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## Takeuchi TL8R2 Compact Track Loader: Loaded ... So You Can Focus on the Job at Hand



If you're in the market for a versatile, well-balanced compact track loader for a variety of applications, take a look at Takeuchi's TL8R2. This CTL is the redesigned version of the TL8R, offering a more comfortable operator station and easy serviceability.

**"The radial design gives it greater mid-height reach than a vertical lift design, making the TL8R2 an excellent choice for landscaping and grading applications."**

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The TL8R2 has a radial lift boom design with 6,200 pounds of bucket breakout force. "The radial design gives it greater mid-height reach than a vertical lift design, making the TL8R2 an excellent choice for landscaping and grading applications," noted Jason Crain, general sales manager for Columbus Equipment Company.

The new operator's station helps reduce operator fatigue, resulting in higher productivity. Comfort features like an adjustable suspension seat, flat floor with footrests, and low-effort controls help workers to

stay focused on the job at hand.

Cab models have a standard hydraulic quick-attach so operators can change attachments without exiting the machine.

The CTL's outstanding visibility also increases operator productivity and safety. A sloped rear deck, standard rear view camera, large rear window, and lowered front crossmember provide the operator with a nearly unobstructed view of the jobsite. Standard front and rear LED work lights aid visibility for night work.

The TL8R2 is equipped with a 74-hp engine that produces 192 ft-lb of torque. The standard hydraulic auxiliary circuit has a maximum flow of 19.3 gpm. Takeuchi also offers an optional High-Flow package that provides a 33.8 gpm auxiliary flow.

Machines with the high-flow configuration also have a new Creep Mode that allows you to adjust the travel speed when using an attachment like a trencher or cold planer. Simply dial in the desired speed, and the CTL will maintain that pace.

The TL8R2 is designed for long life and easy serviceability. The heavy-duty rear door provides access to the cooling module and daily inspection points. When closed, the door is lockable for theft prevention.

Talk to your Columbus Equipment Company rep today to determine how the new TL8R2 can serve your jobsite needs.



## Kubota KX057-5/U55-5 Compact Excavators: **Next-Gen Tech and Tools for Today's Operator**



Kubota has introduced the next generation Dash-5 models of two compact excavators, the conventional tail swing KX057 and the reduced tail swing U55.

Upgrades to the excavators include new technology and comfort features for the operator.

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Advances on these machines include a new 7-inch DCD color display and an improved air conditioning system. Kubota has also upgraded the working lights from halogen to LED. The automatic one-way flow hydraulic return line (3rd line) is now electronic and engaged through the display rather than the manual engagement found on the Dash-4 model.

To improve operator comfort, Kubota has decreased cab noise and vibrations. The cab has also been redesigned to provide more headroom and foot space and has been outfitted with a double-adjustable seat.

“The new technology, quieter and more comfortable cab environment in these redesigned Kubota machines will enable operators to be at the top of their productivity game ... all day long,” said Columbus Equipment Company General Sales Manager Jason Crain.

Kubota is also offering a new keyless start option, which you can order through Columbus Equipment Company. The keyless option uses a passcode to start the machine, doubling as an anti-theft tool and a precaution against lost keys. The excavator can store up to 10 user passcodes, so individual operators can use their own code.

For added safety, a rearview camera option is also available. The excavators are factory-ready for the camera, which can be installed here at Columbus Equipment Company.

Buyers can order either model with a canopy or cab.

The KX057-5 and the U55-5 are outfitted with the same 47.6-horsepower Kubota engine and offer similar specs. For instance, both have a bucket breakout force of 10,172 lbs and a pump capacity of 14.8 gpm.

Contact your Columbus Equipment Company sales rep today for details on these new compact excavators.

\*For complete warranty, safety and product information, consult Columbus Equipment Company and the product operator's manual. Power (HP/KW) and other specifications are based on various standards or recommended practices.





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## G.M. Mettens Inc.: Respected Operation Thrives on Takeuchi Equipment



Like all small business owners, Greg Mettens wants to be sure the money he invests in equipment is spent wisely. After 25 years of buying equipment that didn't last as long as the loan he took out on it, he discovered Takeuchi equipment ... and hasn't looked back.

Mettens is the owner of G.M. Mettens Inc., a Covington, Kentucky-based company that provides landscaping, hardscaping, drainage and light construction services. He started the company as a landscaping firm in 1977. Since that time, all his business has come from word of mouth, and he has expanded his services to meet customer requests.

"We're extremely diversified. We do more hardscaping and drainage work than anything, but when someone calls, we'll see what we can do," Mettens said.

The company owns a Takeuchi TB153 compact excavator, a TL150 track loader, and a TL12V2-CRHR track loader. The equipment is versatile enough to accommodate the company's diversified needs.

"Our TB153 has a thumb, and we've used it to install huge 1,500-pound boulders to create waterfalls in swimming pools. We have had unusual projects like building a 500-foot wooden guardrail, where we used our post hole digger on our TL150," Mettens said.

"Our TL12 and TB153 complement each other on many of our jobs. We currently have been using them for a major residential project constructing three retaining walls, spreading approximately 100 triaxial

loads of material, drainage, and clearing woods."

Since buying the TL12, Mettens uses the new loader at the jobsite and keeps the older TL150 at the shop to load materials. The TL150, the first Takeuchi Mettens purchased 15 years ago, "has 7,000 hours on it, and we've had minimal problems with it."

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Mettens is happy to compare his excellent experience with Takeuchi to the poor results he had as a Bobcat owner. "Over a 25-year period, I had five Bobcats, and I could never get one paid off before I had to buy a new one because the loader was worn



out or had too many problems. I'd have to trade it in, and I got tired of doing that."

Mettens quickly discovered that Takeuchis outperformed the competition, used about half as much fuel, and were more durable.

"The first item I noticed when comparing the Takeuchi 15 years ago was that the hydraulic lines were protected by steel guards. They were also run with black iron pipe. Our old brand had unprotected thin copper lines which were crushed several times by rocks falling out of the bucket," he explained. "We have never damaged a line with our Takeuchis, thus saving us costs with repairs and downtime."

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Greg Mettens; Owner, G.M. Mettens Inc.

Mettens has been a customer of the Cincinnati branch since Columbus Equipment Company began carrying the Takeuchi line. "Our service and relationship has been much better than with the previous dealer," he said. "I'm delighted with the service from the Cincinnati branch."

As an example, he noted that the hydraulics on one of the loaders weren't working recently. "Brian Brassler (compact sales rep) was there in about 30 minutes to help us out."

G.M. Mettens works in the Cincinnati area, serving both commercial customers and homeowners. Commercial customers have included GE, Kroger and Fidelity Investments. "We have some very long-term customers, including Atkins and Pearce," a 200-year-

old manufacturing company in Covington, Kentucky, that has used Mettens for 35 years.

Services range from simple excavation to complex drainage projects. The company installs hardscape items like pavers, natural stones, concrete, and retaining walls. They also produce mulch and sell gravel, soil and sand. (The company recently demoed a Takeuchi TW80 wheel loader for the shop.)



Mettens, who has a landscape architecture degree from the University of Kentucky, has kept the company small. He has six employees and works on no more than three projects at a time.

One of his sons, Peyton, is an equipment operator for the family business and recently earned a degree in construction management.

Greg Mettens likes to say his family is as diverse as his business. He and his wife Lisa have two other sons. Clay is working on a doctorate in music composition, and Walker is a financial consultant.

It takes hard work to build a small business with a rock-solid reputation like G.M. Mettens'. Using Takeuchi equipment with rock-solid dependability won't make your business a success by itself, but it gives Greg—and you—one less thing to worry about.





# Used Equipment Monthly Specials



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Stock# 32240T, Cab, A/C,  
Bucket, 843 Hrs.  
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**2019 Takeuchi TL10V2-CR**  
Stock# 37858T, Cab, A/C, Coupler,  
Bucket, 337 Hrs.  
**\$53,000**



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Stock# 38609T, Cab, A/C, Heat,  
Coupler, Bucket, 521 Hrs  
**\$49,000**



**2009 Komatsu PC55MR-3**  
Stock# K7761T, Cab, A/C, Blade,  
Coupler, 4,931 Hrs.  
**\$42,000**



**2018 Kubota SVL95-2SHFC**  
Stock# 36640T, Cab, A/C, Heat,  
High Flow, Coupler, Bucket, 724 Hrs  
**\$59,000**



**2009 Komatsu PC78MR-6**  
Stock# U26489, Cab, A/C, Blade,  
Cplr, Bucket, 2,910 Hrs.  
**\$65,000**



**2019 Kubota SVL65-2HWC**  
Stock# 38607T, Cab, A/C, Coupler,  
Bucket, 923 Hrs.  
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Stock# 36878, Cab, A/C, Coupler,  
Bucket, 1,246 Hrs.  
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