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Operation

More often than not a skid-steer loader can be used on a jobsite rather than a large excavator by digging a hole from within. First, the skid-steer loader digs a ramp leading to the edge of the desired excavation, and then it makes use of the ramp in order to excavate material out of the hole. As the excavation deepens, the equipment reshapes the ramp making it longer and steeper. This is a particularly useful method for digging below a building where there is not enough overhead clearance for the boom of a big excavator. Like for instance, this is a common scenario when digging a basement below an existing structure or house.

There is much flexibility in the accessories that the skid steer loaders are capable of. For example, the conventional bucket of many of these loaders can be replaced with several attachments which are powered by the loader's hydraulic system, including cement mixers, pallet forks, backhoes, tree spades, sweepers, mowers and snow blades. Various other popular specialized buckets and attachments include tillers, stump grinders rippers, wheel saws, snow blades, trenchers, angle booms, dumping hoppers, wood chipper machines and grapples.

History

In the year 1957, the very first front-end, 3-wheeled loader was invented in Rothsay, Minnesota by brothers Louis and Cyril Keller. The brothers invented the loader so as to help a farmer mechanize the process of cleaning turkey manure from his barn. This machinery was compact and light and consisted of a rear caster wheel which enabled it to maneuver and turn around within its own length, allowing it to carry out the same jobs as a traditional front-end loader.

In 1958, the Melroe brothers of Melroe Manufacturing Company in Gwinner, N.D. bought the rights to the Keller loader. They hired the Keller brothers to continue refining their loader invention. The M-200 Melroe was actually the result of this particular partnership. This particular model was a self-propelled loader that was introduced to the market during the year 1958. The M-200 Melroe featured a 12.9 HP engine, a 750 lb lift capacity, two independent front drive wheels and a rear caster wheel. By nineteen sixty, they replaced the caster wheel along with a rear axle and introduced the very first 4 wheel skid steer loader that was called the M-400.

The term "Bobcat" is used as a generic term for skid-steer loaders. The M-400 soon after became the Melroe Bobcat. The M-440 version has rated operating capacity of 1100 lbs powered by a 15.5 HP engine. The business continued the skid-steer development into the mid nineteen sixties and launched the M600 loader.