257FR to perform a full rotation almost entirely within the width of the tracks. As a result, the TB257FR is ideal for working in a variety of confined job sites including road

and bridge work, city streets, and between buildings.

Powered by a Kubota V2403-CR-TE5B turbocharged, diesel engine delivering 52.3 hp and 141.5 ft-lb of torque, the TB257FR delivers exceptional power and efficiency. A DOC and DPF exhaust after-treatment system ensures compliance with current EPA emissions standards and promotes environmentally-friendly operation.

An available cab for the TB257FR provides an automotive-styled interior equipped with A/C, heat, defrost, windshield wiper and washer, skylight with sunshade, AM/FM/MP3 Bluetooth radio, and a high-back suspension seat with head rest. The cabin of the TB257FR is designed specifically to minimize fatigue and keep the operator comfortable throughout the workday.

"We're excited to bring the Takeuchi TB257FR to Ohio customers and jobsites" said Jason Crain, vice president of sales for Columbus Equipment Company. "Takeuchi's commitment to innovation and advancing technology is evident in the TB257FR. The offset boom will mean greater working versatility onsite. The low center of gravity and counterweight placement creates an extremely stable platform with lifting capabilities similar to that of a conventional machine."

To demo Takeuchi's newest addition to its compact excavator lineup, contact your local Columbus Equipment Company representative ... and put the TB257FR's power, technology and reliability to work for you!



New Kubota U48-5 Compact Excavator: **Brains and Brawn, Power Backed by Tech-Forward Features**



Kubota's new U48-5 compact excavator is a brand new, tight-tail-swing model that builds upon Kubota's U Series. The powerful, 5 ton, technology-forward machine is packed with advanced features that deliver superior performance, enhanced comfort, and tech options for ultimate operator customization to meet every need and tackle every job.

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“The U48-5 gives Columbus Equipment Company customers unique flexibility in the field,” said Jason Crain, vice president of sales for Columbus Equipment Company. “The U48-5 matches the power of a conventional tail swing while being housed in a tight tail configuration. It's perfectly suited for a wide range of jobs and applications.”

A technology-packed cabin space is the hub of smart, instinctive functionality right at the operator's fingertips. A full-digital, full-color, 7-inch LCD screen with intuitive and easy-to-use jog dial provides single-glance access to various functions such as AUX flow adjustment and important maintenance functions.

The new U48-5 comes with 11,057 pounds of operating weight heft, 40 gross horsepower, a working range that includes a max digging depth of 10' 8", and an impressive bucket breakout force of 9,304 lbs.

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Enhanced features and operator-comfort features include an optional keyless start, where the engine can be started with a four-digit code and holds up to 10 user passwords for easy start and anti-theft functionality. A larger, redesigned cab with improved operator visibility is central to the U48-5 now incorporates greater head and foot space. Expanded front glass also boosts visibility, as does a skylight and left and right windows. The newly-designed cab, along with a thickened floor plate and a metal partition between the engine and the cab also result in significant, cabin noise reduction.

A new optional air-ride suspension seat and standard LED working lights with shut-off delay to aid the operator in safely exiting the machine at dusk or dark are improved comfort features.

Kubota's U48-5 compact excavator is an impressive package. If orange is your preference, this machine is a likely addition to your productive fleet, small or large. Contact your local representative for a test dig today!



Eaton Plumbing: Founded In 1974, Team Approach Continues To Pay Dividends



Eaton Plumbing Foreman Jeff Combs—seen opposite and above operating a Takeuchi TB235-2 excavator at Epcon Communities' The Courtyards at Clear Creek development north of Columbus, Ohio—has been with the company 12 years. From experience, he finds Takeuchi's power, comfort and versatility superior to competitive brands.

Max Eaton, the second-generation owner of Eaton Plumbing, is more than willing to give credit where credit is due for the company's success. First off, there's his father—company founder John (Jack) Eaton—who started the company in the family garage in Westerville in 1974. Jack grew the company to nearly 60 employees specializing in residential plumbing, both new construction and residential service.

The second place where Eaton gives credit is the company's employees. "They have a great work ethic, and our contractors know that," he said. "I can sell stuff, but if the team can't do it, it doesn't matter. We don't operate like a lot of companies that have managers who drive around all day. Our management team are all field-working guys. We want everyone to hold each other accountable."

To make sure employees are happy, the company allows crew members to switch roles "from slab-on-grade to doing service or working in custom homes. We don't want anyone to feel stuck in a position," he added.

Eaton Plumbing primarily works in the greater Columbus area, currently a booming market, Eaton noted. Recent projects include a 120-unit apartment complex in Pataskala, where crews did everything from underground sewer and water lines to finishing out the plumbing in each apartment.

The company also works in new home subdivisions for builders such as D.R. Horton, Ryan Homes and Epcon Communities. Eaton assigns dedicated crews to each builder so "it's not a learning curve. Every builder has its own quirks on how they like to see things done," and crews that work with the builder day in and day out can best meet those expectations, Eaton explained.

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Max Eaton; Owner, Eaton Plumbing

Meeting and exceeding expectations is kind of a theme at Eaton Plumbing, and that's the reason the company counts on Takeuchi compact equipment from Columbus Equipment Company. Eaton knows Takeuchis always perform as expected. Currently, the company owns TB235-B and TB240 compact excavators and a TL6CR track loader.

"We buy them because they are reliable and



durable,” Eaton said. How durable? Eaton gave the first Takeuchi the company bought in the late 90s to a diesel mechanic friend because it needed repairs. “He got it running and it still runs today.”

Eaton believes Takeuchi makes “the best mini excavators on the market. They’re also powerful. We’ve rented numerous pieces of equipment when we’re busy, and if we end up with a different brand, our operators get so frustrated because the performance is nowhere near what it is with our Takeuchi equipment.”

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“I haven’t seen the issues I’ve heard of with other machines,” he added. So replacing an old Takeuchi with a new one is “a no-brainer,” in his opinion.

He also credits Columbus Equipment Company with providing excellent service in maintaining the equipment. His crews can handle basic maintenance, but Eaton doesn’t employ a mechanic. “If it’s an issue with the engine or something, it’s not worth our time to try and fix it. I’d rather call Columbus Equipment Company.”

He appreciates the dealership’s field service option so that he doesn’t always have to take the equipment in for service. “Some of our machines dig five days a week. Time is money when they’re down.”

Columbus Equipment Company sales rep Cory VanHouten has always been very helpful, Eaton

added. “His response to anything we need has always been exemplary.”

Max Eaton didn’t always intend to work for the family business. After graduating college, he worked in Cincinnati for a few years before asking his father if he could join the company. Jack started Max as an apprentice plumber working in the field.

“I hated it,” Max recalled, but he realizes the experience was valuable. “I couldn’t do my job today if I didn’t have that experience. I’m not asking anyone to do anything I haven’t done.”



Foreman Jeff Combs marks dig lines at The Courtyards at Clear Creek development in Delaware, Ohio.

In 2018, he bought the company from his father, who officially retired. It took a while for some people to adjust to the change, he said, but “luckily we had the right team with us to forge the future.” As a result, the company has grown substantially in the last few years.

Looking forward, Eaton expects the company to continue to grow. “Our future and growth can be as high as our management team wants to take it. We want to take on new work and continue to be a factor in the Columbus market,” he said.

Then he spread the credit around. “Our guys take pride in performing at a high level. The biggest thing is that it’s all about the guys doing the work. Without them, we’re nothing.”



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