HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR

Model Code: ZX48U-5A
Engine Rated Power: 28.2 kW (37.8 HP)
Operating Weight:
- Canopy: 4,540 - 4,940 kg
- Cab: 4,670 - 5,070 kg
Backhoe Bucket: ISO Heaped: 0.11 m³
Trustworthy and User-Friendly
New Compact Excavators

The new series of Hitachi compact excavators has evolved even more. We listen to customers’ needs, provide solutions, and adopt fresh ideas into our new products.

The outcome is new excavators that are compact, productive and nimble.

The round body is smart and its wide-opening covers provide direct access to service points for quick maintenance.

The operator station is full of easy-to-use controls, an informative multi-monitor, and comfortable operator seat. A low fuel consumption design ensures better fuel efficiency.

**HIGH PERFORMANCE**
- Swift actions in narrow workplace
- Excellent controllability
- Reduced fuel consumption

**OPERATOR COMFORT**
- Pleasant operator environment
- Sturdy operator stations by rigorous safety standards
- Easy-to-read multi-monitor

**SIMPLIFIED MAINTENANCE**
- Open-wide covers for easy maintenance
- Easy-to-clean cab floor
- Sloped track frame tops for easy mud removal

**DURABILITY**
- A line of Hitachi quality products
- Strong front attachment
- Rugged box-section blade
- Sturdy upperstructure

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HIGH PERFORMANCE

Agility Stands for Efficiency

Swift Actions in Narrow Work Place

Short rear-end swing design allows for safe, confident operation in tight work areas.

Excellent Controllability

The Hitachi pilot control system is impressive. The control lever provides excellent fine control and low-effort handling to reduce operator fatigue. It is ergonomically positioned for easy operation. The HHH (Hitachi High-performance Hydraulic) system allows for smooth operation by lever control regardless of the load. The multi-monitor allows selection of ECO and PWR modes to control the motion speed. With the engine control dial, you can also adjust engine speed with ease. The auto speed change system shifts down travel speed when the load exceeds a certain limit (for instance, when going downhill), and shifts up when the load is less.

Reduced Fuel Consumption

A new engine has an electronic governor that is a clue to low fuel consumption. With an electronic accelerator, you can achieve precision engine control for fuel economy. To conserve fuel, select ECO mode, and to get more power, select PWR mode. In short, you can choose an optimum mode according to job needs. The Auto idle helps save fuel consumption, too. When moving the control lever to neutral, the Auto idle automatically reduces engine speed to idling level four seconds later, reducing fuel consumption.

Show equipped with 1.69 m arm, extra piping and additional counterweight.
Easy-to-Read Multi-Monitor

The multi-monitor is bright, informative and easy-to-read, displaying machine conditions, settings and warnings. A clock is newly added.

Menu/Return Switch
- Auto-Idle Selector Switch
- ECO/PWR Mode Selector Switch

Menu
- Coolant Temperature Gauge
- Fuel Gauge
- Hour Meter
- Clock
- Travel Mode Indicator

Menu
- Work Light Indicator
- Overheat Indicator
- Engine Oil Pressure Indicator
- Preheat Indicator
- Fuel Level Indicator

Sturdy Operator Stations by Rigorous Safety Standards

Hitachi cabs and canopies have been traditionally praised for operator comfort. They are spacious with ample leg room. The console and seat are designed ergonomically, standing for operator comfort.

When sitting in the operator station, the operator will not feel restricted. Cab door width increases by 80 mm for easy access and a better view of work place. The front windshield is enlarged for higher visibility. The foot step is lowered for easy access. A host of devices, including arm rests, drink holder and seat back box, enhance operator comfort.

Pleasant Operator Environment

The rugged cab and 4-pillar canopy well protect the operator in case of tipping. They are ruggedly designed by the ROPS* standard. All the models are protected with the OPG** top guard against falling objects.

A seat belt, pilot control shut-off lever, swing parking brake and travel parking brake are all standard. The neutral engine start system further enhances safe operation, disabling engine starting unless the lever is in lock position.

*Roll-Over Protection Structure
**Operator Protection Guard
SIMPLIFIED MAINTENANCE
Easy Servicing, Day-in Day-out

Open-Wide Covers for Easy Maintenance

All covers are wide-opening for direct access to service points, allowing for quick daily inspection and replacement. A cover adjacent to the radiator extends vertically to easily clean the radiator. A refueling port is placed inside the cover to avoid dirt entry and fuel theft. A new tank cover is lightweight and wide-opening for easy refueling. A large tool box is located beside the operator seat to store a grease gun and the likes. All this increases uptime.

Easy-to-Clean Cab Floor

The radiator and oil cooler are arranged in parallel, instead of conventional in-line arrangement, to promote easy, efficient cleaning and cooling. Their wavy fins can be easily cleaned by air blowing. Dust-proof indoor nets provide for easy removal of debris and dirt. A split-type floor mat can easily be removed at a seam between foot pedals and cab floor, and its surface patterns allow for quick sweeping.

Sloped Track Frame Tops for Easy Mud Removal

Track frame tops are sloped to let mud slide away, curbing mud packing.
DURABILITY

Technological Prowess and Stringent Quality Control

A Line of Hitachi Quality Products

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Strong Front Attachment

Front pins are jointed with a tight fit to reduce jerking and noise significantly, enhancing durability. Those pins are lubricated with HN bushings having an abundant grease-retaining capacity, extending greasing intervals up to 500 hours. Main hoses are sheathed with hose protectors at the swing post. The bottom side of the boom cylinder is protected with a V-shaped boom cylinder guard. The four-side reinforced arm is sturdy with high rigidity.

Rugged Box-Section Blade

The blade is box-section structure for higher ruggedness, and its stays have openings for easy flow-out of mud.

Sturdy Upperstructure

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### SPECIFICATIONS

#### ENGINE
- **Model**: Yanmar EDM-4TNV88
- **Type**: 4-cycle water-cooled, direct injection
- **No. of cylinders**: 4
- **Rated power**
  - ISO 8528-1, net: 28.2 kW (37.8 HP) at 2,400 rpm
  - SAE J1349, net: 28.2 kW (37.8 HP) at 2,400 rpm
- **Maximum torque**
  - ISO 8528-1: 139.6 Nm (142 kgf cm) at 1,100 rpm
  - SAE J1349: 139.6 Nm (142 kgf cm) at 1,100 rpm
- **Piston displacement**: 2.19 L
- **Bore and stroke**: 88 mm x 90 mm
- **Batteries**: 1 x 12 V / 72 Ah

#### HYDRAULIC SYSTEM
- **Hydraulic Pumps**
  - Main pumps: 1 variable displacement axial piston pumps
  - Maximum oil flow: 1 x 120 L/min
  - Pilot pump: 1 gear pump
  - Maximum oil flow: 12.0 L/min
- **Hydraulic Motors**
  - Travel: 2 variable displacement axial piston motors
  - Swinging: 1 axial piston motor
- **Relief Valve Settings**
  - Implement circuit: 24.5 MPa (250 kgf/cm²)
  - Travel circuit: 18.3 MPa (187 kgf/cm²)
  - Swinging: 24.5 MPa (250 kgf/cm²)
  - Pilot circuit: 5.9 MPa (60.2 kgf/cm²)
- **Hydraulic Cylinders**
  - **Boom**
    - Quantity: 1
    - Bore: 90 mm
    - Rod diameter: 55 mm
    - Stroke: 699 mm
  - **Arm**
    - Quantity: 1
    - Bore: 90 mm
    - Rod diameter: 50 mm
    - Stroke: 140 mm
  - **Bucket swivel**
    - Quantity: 1
    - Bore: 90 mm
    - Rod diameter: 50 mm
    - Stroke: 666 mm

#### UPPERSTRUCTURE
- **Revolving Frame**
  - D-section frame for resistance to deformation
- **Swing Device**
  - Axial piston motor with planetary reduction gear is bathed in oil. Swing circle is single-row. Swing parking brake is spring-set/hydraulic-released disc type.
  - Swing speed: 9.0 m/min (rpm)
  - Swing torque: 8.6 kNm (877 kgf·m)
- **Operator’s Cab**
  - Independent spacious cab, 1,049 mm wide by 1,611 mm high, conforming to ISO* Standards. Reinforced glass windows on 4 sides for visibility. Front windows (upper and lower) can be opened. Reclining seat.
  - * International Organization for Standardization

#### UNDERCARRIAGE
- **Tracks**
  - Tractor-type undercarriage. Welded track frame using selected materials. Side frame welded to track frame.
- **Numbers of Rollers on Each Side**
  - Upper roller: 1
  - Lower rollers: 4
- **Travel Device**
  - Each track driven by 2-speed axial piston motor. Parking brake is spring-set/hydraulic-released disc type.
  - Travel speeds:
    - High: 0 to 4.2 km/h
    - Low: 0 to 2.5 km/h
  - Maximum traction force: 38.3 kN (3,955 kgf)
- **Gradesability**
  - 58% (30 degree) continuous

#### SERVICE REFILL CAPACITIES
- **Fuel tank**: 70.0 L
- **Engine coolant**: 4.7 L
- **Engine oil**: 8.6 L
- **Hydraulic system**: 66.0 L
- **Hydraulic oil tank**: 42.0 L

#### WEIGHTS AND GROUND PRESSURE
- **Operating Weight and Ground Pressure**
  - **4-PILLAR CANOPY**
  - **Shoe type**
    - Rubber shoe: 400 mm
    - Grouser shoe: 400 mm
    - Pad crawler shoe: 400 mm
  - **Shoe width**
    - Rubber shoe: 1.38 m
    - Grouser shoe: 1.38 m
    - Pad crawler shoe: 1.38 m
  - **Arm length**
    - Rubber shoe: 1.69 m
    - Grouser shoe: 1.69 m
    - Pad crawler shoe: 1.69 m
  - **Bucket digging force ISO**
    - Rubber shoe: 32.1 kN (3,170 kgf)
    - Grouser shoe: 24.0 kN (2,450 kgf)
    - Pad crawler shoe: 22.8 kN (2,330 kgf)
  - **Bucket digging force SAE**
    - Rubber shoe: 27.9 kN (2,850 kgf)
    - Grouser shoe: 21.0 kN (2,140 kgf)
    - Pad crawler shoe: 20.1 kN (2,050 kgf)
  - **Pad crawler shoe**
    - Including 0.11 m (ISO heaped), bucket weight: 96 kg
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<td>H Min. level crowding distance</td>
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Excluding track shoe lug.

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<td>* G Min. ground clearance</td>
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* Excluding track shoe lug. Data in ( ) are dimensions of grouser shoe.
**LIFTING CAPACITIES (Without Bucket)**

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Notes:
1. Ratings are based on ISO 10567.
2. Lifting capacity does not exceed 75% of tipping load with the machine on firm, level ground or 67% full hydraulic capacity.
3. The load point is the center-line of the bucket pivot mounting pin on the arm.
4. Hydraulics load limited by hydraulic capacity.
5. *Indicates load limited by hydraulic capacity.

For lifting capacities, subtract bucket and quick hitch weight from lifting capacities without bucket.
## EQUIPMENT

### ENGINE
- Auto idle system
- Cartridge-type engine oil filter
- Dust-proof indoor net
- Electrical fuel feed pump
- Fuel main filter
- Radiator reserve tank
- Water separator for engine fuel

### HYDRAULIC SYSTEM
- Boom anti-drift valve
- Full-flow filter
- Hose rupture valve
- Hydraulic pilot type control lever
- Pilot control shut off lever with neutral engine start system
- Pilot filter
- Suction filter
- Swing parking brake
- Travel parking brake
- Two-speed travel system
- Valve for extra piping

### 4-PILLAR CANOPY
- Anti-slip plate
- Armrests
- Auxiliary function lever (AFL)
- Drink holder
- Electric horn
- Floor mat
- Retracting seat
- Refractable seat belt
- ROPS/OPG canopy
- Suspension seat

### CAB
- Air conditioner
- AM/FM radio
- Anti-slip plate
- Armrests
- Auxiliary function lever (AFL)
- Defroster
- Drink holder
- Electric horn
- Floor mat
- Heater
- Retracting seat
- Refractable seat belt
- ROPS/OPG cab
- Suspension seat
- Window washer
- Wiper

### UNDERCARRIAGE
- Auxiliary overload relief valve
- Electric fuel refilling pump
- Pilot accumulator
- Rear view mirror
- Stack muffler
- Tool box
- 200 kg additional counterweight
- 400 mm grouser shoe
- 400 mm pad crawler shoe
- 400 mm rubber shoe

### FRONT ATTACHMENTS
- Assist piping
- Extra piping
- HN bushing
- 1.38 m arm
- 1.69 m arm

### MISCELLANEOUS
- Theft deterrent system*

### Standard and optional equipment may vary by country, so please consult your Hitachi dealer for details.

*Hitachi Construction Machinery cannot be held liable for theft, any system will just minimize the risk of theft.
Built on the foundation of superb technological capabilities, Hitachi Construction Machinery is committed to providing leading-edge solutions and services to contribute as a reliable partner to the business of customers worldwide.

The Hitachi Group released the Environmental Vision 2025 to curb annual carbon dioxide emissions. The Group is committed to global production while reducing environmental impact in life cycles of all products, and realizing a sustainable society by tackling three goals — prevention of global warming, conservation of resources, and preservation of ecosystem.

Reducing Environmental Impact by New ZAXIS

Hitachi makes a green way to cut carbon emissions for global warming prevention according to LCA*. New ZAXIS utilizes lots of technological advances, including the new ECO mode, and Isochronous Control. Hitachi has long been committed to recycling of components, such as aluminum parts in radiators and oil cooler. Resin parts are marked for recycling.

*Life Cycle Assessment – ISO 14040

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