

Caterpillar to preview three new compact machine models at CONEXPO-CON/AGG

- Cat® TUL100 expands the compact equipment line, targeting the stand-on compact utility loader market
- Cat 253 compact track loader (CTL) complements the existing CTL lineup, introducing a redesigned undercarriage
- Cat 301 CR micro mini excavator can access tight jobsites with a retractable undercarriage machine width to 29" (730 mm) and a folding rollover protective structure (ROPS)

LAS VEGAS, March 1, 2026 – Helping customers reshape what’s possible, Caterpillar previews three new compact equipment models in its West Hall CONEXPO-CON/AGG display, booth W40416. The new compact utility loader (CUL) on display marks the first entry for Caterpillar in this market segment. The new compact track loader (CTL) expands Caterpillar’s line, offering an 8,893-lb (4034-kg) operating weight and 2,023-lb (918-kg) rated operating capacity (ROC), while the new 1-ton mini excavator is ideal for customers working in space-limited areas.

“The new Cat® TUL100 compact utility loader, 253 compact track loader and 301 CR mini excavator are examples of how Caterpillar provides solutions for today’s worksite needs as well as works with our customers to provide more solutions to tackle tomorrow’s challenges,” says Hayden Murray, global director of compact products. “We look forward to unveiling at CONEXPO-CON/AGG what we will have in store for customers later this year and into early 2027.”

Tight spaces, big performance

Ideal for tight spaces where larger machines are unable to navigate, the new Cat TUL100 compact utility loader delivers power and versatility with proven reliability and durability for this fast-growing market segment. Its rated 1,000-lb (454-kg) operating capacity delivers the performance needed for big jobs, but its 36-in (914-mm) and 42-in (1067-mm) track width options enable this performer to work in tight spaces.

Powered by the 24 hp (17.9 kw) Cat C1.1 turbo diesel engine, the new TUL100 features a robust hydraulic system for exceptional performance. Versatility is at the core of this new compact utility loader design, so it will offer a wide range of attachments, including augers, power box rakes, trenchers, buckets, and forks. A choice of coupler options will help ensure contractors have the right tool for the task.

Intuitive multifunction joysticks and customizable settings allow operators to fine-tune machine performance for a range of skill levels. The TUL100 has an approximate operating weight of 3,600 lb (1,633 kg) and a

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maximum lift height of 7 ft (2.1 m). Available with Cat VisionLink™, the loader will fit seamlessly with the rest of the customer's fleet.

Planned commercial availability of the new TUL100 in North America is early 2027.

Expanding the CTL line

A new addition to the product line, the new Cat 253 CTL builds on the foundation of the 259D3 to provide a blend of power and compact size that complements the existing lineup between a 249D3 and a 255. With similar operational specs to the 259D3, the 253 is set apart by its redesigned undercarriage that features rigid, frame-mounted axles combined with the next generation one-piece undercarriage frame. This design enhances traction and stability in varied conditions, with a focused improvement in grading performance. Two fixed configuration choices are available, and customers can customize the machine through purpose-built kits, ensuring flexibility without complexity.

An electronically controlled Cat 3.3B turbo diesel engine powers the new CTL and meets U.S. EPA Tier 4 Final and Stage V emission standards. It comes standard with 15-in (380-mm) C-Pattern tracks. The standard flow performance package offers a 20 gpm (75.7 lpm) flow rate at 3,336 psi (230 bar). A high flow performance package is available in applicable regions, increasing hydraulic flow to 30 gpm (112 lpm) while maintaining 3,336 psi (230 bar).

The 253's one-piece sealed and pressurized cab with adjustable joystick pods provides a clean and quiet operating environment with excellent attachment visibility for all-day operator comfort. Standard features such as dual self-level, return-to-dig/attachment positioner, and float allow operators to efficiently perform repetitive tasks. Creep and two-speed are standard for optimum speed control.

Planned commercial availability for the new 253 CTL is the second half of 2026 in North America, with expansion into other regions in 2027.

Versatile 1-ton micro excavator

Replacing the Cat 300.9D, the new Cat 301 CR micro mini excavator features a compact radius design and shares the same engine platform with multiple other Cat compact models for familiarity and ease of service. It provides the market with a single configuration that boasts a 71.7-in (1820-mm) dig depth. This 1-ton platform offers several new features, including seat-mounted pilot controls, higher travel speeds with two-speed, folding rollover protective structure (ROPS), first and second auxiliary hydraulic options, new gauge cluster, and improved stability.

Increasing the 301 CR's versatility, Caterpillar launches a manual coupler and a new A13 auger for the 1-ton platform machine. These items pair with an existing B1 hammer and Caterpillar's range of trenching and clean-up buckets to deliver excellent flexibility for the customer.



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Planned commercial availability for the new Cat 301 CR micro mini excavator is early 2027.

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