



## Press release

### German premiere: Utility Vehicle With High Fun Factor

*The Cub Cadet Utility 4x4 diesel is a unique synthesis of practical use, recreational value and driving pleasure.*

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Everyone is talking about Crossover vehicle concepts; Cub Cadet is realising them. There are transporters with four-wheel drive, which are merely boring workhorses, and there are fun vehicles which fare badly on the work front. With the Utility 4x4 diesel, Cub Cadet, MTD's Premium brand, is proving that there is a third way, a new way. The 4x4 Utility diesel is a quite independent character which combines the best of both worlds - "professional commercial vehicles" and "pleasure vehicles": The features turn it into a hard-working pack mule with a high fun factor or a man's toy with high utility value, depending on your point of view.

Cub Cadet is thus once again doing justice to its pioneer role because this is the first time a vehicle of this type has been available in the German and European markets.

#### **Power, Convenience, Ability**

The Utility 4x4 with diesel power doesn't leave its driver in the lurch – no matter what he wants to transport and where he wants to go. The four-wheel drive always applies just the right amount of power to the ground – whether you are driving in the forest, on crushed stone tracks, in muddy or uneven terrain or over steep slopes. The Utility 4x4 diesel is also excellent on the road – with the road approval it is so mobile that you don't need a transporter for the transporter.

The list of special technical features is long and impressive: under the hood, a water-cooled smooth-running three-cylinder Perkins® diesel engine with 720 cm<sup>3</sup> and 14,9 kW (20 HP) does its job – quietly, economically and reliably (maximum engine power rating as given by the engine manufacturer. The engine power rating may vary depending on the use of the machine). The CVT-drive (continuous variable transmission) ensures that this power is safely transmitted to the wheels. When more traction is required, the transmission switches automatically and smoothly from front-wheel to four-wheel drive without the driver having to intervene manually. In order to enable you to go where it is normally not possible to go, the Utility 4x4 diesel has a heavy-duty differential mechanical lock which can be engaged manually and is designed for professional use to prevent the wheels from spinning on muddy terrain. The Utility 4x4 diesel has a top speed of approx. 40 km/h and robust hydraulic disk brakes provide the necessary braking action.

And what is it good for? The Cub Cadet Utility 4x4 diesel is built for extremes – it is extremely useful and extremely great fun. Let's start with the load capacity: by a weight of 725 kg, the permissible total weight is 1.315 kg. The dimensions of the bed are approx. L: 1066 mm, W: 1311 mm, H: 292 mm. To help you visualise this: the platform is dimensioned in a way that it can easily carry a

standard europallet and even an industrial pallet. The Utility 4x4 diesel is thus a genuinely commercial vehicle for use in the construction industry, agriculture and forestry. It can be equipped with a winch (1,5 tonnes tractive force) as an optional extra which is enough to move a tree trunk or heavy tree roots out of the way. The catalogue of accessories also includes an electromechanical lifting device which can tip the platform at the press of a button.

### **For off-road fans – safe driving pleasure**

The handling of the Utility 4x4 diesel is also convincing: the extremely broad track and the wide wheel base help to give it maximum stability and prevent it from tipping over. So you can safely go up hill and down dale. And it is in such situations that the independent suspension on all four wheels is particularly noticeable. The combination of A-frame arms, long spring travel and high ground clearance provide a degree of convenience which you would usually only expect to find in off-road vehicles in a totally different price class. Even in the roughest terrain and at high speed the journey does not turn into a rodeo ride, as might be the case with a rigid axle construction. Furthermore, the driver and passenger are also protected by a cage with roll bars. The rack-and-pinion steering makes the Utility 4x4 diesel extremely agile to handle and easy and accurate to steer.

The Utility 4x4 diesel is not only a reliable companion as you go about your daily work, it also plays its trump cards at the weekend. Off-road fans will love it for its various driving features, and those who like to spend their leisure time in the open air – campers, hunters, anglers, skin divers, extreme sports fanatics – will love it for its spacious platform. If it can transport bags of cement, seed, earth or timber, then there is no question of being suitable for all the leisure equipment required by mobile outdoor activists.

The top-class workmanship, performance and convenience features of the Cub Cadet Utility 4x4 diesel make it a reliable premium work and leisure vehicle for demanding customers.

The Utility 4x4 diesel is available in two models – a Utility 4x4 diesel in the classic Cub Cadet colours of yellow and black and a Utility 4x4 diesel CAMOSTYLE. With its special camouflage coating, the CAMOSTYLE Utility 4x4 diesel is eminently suitable for use in forests and the countryside. The customer can also choose from an extensive range of accessories.

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In Europe, MTD has its own sales locations for Germany, France, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, Switzerland and Poland. All other European markets are serviced via sales partners and importers.

The MTD portfolio in Europe comprises the brands MTD, Bolens, Gutbrod, Yard-Man and Cub Cadet. Its product range includes electric and petrol lawn mowers, verticutters, lawn tractors, compact tractors, ride-on mowers, shredders, trimmers, garden tillers, snow throwers and quads. The European product plants are located in Saarbrücken-Bübingen and in Nemesvamos (Hungary).

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