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HITACHI CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY AUSTRALIA LAUNCHES THE NEW JOHN DEERE D SERIES SKID STEER RANGE—MAKE EVERY JOB, EVERY MINUTE AND EVERY DOLLAR COUNT



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Ltd (HCA) is proud to announce the arrival of the new world-class John Deere D Series skid steer range. Featuring customer driven enhancements and many industry firsts, the new D Series provides a superior alternative for Australian customers—one that is backed by the peace of mind of HCA's nationwide branch network.

Built in the same factory as our leading G Series graders, the new D Series skid steer range packs all of our big machine features in one powerhouse new compact. With a roomier operator station, cab visibility that is second-to-none and the choice of an open canopy or a super quiet, positively pressurized AC cab, it's easy to forget you're in a skid steer.

Choose between foot controls, hand controls or EH (Electro-Hydraulic) controls across the range.

Or opt for the EH Performance Package that lets the operator choose between ISO or H pattern at the flick of a switch with the added benefit of creeper mode, a cruise control when running attachments as well as boom and bucket speed control. Along with the larger entryway and curved glass door, it's just another example of how seriously we're committed to making the D Series the easiest machine you've ever run.

As you'd expect from John Deere, the Tier 3 / iTier 4 engine is unmatched. Auto-idle is included standard (a world first for skid steers), and exclusive electronic injection delivers significant torque rise and more usable power. It all adds up to a more efficient, comfortable and productive day—everyday.

The new D Series completes HCA's skid steer lineup, with the larger machines complementing the smaller John Deere 313 and 315 models currently available.

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D SERIES SKID STEERS FEATURES

- Electronically controlled John Deere Tier 3 / iTier 4 engines with a new auto-idle feature providing quieter operation and fuel savings.
- Innovative V-Plenum cooling system with variable speed hydraulic fan provides more cooling capacity, better cooling performance, lower maintenance and lower noise levels.
- A more comfortable workspace with a sculpted mechanical-suspension seat, and a pull-down padded lap bar that provides quick, convenient operator restraint and comfortable arm support.
- Optional EH joysticks provide fatigue beating low-effort fingertip control and smooth machine response.
- The optional air conditioned cab is sealed and pressurized to keep out dust and noise. Its intelligent, super quiet design (50-percent quieter over previous models) means you'll actually be able to hear the optional radio. Eight automotive-style directional louvres provide increased airflow to help keep the glass clear and pressurized cab comfortable.
- With 100-percent more front glass, a 50-percent larger top window, and lower side windows compared to previous models, it's easy to see why visibility is best in class.
- 318D and 320D models feature 100mm more lift height than previous models for easier truck loading and greater productivity.
- Cushioned loader lift cylinders smooth out the loader operation when reaching maximum dump height or when lowering the attachment to the ground.



Left:
Large crosssection boom
arms and
heavy-duty upper
links deliver the
strength to endure
tough tasks
for long-term
durability.



Left:
Thirty-five
degrees of
rollback ensure
large bucket
loads reach
their intended
destination
– instead of
somewhere
in-between.

- A long wheel base, low centre of gravity and optimised weight distribution gives the D Series incredible stability that you can feel.
- Daily servicing is quick and convenient. Simply lift the hood for ground level access to check vital fluids and refuelling.
- For unrivalled service access the loader arms can be raised and locked in place from inside the cab and the cab raised in minutes.
- Standard amenities include a storage box, cup holder, 12-volt power port and an iPod™ / mobile phone holder. [Continued over page]









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Left:
Superior axle
torque, large
standard tyres,
and impressive
breakout force
give D Series
Skid Steers the
leverage to dig
in where others
just spin. So they
penetrate dirt
piles more easily
and fill the bucket
fuller and faster.

D SERIES—SPECIFICATION OVERVIEW

MODEL	NET POWER kW@rpm	OPERATING Capacity kg	OPERATING WEIGHT kg
318D	43.3 @ 2300	817	2928
320D	47.1 @ 2300	908	2996
326D	51.9 @ 2000	1180	3689
328D	59.6 @ 2000	1271	3814
332D	66.7 @ 2400	1453	4163









Left:
Five models make
up the D Series,
with various
cab and canopy
options available.

Hitachi Construction Machinery (Australia) Pty Ltd (HCA) has been providing Australian construction, mining, quarry and forestry customers with machinery sales and support solutions for decades. By supplying an extensive range of Hitachi and John Deere products, we've tirelessly helped shape the Australian landscape through our dedicated customers.

For more information on the new John Deere D Series Skid Steers please phone **1300 448 2244** or visit **www.hcma.com.au** [PRESS RELEASE ENDS]

For further information relating to the John Deere D Series Skid Steers launch please contact Nerida Robertson, Marketing Co-ordinator on (07) 3276 4503 or email robertsonn@hcma.com.au

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