

Press release

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Husqvarna to launch demolition robot

This November marks the production start of Husqvarna's first demolition robot - a remote-controlled demolition machine developed by Husqvarna Construction Products in Jonsered, Sweden. The robot is the first product from a new Demolition Robots category, which is projected to strengthen the Group's leading position in machinery for the construction industry.

The market for demolition robots has grown continuously and has been dominated by one manufacturer. During November, Husqvarna will manufacture its first demolition robot, the Husqvarna DXR 310, developed to complement the Group's product offering to the construction industry.

"The use of demolition robots is becoming more common. Companies that already use our drilling and sawing equipment, often also carry out demolition work on construction sites. Through our extensive distribution network, we have a unique opportunity to manage the increasing demand for demolition robots," says Anders Ströby, head of Husqvarna Construction Products.

Demolition robots are used for all types of demolition tasks, and can also be used at construction sites where it is too dangerous for workers to enter. The Husqvarna DXR 310 is designed for applications such as light demolition and indoor work, as well as for use in sensitive environments such as within the processing industry.

Sales of the Husqvarna DXR 310 will begin during first quarter 2009. Initially, sales will focus on Sweden and selected European markets, thereafter USA and the rest of the world. The product has been developed at Husqvarna's development centre in Jonsered, near Gothenburg, Sweden. Manufacturing will begin in November at the Group's factory in Huskvarna, Sweden.

Husqvarna DXR 310

The demolition robot has a 5.5 meter range. The robot's width of just 78 cm allows the machine to enter through doorways and narrow openings. The machine is manoeuvred via a remote control equipped with Bluetooth technology.

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Husqvarna is the world's largest producer of lawn mowers, chainsaws and portable petrol-powered garden equipment such as trimmers and blowers. The Group is also a world leader in diamond tools and cutting equipment for the construction and stone industries. Net sales in 2007 were SEK 33.3 billion and the average number of employees was 16,000.