

Gear drive tractors. Did Case ever make one?

There were only three gear-driven Garden Tractor models.

They are the Colt 2110 model and the Case 120 model made in 1966. These two tractors were nearly identical. Obviously, paint, decals and other markings were the most significant differences but under the skin, they shared a great number of parts. However, the Colt used an HH-100 Tecumseh engine and the Case used the Kohler K-241 engine. They had a 4 speed Peerless trans-axle.

In 1973, the 210 gear-drive garden tractor was introduced and it stayed in continuous

production until its final year 1986. All were equipped with a 10 HP Kohler K engine and a 4 speed Peerless trans-axle.

In either 1970 or 1971, Case decided to add Lawn Tractors to their Garden Tractor line-up and the 107 three-speed gear-drive model was introduced along with identical 117 hydrostatic model. Both were 7 HP Tecumseh powered. The last year for these two models was 1972.

In 1973, the three-speed gear-drive 108 replaced the 107 and the 117 became the 118 hydrostatic model but 1976 was the last year of production for the hydrostat. The gear-drive 108 continued until 1987; which was the last year. The engines were vertical shaft Briggs and Stratton.

In 1981, the 110 model was added but was discontinued in late 1985. It too was

powered by a 10 HP vertical shaft Briggs and Stratton engine and had a 3 speed trans-axle.

Ingersoll dabbled in a bunch of different Lawn Tractors and Yard Tractors. Little is know about them. They were farmed out to a sub-contractor to build. Presumably some did have gear-drive while others used hydrostatic drives. And of course, there is the ill-fated I-Drive 1012 and 1014 models that were some sort of variable speed mechanical drive that quickly turned into Ingersoll's version of Ford's Edsel.

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