

**Kolbeco** has launched its new SK25 and an upgraded version of the SK17 mini excavators. Both models come standard with a boom light to minimise potential damage during operation, as well as a travel alarm that notifies others standing nearby to stay clear.

**Komatsu** says its WA470-8 wheel loader is up to 6% more fuel efficient than its Dash 7 version. It uses SmartLoader Logic. Combined with a lock-up torque converter that activates in second, third and fourth gears, the system is said to provide optimal engine torque.

**XCMG** has a new line-up of three telescopic handlers, with lifting capacities of up to 4,5t and lifting heights to 16,7m. Smallest model is the XCT670-70, with maximum capacity of 3,5t and a maximum lift height of 7,15m. The XCT670-140 also offers a 3,5t maximum lift capacity, but has a lift height of up to 13,7m.

**Model:** XCT680-170  
**Lift capacity:** 4,5t  
**Max lift height:** 16,7m

**Chicago Pneumatic's** new CPLB 6 light tower uses four 350W LED's to provide a lighting efficacy of up to 200 lux. By using LED's rather than conventional halide lights, the CPLB 6 light tower is said to be 20% brighter than most standard light towers and can reduce energy use by more than 70%.

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**Gehl** has upgraded its Z45 zero-tail-swing excavator with a Yanmar engine that has an electronic throttle. A new ECO mode is said to reduce engine speed by 10% without sacrificing power. Auto deceleration mode decreases engine speed to idle after four seconds without hydraulic movement.

**Bobcat's** new vertical-lift S740 skid steer loader comes with auxiliary quick couplers mounted directly to the front plate of the lift arm to provide a solid mounting, and hoses are routed through the loader arms for better protection. A guard bar extends in the front of the coupler for more protection.

## Tough digging

Volvo Construction Equipment's new EC750D excavator comes with Volvo's integrated work mode system, through which operators can choose from a range of modes for optimum performance.

When the operator selects the best work mode for the task at hand – I (idle), F (fine), G (General), H (Heavy) and P (Power) –

the rpm is said to be already set for maximum efficiency.

For more power, better productivity and increased manoeuvrability, its high system pressure ensures sound tractive force when climbing gradients and travelling over unstable ground.

A wider track gauge and heavier counterweight improve stability when working in chal-

lenging environments. The optional boom float is said to deliver more control, minimising operational costs and maximising uptime.

In addition, the ECO Mode optimises the hydraulic system to reduce flow and pressure losses. It is automatically selected but can be switched off via the keypad. The machine is also

equipped with a password-protected attachment management system, allowing for storage of up to 20 different attachments.

The system allows the operator to pre-set hydraulic flow and pressure inside the cab through the monitor, which ensures the use of various attachments for increased versatility.

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