



Kubota RTV-XG850 Sidekick: Workhorse Geared Up for The Workplace



Kubota's new gas-powered Sidekick is more than a utility vehicle. It's a rough terrain vehicle designed to work in varying applications, including construction. With the ability to haul half a ton of cargo or to tow up to a ton on flat ground (and 1,550 lbs. on hills,) the Sidekick is a nimble and cost-effective alternative to pickup trucks on the job site.

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Officially known as the RTV-XG850 Sidekick, this utility vehicle is equipped with a 48-hp Subaru gas engine* that quickly accelerates to 40 mph. In fact, the Sidekick can travel more than 10 mph faster than the other RTVs in Kubota's lineup.

Technology that helps generate faster speeds and added capacity include:

- a continuously-variable transmission with centrifugal clutch for smoother acceleration, stable engine braking, and longer life for the clutch and drive belt.
- electronic power steering for better response and control at high speeds.
- enhanced suspension to distribute the payload more evenly and provide greater stability.

In a drive on the test track, Equipment World found the vehicle had smooth, quick acceleration and handled well when driving down an incline.

Kubota has also released 50 new accessories for the Sidekick, with many accessories specifically for a work vehicle. Options include a toolbox for the bed, cargo bed rail, bed extension, and an electric hydraulic bed lift. All the accessories are designed for easy installation. A snowplow attachment is also available for the RTV.

Standard equipment includes under-seat storage compartments, dumping cargo box, and the ability to quickly change from 2WD to 4WD.

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New Takeuchi TB250-2 Compact Excavator **Superior Multi-Function Capability**



Takeuchi's new TB250-2 excavator is a true 5-ton excavator that provides multifunction capability for applications such as landscaping, general contracting and rental.

Weighing in at just under 11,000 pounds with a canopy, or 11,288 pounds with a cab, the TB250 has a four-pump hydraulic system to power multiple attachments.

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Mike Ross; Director of Product, Takeuchi

"It's a closed, pressurized system that really keeps all the dirt, moisture and other contaminants out and extends the overall life of the hydraulics. The functionality you get with the four-pump system allows you to perform several different functions at the same time," noted Mike Ross, Takeuchi director of product.

The high flow range is 24.2 gallons per minute, one of the highest hydraulic capacities in this size range.

"Most competitors in that size are going to be around 18 to 20 gallons," Ross added.

This conventional tail-swing excavator is designed for durability, with all-steel construction that will make it a long-lasting addition to your fleet. The wraparound counterweight protects key engine and hydraulic components from damage and adds excellent stability to the TB250.

The spacious automotive-style interior with a high-capacity HVAC system keeps operators comfortable and productive throughout a long shift. Operators can track machine performance and vital stats with a large, multifunction monitor.

The top glass with sunshade improves visibility when the operator is loading trucks or working around overhead obstacles like power lines, and the sunshade reduces glare in the cab.

The TB250-2 is designed for easy maintenance too. The large hoods on the side and back open overhead, making it easy to reach daily inspection points, the battery, and control valves.

Need a compact excavator with superior multifunction capability? Talk to your Columbus Equipment Company sales rep about the Takeuchi TB250-2 today.



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Kinnison Excavating Inc.: Hard Work, and Hard Working Takeuchi Equipment Pay Off



Kinnison Excavating pipe layer, Ben Linebagh, onsite in Piqua, Ohio with the company's Takeuchi TB290 excavator. The Skinner Painting project involved moving 5,000 yds. of dirt, building a detention basin and nine building pads, and installing 1,500 ft. of 12" and 18" storm sewer.

Dave Kinnison has a reputation for working hard—so hard that his wife Cheryl suggested he start his own company rather that put in so much effort for someone else.

He started Kinnison Excavating Inc. in 1994, bringing on six guys from the sewer crew of his former employer. Ultimately, the former employer went out of business and Kinnison took over the work they could no longer perform.

"The TB290 is twice as fast as any other small excavator we have, so we can get the work done faster."

Dave Kinnison; President, Kinnison Excavating Inc.

A few years later, Kinnison Excavating became a union shop to get better projects subcontracting for bigger companies. The company has contracted with many of the biggest names in Ohio construction, including R.B. Jergens, John R. Jurgensen, The Ruhlin Company and Miller Brothers out of Archbold.

Kinnison Excavating is a water and sewer contractor that installs about 50,000 feet of pipe each

year, usually working within 100 miles of Dayton. The company specializes in deep pipes, generally those that are at least 20 feet deep. "That specialty gets us a lot of contracts. If the pipe is very large or very deep, people call us," Kinnison said.

For example, the company recently completed a \$2-million contract to replace sanitary sewer pumping stations in Piqua, Ohio, putting in four new sewage pump stations. "The shallowest was 16 feet deep and the deepest was 35 feet. It also included a 24-foot deep gravity flow sewer," he noted. The project took about 10 months.

Kinnison has been a Columbus Equipment Company customer since he opened his business, but he didn't have any experience with Takeuchi equipment until a few years ago. At that time, he had a water and sewer job in Miami County, laying 15,000 feet of 8-inch sanitary main, 15,000 feet of 8-inch water main and hooking up 350 houses to the system. "We had to go into the back yards to hook the houses up to the sewer," he explained, so he needed some compact equipment.

He purchased a Takeuchi TL8 compact track loader and a TB260 excavator for that project. They performed so well, he soon bought a TB290 excavator, too. All three pieces are fast and versatile, he said.

"We use the TL8 to feed backfill in tight areas and

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Kinnison's crew has been very satisfied with its Takeuchi equipment. The combination of dependable equipment with the crew's expertise and experience is a winning combination. (Left to right:) President Dave Kinnison, Operator Dylan Kinnison, Pipe Layer Andrew Bockrath, Pipe Layer Ben Linebagh, Foreman/Operator Chris Waddle and Operator Rodney Pettit.

to feed gravel to the sewer bedding box," Kinnison said. "It's an extremely efficient machine." He also likes the design of the front window in the TL8, which retracts back, allowing the operator to run the machine with or without the window.

The compact excavators are also fast. "The TB290 is twice as fast as any other small excavator we have, so we can get the work done faster," the contractor said.

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Dave Kinnison; President, Kinnison Excavating Inc.

He and his crew members also like the roomy cab in the Takeuchi excavators. "Takeuchi has the biggest cabs of any small excavator on the market, and it's easy for us to get in and out of them." Kinnison estimates the average size of his crew members is 6 feet tall and 225 pounds, which can make the typical compact excavator seem confining.

In addition to their excellent performance on the job, the Takeuchis are easy to maintain, which cuts the cost of ownership. From the hydraulics to the filters, everything is easily accessible and easy to work on, Kinnison said. "Because of that, our service mechanics like working on the Takeuchi machines."

Other than routine maintenance, however, there hasn't been much need for repair work on the machines. "The Taks perform great," Kinnison said. "We haven't had any problems since we purchased them."

Kinnison has purchased about 25 pieces of equipment from Columbus Equipment Company since

he started his business, and he has been happy with the service he gets from Mike Early, his sales representative, and from the parts and service departments.

For instance, "when the injection pump on an excavator failed, Columbus Equipment was here within two hours to look at it." When technicians realized they'd have to replace the pump, Columbus Equipment Company arranged for a loaner excavator and fixed Kinnison's machine under warranty.



"Mike Early makes sure you get what you need to prevent downtime," Kinnison added. "If we need a loaner, he just says come and get it and we'll worry about it later. Other dealers don't have that kind of service ability and equipment on hand."

"Parts availability is excellent, too," he observed. "I can't remember the last time I had to wait for a part."

After suggesting Dave start his own company, Cheryl Kinnison has done her part by handling the company's books and helping manage company operations. Their four children also work in the family business. Son Dylan is an operator and daughters Megan, Amber and Sieria are laborers.

"Columbus Equipment Company really helped me to get where I am today," Kinnison said

Thanks, Dave, but we think Kinnison Excavating is a perfect example of how hard work—and hard-working equipment—can pay off.



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