

Mitsubishi/Satoh tractor information, parts, and support

MITSUBISHI/SATOH HISTORY

Satoh: The Satoh company was quite old in Japan, and the gasoline-powered S650-G model dates back to the early 1960s. Along with the gasoline-powered Satoh models, Mitsubishi tractors were sold in the US as Satoh products in the 1970s-early 1980s. Satoh's US models had model numbers beginning with S followed by *three* numerals and often an animal name (example: S370 Beaver), with the suffix D indicating 4wd. Satoh officially merged with Mitsubishi on 1 February 1980, and Mitsubishi committed to supporting Satoh models with parts for at least 25 years after the merger. Leftover Satohs in US dealer stock were issued new Mitsubishi decals, and certain models continued to be sold into the 1980s as "Satoh by Mitsubishi". Many of the Satoh tractors sold here had 2-cylinder diesel engines made by Mitsubishi. Grey-market tractors, which are used Japanese-spec tractors imported from Japan, have appeared here under the Satoh and Mitsubishi names.

Mitsubishi ("Mitsu"): Mitsubishi made its own tractors as far back as the 1960s. In Japan and certain other markets, Mitsubishis were also labeled with other names including Suzue, VST, and Kumiai. Suzue was a separate brand, while VST and Kumiai were akin to farmers' cooperatives. Some of these have also shown up here as grey-market tractors. After the merger with Satoh, Mitsubishi sold tractors during the 1980s in the US under its own name, and those model numbers began with MT followed by *three* numerals (MT160, MT160D, etc.) with the suffix D meaning 4-wheel-drive. Most US-spec Mitsubishis used 3-cylinder diesels. For these tractors the Intertec manual *Mitsubishi Shop Manual M-1* for models MT160, MT160D, MT180, MT180D, MT180H,