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# NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST 934 – JOHN DEERE 4020 SYNCRO-RANGE LPG

## POWER TAKE-OFF PERFORMANCE

Hp	Crank- shaft speed rpm	Fuel Consumption		Temperature Degrees F					Barometer inches of Mercury
		Gal per hr	Lb per hp-hr	Hp-hr per gal	Cooling medium	Air wet bulb	Air dry bulb		
MAXIMUM POWER AND FUEL CONSUMPTION									
Rated Engine Speed—Two Hours									
94.57	2200	10.236	0.460	9.24	189	57	75	29.253	
Standard Power take-off Speed (1000 rpm)—One Hour									
84.22	1895	8.915	0.450	9.45	190	58	76	29.238	
VARYING POWER AND FUEL CONSUMPTION—TWO HOURS									
82.87	2267	9.155	0.470	9.05	179	56	71	.....	
0.00	2430	3.113	.....	.....	164	58	75	.....	
42.97	2342	6.184	0.612	6.95	170	58	75	.....	
94.58	2200	10.214	0.459	9.26	190	58	76	.....	
21.97	2395	4.864	0.941	4.52	169	58	75	.....	
62.49	2281	7.673	0.522	8.14	173	58	76	.....	
Av 50.81	2319	6.867	0.574	7.40	174	58	74	29.183	

## DRAWBAR PERFORMANCE

Hp	Draw-bar pull lbs	Speed miles per hr	Crank-shaft speed rpm	Slip of drivers %	Fuel Consumption		Temp Degrees F					Barometer inches of Mercury
					Gal per hr	Lb per hp-hr	Hp-hr per gal	Cooling med	Air wet bulb	Air dry bulb		
VARYING DRAWBAR POWER AND FUEL CONSUMPTION WITH BALLAST												
Maximum Available Power—Two Hours—4th Gear												
83.59	6390	4.91	2204	7.20	10.206	0.519	8.19	178	57	65	28.870	
75% of Pull at Maximum Power—Ten Hours—4th Gear												
68.91	4977	5.19	2290	5.44	8.718	0.538	7.90	170	38	46	29.237	
50% of Pull at Maximum Power—Two Hours—4th Gear												
48.20	3364	5.37	2328	3.77	7.088	0.625	6.80	170	56	62	28.865	
MAXIMUM POWER WITH BALLAST												
78.37	10674	2.75	2282	14.54	2nd Gear .....		170	33	36		29.230	
84.36	8529	3.71	2202	9.72	3rd Gear .....		172	49	56		28.970	
86.80	6617	4.92	2205	7.03	4th Gear .....		172	49	56		28.970	
86.12	5206	6.20	2199	5.41	5th Gear .....		171	49	56		28.970	
85.17	3859	8.28	2204	3.96	6th Gear .....		170	49	56		28.970	
83.06	2886	10.79	2199	2.98	7th Gear .....		170	50	58		28.950	
MAXIMUM POWER WITHOUT BALLAST												
77.61	6282	4.63	2236	14.71	4th Gear .....		178	50	60		29.265	

## VARYING DRAWBAR PULL AND TRAVEL SPEED WITH BALLAST—4th Gear

Pounds pull	6617	6824	6887	6916	6937	6869
Horsepower	86.80	80.28	71.96	63.21	54.13	44.40
Crankshaft speed, rpm	2205	1982	1763	1545	1319	1092
Miles per hour	4.92	4.41	3.92	3.43	2.93	2.42
Slip of drivers, %	7.03	7.10	7.37	7.51	7.51	7.51

## TIRES, BALLAST and WEIGHT

		With Ballast	Without Ballast
Rear tires	—No, size, ply & psi	Two 18.4-34; 8; 20	Two 18.4-34; 8; 16
Ballast	—Liquid	980 lb each	None
	—Cast iron	1400 lb each	None
Front tires	—No, size, ply & psi	Two 7.50-15; 6; 36	Two 7.50-15; 6; 32
Ballast	—Liquid	None	None
	—Cast iron	105 lb each	None
Height of drawbar		19½ inches	20½ inches
Static weight with operator—Rear		11290 lb	6530 lb
Front		2860 lb	2650 lb
Total		14150 lb	9180 lb

## Department of Agricultural Engineering

Dates of Tests: APRIL 26 to MAY 2, 1966

Manufacturer: JOHN DEERE WATERLOO TRACTOR WORKS, WATERLOO, IOWA

**FUEL, OIL and TIME** Fuel HD-5 propane Specific gravity converted to 60°/60° 0.5103 Weight per gallon 4.25 lb Oil SAE 20-20W API service classification MS, DG To motor 1.684 gal Drained from motor 1.498 gal Transmission and final-drive lubricant John Deere Special 303 oil Total time engine was operated 43 hours.

**ENGINE** Make John Deere LPG Type 6 cylinder vertical Serial No 22F135826 Crankshaft mounted lengthwise Rated rpm 2200 Bore and stroke 4¼" x 4" Compression ratio 9.0 to 1 Displacement 340 cu in Carburetor size 1¾" Ignition system battery Cranking system 12 volt electric Lubrication pressure Air cleaner oil washed wire screen Oil filter replaceable paper element Oil cooler radiator for transmission and hydraulic oil Fuel filter screen and chamois in fuel lock strainer Muffler was used Cooling medium temperature control two thermostats.

**CHASSIS** Type standard Serial No SNT-212R135219R Tread width rear 60" to 91" front 50.75" to 79.88" Wheel base 100.25" Center of gravity (without operator or ballast, with minimum tread, with fuel tank filled and tractor serviced for operation) Horizontal distance forward from center-line of rear wheels 27.2" Vertical distance above roadway 38.0" Horizontal distance from center of rear wheel tread 0" to the right/left Hydraulic control system direct engine drive Transmission selective gear fixed ratio with partial range synchro-mesh Advertised speeds mph first 1.9 second 3.0 third 4.0 fourth 5.1 fifth 6.3 sixth 8.3 seventh 10.8 eighth 17.6 reverse 3.9 and 6.2 Clutch single plate dry disc operated by foot pedal Brakes wet disc hydraulically power actuated operated by two foot pedals which can be locked together Steering hydraulic with power assist Turning radius (on concrete surface with brake applied) right 128" left 128" (on concrete surface without brake) right 150" left 150" Turning space diameter (on concrete surface with brake applied) right 283" left 283" (on concrete surface without brake) right 335" left 335" Belt pulley 966 rpm at 1900 engine rpm diam 12.0" face 8.5" Belt speed 3034 fpm Power take-off 1003 rpm at 1900 engine rpm.

**REPAIRS and ADJUSTMENTS** No repairs or adjustments.

**REMARKS** All test results were determined from observed data obtained in accordance with the SAE and ASAE test code.

First gear was not run as it was necessary to limit the pull in second gear to avoid excessive wheel slippage. Eighth gear was not run as it exceeded 15 mph.

We, the undersigned, certify that this is a true and correct report of official Tractor Test 934.

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# EXPLANATION OF TEST REPORT

## GENERAL CONDITIONS

Each tractor is a production model equipped for common usage. Power consuming accessories can be disconnected only when it is convenient for the operator to do so in practice. Additional weight can be added as ballast if the manufacturer regularly supplies it for sale. The static tire loads and the inflation pressures must conform to recommendations in the Tire Standards published by the Society of Automotive Engineers.

## PREPARATION FOR PERFORMANCE RUNS

The engine crankcase is drained and refilled with a measured amount of new oil conforming to specifications in the operators manual. The fuel used and the maintenance operations must also conform to the published information delivered with the tractor. The tractor is then limbered-up for 12 hours on drawbar work in accordance with the manufacturer's published recommendations. The manufacturer's representative is present to make appropriate decisions regarding mechanical adjustments.

The tractor is equipped with approximately the amount of added ballast that is used during maximum drawbar tests. The tire tread-bar height must be at least 65% of new tread height prior to the maximum power run.

## BELT OR POWER TAKE-OFF PERFORMANCE

**Maximum Power and Fuel Consumption.** The manufacturer's representative makes carburetor, fuel pump, ignition and governor control settings which remain unchanged throughout all subsequent runs. The governor and the manually operated governor control lever is set to provide the high-idle speed specified by the manufacturer for maximum power. Maximum power is measured by connecting the belt pulley or the power take-off to a dynamometer. The dynamometer load is then gradually increased until the engine is operating at the rated speed specified by the manufacturer for maximum power. The corresponding fuel consumption is measured.

**Varying Power and Fuel Consumption.** Six different horsepower levels are used to show corresponding fuel consumption rates and how the governor causes the engine to react to the following changes in dynamometer load: 85% of the dynamometer torque at maximum power; minimum dynamometer torque,  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the 85% torque; maximum power,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the 85% torque. Since a tractor is generally subjected to varying loads the average of the results in this test serve well for predicting the fuel consumption of a tractor in general usage.

## DRAWBAR PERFORMANCE

All engine adjustments are the same as those used in the belt or power take-off tests. If the manufacturer specifies a different rated crankshaft speed for drawbar operations, then the position of the manually operated governor control is changed to provide the high-idle speed specified by the manufacturer in the operating instructions.

**Varying Power and Fuel Consumption With Ballast.** The varying power runs are made to show the effect of speed-control devices (engine, governor, automatic trans-

mission, etc.) on horsepower, speed and fuel consumption. These runs are made around the entire test course which has two 180 degree turns with a minimum radius of 50 feet. The drawbar pull is set at 3 different levels as follows: (1) as near to the pull at maximum power as possible and still have the tractor maintain the travel speed at maximum horsepower on the straight sections of the test course; (2) 75% of the pull at maximum power; and (3) 50% of the pull at maximum power. Prior to 1958, fuel consumption data (10 hour test) were shown only for the pull obtained at maximum power for tractors having torque converters and at 75% of the pull obtained at maximum power for gear-type tractors.

**Maximum Power with Ballast.** Maximum power is measured on straight level sections of the test course. Data are shown for not more than 12 different gears or travel speeds. Some gears or travel speeds may be omitted because of high slippage of the traction members or because the travel speed may exceed the safe-limit for the test course. The maximum safe speed for the Nebraska Test Course has been set at 15 miles per hour. The slippage limits have been set at 15% and 7% for pneumatic tires and steel tracks or lugs, respectively. Higher slippage gives widely varying results.

**Maximum Power Without Ballast.** All added ballast is removed from the tractor. The maximum drawbar power of the tractor is determined by the same procedure used for getting maximum power with ballast. The gear (or travel speed) is the same as that used in the 10-hour test.

**Varying Power and Travel Speed with Ballast.** Travel speeds corresponding to drawbar pulls beyond the maximum power range are obtained to show the "lugging ability" of the tractor. The run starts with the pull at maximum power; then additional drawbar pull is applied to cause decreasing speeds. The run is ended by one of three conditions: (1) maximum pull is obtained, (2) the maximum slippage limit is reached, or (3) some other operating limit is reached.

For additional information about the Nebraska Tractor Tests write to the Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.



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