

## Grillo tillers & tractors



Grillo tractors, left to right, G-107d with 27" tiller attached, G-107d with driven wheel trailer, and G-85d with Carrivaggi chipper/shredder attached.

## Grillo G-3500

The **Grillo G-3500** is a two speed mid-tine tiller designed to reach into tight places and prepare a great seedbed. With the full 39" tilling width this machine is a beast! So, I took the two outside tines off and brought the width down to 29". This is the set-up that works right for me. The tiller has adjustable handlebars that easily move left or right, up or down, making this machine easy for almost anyone to operate. The ability to turn about within its own "footprint" makes this the ideal machine for tight spots. The two speed transmission enables the tiller to pulverize the soil into a great seed bed. I tried the front mounted transport wheel and did not like it. Really, this thing is in the way and is more of a burden than a blessing. The tiller is light enough that using the tines and "driving" it around the yard is much better than trying to push it along.



**Grillo G-3500** with outside tines removed. My favorite configuration for this machine!

I have found the 6 h.p. Robins/Subaru engine to be reliable and strong! The machine never bogs down even when tilling with the full 39" width in heavy/rocky soil. This is the best mid-tine tiller that one can buy today! Using the same clutch as the **Grillo G-85/G-107** servicing this machine should be a snap. All I have had to do is change the oil! I guess I'll get a new air filter for it this year.

## Grillo G-85d tractor



**Grillo G-85d with 22" tiller**

The Grillo G-85d is the smallest tractor that offers a locking differential. Is that important? To me the answer is yes! This is a very capable machine with few limitations. The chief of these is low ground speed. So, before purchasing one should know what they are looking for in their tractor. If tilling a medium sized garden and maintaining a small pasture or orchard are the primary task then this machine will "fit the bill". I have operated the machine with the **26" Del Morino** bush hog and it has worked great. One could fit a 45" single bar cutter or a 47" double bar cutter to this machine for mowing a pasture. Upgrade to the 5x10x20 wheels and purchase the 5" wheel extensions and this machine can operate the **Berta Rotary Plow**. Check out **Earthtools** website for trailer options for this tractor. Then you can ride your walking tractor around the farm! I purchased the **28" Zannon** finish mower for this tractor and really didn't like it all that well. Hey, I'll make a deal on this demo unit. The thing that is most aggravating is the slow travel speed. Other than that it is a great finish mower, just don't be in a hurry. Reality being what it is, mowing with the sickle bar mower or the bush hog means that the travel speed is "where you want it", so this unit does well on fairly level areas. On hilly terrain one would want the steering brakes as both the sickle bar mowers and the bush hog

weigh enough that wrestling with them on a slope is not something any sane person wants to do. Tilling with this unit is just fantastic! The handlebars adjust left or right, up or down so that the operator can easily maneuver the machine and stay out of the seedbed! I also chip/shred with this machine and it handles that chore very well. A snow blower and log splitter would also attach to this tractor making it even more versatile. I find that the ability to “lock/unlock” the driving wheels makes using this machine great. Trying to turn the tractor with the bush hog or front mounted mower attached without unlocking the differential makes for tough going. Mowing with the wheels unlocked can mean wheel spin in rough situations and loss of traction. The ability of this unit to engage or disengage both wheels at any time make it great! One will also find that the “transport gear” for riding around with a trailer attached is as fast or faster than any riding mower. So, getting around your property will be a breeze! Really, when I think about it that is what makes the whole “walking tractor” idea so appealing. These machines are built to a quality standard and have so many attachments that they truly enable the homeowner to make a workable homestead out of his lot!



G-85d tills in leaves for next year!

### **Grillo G-107d**



The **Grillo G-107d** with the driven wheel trailer attached making this a 4-wheel drive utility vehicle capable of carrying a 1500# payload, shown here transporting leaves to be tilled into the garden!

The **Grillo G-107d** is the smallest tractor in the **Grillo** line that comes with three working speeds plus one “transport” speed in engine front configuration. Also, included are steering brakes which are essential in maneuvering heavy front mount implements, especially in steep terrains. This is my “go to” tractor. I use it for plowing and making raised beds with the **Berta Rotary Plow**.



**G-107d w/Berta Rotary Plow** shown attached in “transport mode”, trailing wheel lifts the plow off of the ground.

Attaching the 27” rotor tiller gives one the best tilling experience that I have ever had, and I have been tilling for over 40 years! The **26” Del Morino** bush hog can handle brush up to 1.5” in diameter.



**G-107d** “bush hogging” down the overgrowth, clear that ground!

I have the 59" dual reciprocating sickle-bar mower that I use to mow steep areas where I do not feel safe on the 4-wheel tractor.



**G-107d** again with sickle-bar mower, mow the pasture!

Rounding out my assortment of attachments for this machine is a **33" Zannon** finish mower which I use on steep banks and for mowing in the vineyard/orchard on our property.



This **33" Zannon** finish mower has dual cutter heads, steering brakes are essential with this machine! This mower definitely requires the steering brakes to aid in maneuvering. **Grillo** makes two larger units than this one, the **G-110** and the **G-131**. The **G-131** is their largest

machine, it seems to be intended for commercial use and has limited mowing speeds. Like the **G-107d** a synchronizer is available that enables this unit to power the driven wheel trailer, giving the user a 4 wheel drive utility vehicle that can transport 1 ton! The **G-110** has faster mowing speeds, higher horsepower, and a heavier clutch that enables this unit to handle larger bush hogs and finish mowers. For 5 acres or less these machines give the user all of the capability of larger 4-wheel tractors at a substantial savings!



Left to right, **Grillo G-107d** with **Berta Rotary** plow, **Grillo G-3500**, 39" tilling width, **Grillo G-85d** with 22" tiller. Picture circa 2014.

Standard Tractor only prices:

Grillo G-3500 tiller	\$1395	
Grillo G-85d	\$2250	these 3 units we stock!
Grillo G-107d	\$2750	

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