Meet Zeon: Zero-Turn Electric Mower

If you'd like to try a battery-powered mower, but you still want top-of-the-line features, Hustler Turf Equipment will introduce its first zero-turn riding mower this summer.

The Zeon is powered by a computer-controlled system of four deep-cycle lead-acid batteries. The mower travels up to 6 mph and runs about 80 minutes/charge - enough to mow up to 1 1/3 acres. It has a 42-in. cutting deck and the twin lever Smooth Trak steering system that's available on other gaspowered Hustler mowers.

The mower recaptures energy back into the battery during braking. When battery

power is low, the system disables the blades so there's enough power to drive back to where it can be plugged in and recharged.

"It's much easier maintenance-wise. There are no filters or spark plugs to change," says Keith Skidmore, project engineer for Hustler Turf Equipment.

The Zeon should be on the market by late July or August and sell for \$6,500 to \$7,000 through dealers who handle Hustler products. The company's website lists dealers.

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