



THE POWER WITHIN™



# SNOW THROWERS

## WHY DO YOU NEED A SNOW THROWER?

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A snow thrower helps you cut down the time and effort it takes to remove snow from areas such as driveways or sidewalks. There are a variety of products available and a wide range of prices, so before deciding which snow blower is right for you, it's a good idea to think about the typical snow fall in your area as well as the size of the areas that you will want to clear. Ask yourself the following before going any further:

- How much snow (in inches) will you typically be clearing?
- What size area will you be clearing?
- How far will the snow need to be thrown?
- What other features might you like to have?

Some examples of other features include: electric start, variable speed transmission, headlamps, and heated handgrips.

## HOW TO SELECT THE RIGHT SNOW THROWER FOR THE JOB

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The size snow thrower you need will depend on the above factors. If you don't know your area's average annual snowfall, look it up. Select a snow thrower with enough power to handle the amount of snow you're likely to get during a typical winter. If snowfalls of 12 inches are common in your area, be sure to select a snow thrower that can handle at least that much snow.

The size of the areas requiring snow removal helps you to determine what size snow thrower is right for your needs. Measure your driveway and all sidewalks you'll be clearing. Also measure how far you need to throw the snow. Your choices can then be considered between these three main options:

- A large-frame, two-stage unit capable of clearing wide, deep paths of snow.
- A compact single-stage unit more appropriate for clearing small areas such as urban sidewalks and narrow driveways.
- A snow thrower or snowplow for your lawn or garden tractor – for driveways that are more than 100 feet in length, or property with very large areas to clear

## FEATURES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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- An **engine** designed for operating in **snowy conditions** will start easier and run without problems.
- **Easy-Access Oil Drain Plug** conveniently located for easy maintenance.
- **Electric start systems** make starting your snow thrower in cold weather quick and easy.

- A cab made of **high-tech plastic** protects the operator from wind and blowing snow and helps improve visibility.
- **Deadman control** is an important safety feature. If you release it, the machine stops.
- **Easy chute control** changes the direction and height the snow is thrown. For added convenience, one handle controls both chute direction and deflector angle.
- **Easy-adjust handle height** increases comfort by matching your height with one-easy-to-reach knob.
- **Single-Hand Control** leaves the other hand free to make adjustments without stopping.
- **Soft comfort grips** for recoil and operator handles are ergonomically designed to fit your hands.
- **Mitten Grip** is an oversized starter handle that makes it easy to grip even while wearing gloves or mittens.
- **Folding Handles** are collapsible handles that enable convenient year-round storage.
- **Power Steering** provides effortless turning and maneuvering by simply engaging the left or right trigger. (Available on select dual-stage snow blowers)
- **Head Lights** on two-stage snow blowers enable convenient operation in dark lighting conditions.

## VISIT YOUR LOCAL SNOW THROWER DEALER

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A great resource for finding the right unit is your local outdoor power equipment dealer who handles snow throwers.

- Remember that a snow thrower should feel manageable to everyone who will be using it, so bring along all potential operators so they can try it before you buy it.
- Be sure to start the unit and try the controls. Don't hesitate to ask the dealer if he or she has a model that can be "test driven" onsite or at home before making a final buying decision.
- Test the unit's ground speeds. A variety of speeds are preferable, since deep or drifted snow must be cleared more slowly than light, even snowfall.

## ASK ABOUT SERVICE

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A properly maintained snow thrower will provide optimum performance for years, so buying a snow thrower from a servicing dealer is a big advantage.

Factory-trained servicing dealers can provide any necessary service work as well as necessary pre-season maintenance. You can be assured of optimum performance during the coming winter season by asking your dealer to:

- Add a fresh tank of gas
- Change the oil
- Check the wear of all belts, and look over the scraper bar, skid plates and auger for excessive wear and tear.

To find out more about these products or to locate a dealer near you, visit  
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