

## Buying a used Mini Digger

As with any second-hand purchase, it is always a good idea to gather as much information as possible in advance of making any big decisions. Doing your homework gives you a much better chance of getting the right excavator and avoiding trouble or further expense later on.

There are a number of considerations that will apply to most second-hand mini digger purchases, with main one being exactly what you need the digger for. If you need it for one specific type of job, then you may find that you can manage with a simpler, older version of mini digger. If, however, you are looking for an adaptable mini digger that could do a range of jobs for you, then it may well be worth looking at some of the newer possibilities that have a larger range of features.

[Mini diggers](#) are generally between two and six tonnes in weight. Which end of this scale you should look at will depend on considerations such as the level of manoeuvrability that you want, combined with the amount of strength you need it to have. If, for example, you sometimes need access to people's back gardens or similar sites that may have access issues, you will want to look at the smaller end of the scale. The smaller scale mini diggers would be ideal for jobs such as setting up pools or ponds, digging ditches, digging trenching for pipes and cables, cutting foundations for extensions and general landscaping jobs.

At the larger end of the mini digger scale, some of the newer, larger mini diggers fitted with hydraulic lifting arms are capable of surprisingly heavy work. Often these mini diggers can do jobs that you might have thought you needed a much larger excavator for. If you thought that you needed a large-scale digger, it may be worth your time to check out the capabilities of the bigger mini diggers. They may well be able to do the job you need with the added advantage of retaining flexibility and mobility due to a more compact size. Most mini diggers have a 360-degree rotation feature, which can really speed up some jobs.

As with any purchase of used equipment, it is a good idea to find out as much as you can about the history of your digger. If it has been heavily used for a long period of time, you may want to ask further questions about its condition and make sure that all control mechanisms, arms and levers are working properly. Check out the service history and look at any repairs that have been made. Don't be afraid to ask further questions if you are not completely happy. Remember, this is an investment. You have a right to know as much information as possible about the condition and history of the digger.

As with any second-hand purchase, it is always worth looking at the brand names with reputations for reliability and longevity. Highly regarded brand names include JCB, Komatsu, Caterpillar, Hitachi, Volvo and Kubota. If you can find a good brand and have been meticulous with your research and checks then you have every chance of unearthing a decent piece of machinery.

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