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## Test 656: Oliver OC-4

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University of Nebraska College of Agriculture  
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Department of Agricultural Engineering  
Dates of test: June 5 to 16, 1958  
Manufacturer: THE OLIVER CORPORATION,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO  
Manufacturer's rating: Not Rated

NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST NO. 656

OLIVER OC-4 GASOLINE

**BELT HORSEPOWER TESTS**

Hp	Crank shaft speed rpm	Fuel Consumption			Temp. Deg. F.			Barometer inches of mercury
		Gal per hr	Hp-hr per gal	Lb per hp-hr	Cooling medium	Air wet bulb	Air dry bulb	
* TEST B—100% MAXIMUM POWER—TWO HOURS								
25.34	1700	2.497	10.15	0.604	167	63	68	28.862
TEST C—OPERATING MAXIMUM POWER—ONE HOUR								
24.34	1700	2.265	10.75	0.571	159	64	70	28.835
TEST D—RATED POWER—ONE HOUR								
22.52	1838	2.242	10.04	0.611	150	64	69	28.815
TEST E—VARYING POWER—TWO HOURS (20 minute runs; last line average)								
22.57	1831	2.240	10.08	0.609	152	64	69	.....
1.26	2102	1.184	1.06	5.762	134	64	70	.....
11.96	1946	1.722	6.95	0.883	138	64	69	.....
23.86	1700	2.240	10.65	0.576	164	65	69	.....
6.20	2021	1.414	4.38	1.398	146	67	71	.....
17.35	1888	1.942	8.93	0.686	151	68	73	.....
13.87	1915	1.790	7.75	0.792	148	65	70	28.790

**DRAWBAR HORSEPOWER TESTS**

Hp	Draw bar pull lbs	Speed miles per hr	Crank shaft speed rpm	Slip of drive wheels %	Fuel Consumption			Temp. Deg. F.			Barometer inches of mercury
					Gal per hr	Hp-hr per gal	Lb per hp-hr	Cool- ing me-l	Air wet bulb	Air dry bulb	
TEST H—RATED POWER—TEN HOURS—2nd Gear											
17.99	2716	2.48	1813	2.46	2.115	8.51	0.721	166	69	75	28.733
TEST F—100% MAXIMUM POWER											
23.14	3809	2.28	1698	4.48	2nd Gear . . . . .			166	54	65	28.920
TEST G—OPERATING MAXIMUM POWER											
18.81	4986	1.41	1700	10.09	1st Gear (part throttle)			167	72	79	28.600
21.57	3520	2.30	1699	3.74	2nd Gear . . . . .			164	56	69	28.900
20.16	2279	3.32	1695	1.84	3rd Gear . . . . .			164	56	69	28.900
17.64	1261	5.25	1696	0.97	4th Gear . . . . .			162	56	69	28.900
TEST K—SPEED-PULL CHARACTERISTIC											
Pounds Pull			2716	3520	3700	3900	3900	3800	3700		
Horsepower			17.99	21.57	20.7	18.7	16.6	14.2	10.9		
Miles Per Hour			2.48	2.30	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.1		

**FUEL, OIL, WATER and TIME** Fuel Gasoline Octane No. ASTM 83.6 Research 90.4 (rating taken from oil company's typical inspection data) Weight per gallon 6.133 lb Oil SAE 20 To motor 1.233 gal Drained from motor 1.065 gal Water used 0.487 gal Total time motor was operated 44½ hours.

**CHASSIS** Type Tracklayer Serial No. 1 WR-376 Tread width 46" Wheel base 56½" Measured length of track 15.67 feet Cleats integral with shoes Cleats per track 32 Size of cleats 1¼" x 12" Advertised speeds mph first 1.562 second 2.373 third 3.365 fourth 5.273 reverse 1.814 Belt pulley diam. 8½" Face 6½" rpm 1096 Belt speed 2440 fpm Belt flat Length 71' Width 6" Thickness 0.215" Maximum slip 0.76% Clutch double plate dry disc operated by foot pedal Seat upholstered Brakes contracting bands operated by two hand levers that can be locked by latches Equalized by hand action Power take-off standard type Steering hand levers controlling brakes.

**ENGINE** Make Hercules Type 3 cylinder vertical Serial No. 3750320 Crankshaft mounted lengthwise Head 1 Lubrication pressure Bore and stroke 3½" x 4½" Rated rpm 1700 Compression ratio 6.5 to 1 Displacement 130 cu. in. Valves port diameter Inlet 1.44" Exhaust 1.25" Governor variable speed centrifugal Carburetor size 1" Ignition system battery Starting system 6 volt battery Air cleaner oil washed wire mesh Muffler not used Oil filter one replaceable paper cartridge Cooling medium temperature control thermostat.

**TOTAL WEIGHT AS TESTED (with operator)** 5255 lbs.

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

**REMARKS** All test results were determined from observed data and without allowances, additions or deductions. Tests B and F were made with carburetor set for 100% maximum belt horsepower and data from these tests were used in determining the horsepower to be developed in tests D and H, respectively. Tests C, D, E, G, H, and K were made with an operating setting of the carburetor (selected by the manufacturer) of 96.3% of maximum belt horsepower.

**HORSEPOWER SUMMARY**

	Drawbar	Belt
1. Sea level (calculated) maximum horsepower (based on 60° F and 29.92" Hg)	24.06	26.47
2. Observed maximum horsepower (tests F and B)	23.14	25.34
3. Seventy-five per cent of calculated maximum drawbar horsepower and eighty-five per cent of calculated maximum belt horsepower (ASAE and SAE ratings)	18.05	22.52

We, the undersigned, certify that this is a true and correct report of official Tractor Test No. 656.

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Test Engineers

## EXPLANATION OF TEST REPORT

**TEST A:** The manufacturer's representative operates the tractor for a minimum of 12 hours using light to heavy drawbar loads in each gear.

This serves as a period for limber up, general observation and adjustments. Adjustments that are permissible include valve tappet clearance, breaker point gap, spark plug gaps, clutch and others of a similar nature. No new parts or accessories can be installed without having mention made of it in the report.

No data are recorded during this preliminary run except the time that the engine is operated.

### BELT HORSEPOWER TESTS

**TEST B:** The manual throttle control lever is set so that the throttle valve is held wide open and the belt load on the dynamometer is adjusted so that the engine is at the rated speed recommended by the manufacturer. Carburetor, ignition timing and manifold adjustments are all set for maximum engine power.

This test is designed to determine maximum belt horsepower of the tractor at rated speed and to measure fuel consumption at the maximum power on the belt.

**TEST C:** For tractors with carburetors the best fuel economy does not always occur when the engine develops maximum power at rated speed. Test C is intended to allow the manufacturer's representative to select a more economical fuel setting even though there is a slight loss of power. *This more practical carburetor setting is used in all later tests except test F.* The throttle valve is wide open and load adjusted to give rated rpm. Tests B and C are the same for diesel tractors which have an altogether different fuel system.

**TEST D:** The manual throttle control lever is set the same as for tests B and C allowing the governor to control engine speed at part throttle. Load is applied until 85% of maximum corrected horsepower found in test B is obtained.

This rating is somewhat less than the maximum belt horsepower in order that the operator may have a certain amount of reserve.

**TEST E:** Varying load serves to show the range of engine speeds when the engine is controlled by the governor during the following varied loads, of 20 minutes each; rated load, no load,  $\frac{1}{2}$  rated load, maximum load at wide open throttle valve,  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  rated load.

The average result of this test shows the average power and fuel consumption. Since the average tractor is subjected to varying loads, these data serve well in predicting fuel consumption and efficiency of a tractor in general use.

### DRAWBAR HORSEPOWER TESTS

In all drawbar tests the pull exerted by the tractor is transmitted by a hydraulic pressure cylinder to a recording instrument in the test car. When rubber tires are used, all tests are made on the concrete test course. The same tires, wheels and weights are used for all tests except J. All crawler type tractors are tested on an earthen test course which is maintained by grading, sprinkling and rolling so that it remains very nearly the same for each test.

**TEST F:** A drawbar test, the results of which are used to determine the rated drawbar horsepower in test H. The carburetor is set to develop maximum power as in test B. The rated gear recommended by manufacturer as plow gear is used in the test. The drawbar load is adjusted to give rated engine speed.

**TEST G:** Maximum drawbar horsepower is determined in each gear when the carburetor is set for fuel economy as in test C. The manual throttle control lever is set so that the throttle valve is held wide open and the load is applied so that the engine runs at rated engine speed.

When operating in low gear it is not uncommon for the tractor to develop less drawbar horsepower than in rated gear because of excessive wheel slippage. When excessive wheel slippage occurs the load is reduced until slippage approaches 15%. When the load is reduced it is necessary to operate the tractor engine at part throttle and control engine speed by governor action.

**TEST H:** Intended to test the ability of the tractor to run continuously for 10 hours at rated drawbar horsepower and to determine the fuel consumption during that time. Rated drawbar horsepower is 75% of 100% maximum drawbar horsepower (Test F), corrected to standard conditions.

When operating at rated horsepower the manual throttle control lever is set the same as in tests F and G allowing the governor to maintain engine speed at part throttle. This rating is less than maximum drawbar horsepower in order that the operator may have a certain amount of reserve.

**TEST J:** The tractor is operated in rated gear with all added weight removed. This test shows the effect of the removal of added weight on the performance of the tractor when compared with test G.

Removal of wheel weights generally increases wheel slippage and decreases drawbar horsepower.

**TEST K:** This is intended to show the pull, horsepower, and travel speed of the tractor at rated horsepower (taken from test H); maximum horsepower (taken from test G); and at least four other conditions obtained by reducing travel speed in 10% increments by overload.

