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ASABE EXPANDS SCOPE OF STANDARD FOR LAWN AND GARDEN TRACTORS

ST JOSEPH, MICHIGAN— The American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) has revised its standard for power take-off (PTO) on lawn and garden tractors. The standard now includes commercial turf equipment and compact utility tractors.

ASAE S431.4, 2000-RPM Front and Mid PTO for Lawn and Garden Ride-on Tractors and Commercial Turf Equipment, Mid PTO for Compact Utility Tractors, provides general specifications, including control, dimensions, speed, and direction of rotation for power take-off shafts and the mating attachment connector. The specifications apply to front-mounted PTOs on lawn and garden ride-on tractors, commercial turf equipment, and lawn ride-on tractors, as well as to mid-mounted PTOs on lawn and garden ride-on tractors, commercial turf equipment, lawn ride-on tractors, and compact utility tractors.

ASABE members with standards access and those with site-license privileges can access the full-text of the standard by electronic download in about two weeks. Location for the download is on the ASABE online Technical Library at: elibrary.asabe.org. Others can obtain a copy for a fee directly from the library or by contacting ASABE headquarters at OrderStandard@asabe.org.

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