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## Test 500: New Fordson Major (Diesel)

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Department of Agricultural Engineering  
Dates of test: August 17 to August 27, 1953.  
Manufacturer: FORD MOTOR CO. LTD., DAGEN-  
HAM, ESSEX, ENGLAND  
Manufacturer's rating: Not rated.

NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST NO. 500

NEW FORDSON MAJOR DIESEL

**BELT HORSEPOWER TESTS**

| Hp  | Crank<br>shaft<br>speed<br>rpm | Fuel Consumption |                  |                   | Water<br>used<br>gal<br>per hour | Temp Deg F     |     | Barometer<br>inches of<br>mercury |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
|   |                                | Gal<br>per hour  | Hp-hr<br>per gal | Lb per<br>hp-hour |                                  | Cooling<br>med | Air |                                   |
| TESTS B & C—100% MAXIMUM LOAD—TWO HOURS                           |                                |                  |                  |                   |                                  |                |     |                                   |
| *38.49  | 1600                           | 2.484            | 15.50            | 0.454             | 0.00                             | 195            | 86  | 29.082                            |
| TEST D—RATED LOAD—ONE HOUR  |                                |                  |                  |                   |                                  |                |     |                                   |
| 34.60   | 1600                           | 2.241            | 15.44            | 0.456             | 0.00                             | 180            | 75  | 29.070                            |
| TEST E—VARYING LOAD—TWO HOURS (20 minute runs; last line average) |                                |                  |                  |                   |                                  |                |     |                                   |
| 34.69   | 1600                           | 2.237            | 15.51            | 0.454             | ...                              | 181            | 75  | .....                             |
| 2.17  | 1763                           | 0.784            | 2.77             | 2.544             | ...                              | 150            | 79  | .....                             |
| 18.72   | 1725                           | 1.432            | 13.07            | 0.538             | ...                              | 165            | 78  | .....                             |
| 34.97   | 1547                           | 2.220            | 15.75            | 0.447             | ...                              | 204            | 76  | .....                             |
| 8.94  | 1646                           | 0.984            | 9.09             | 0.775             | ...                              | 158            | 75  | .....                             |
| 28.93   | 1650                           | 1.884            | 15.36            | 0.458             | ...                              | 184            | 76  | .....                             |
| 21.40   | 1655                           | 1.590            | 13.46            | 0.523             | 0.00                             | 174            | 76  | 29.100                            |

**TORQUE (At Dynamometer)**

|          |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Eng. RPM | 1600  | 1505  | 1422  | 1321  | 1234  | 1151  | 1053  | 959   | 876   | 791   |
| Lb. Ft.  | 209.8 | 212.5 | 209.7 | 211.6 | 220.5 | 220.5 | 220.2 | 220.7 | 217.5 | 215.6 |

**DRAWBAR HORSEPOWER TESTS**

| Hp                                     | Draw<br>bar<br>pull<br>lb | Speed<br>miles<br>per<br>hr | Crank<br>shaft<br>speed<br>rpm | Slip<br>of<br>drive<br>wheels<br>% | Fuel Consumption   |                     |                    | Water<br>used<br>gal<br>per<br>hour | Temp Deg F          |     | Barometer<br>inches of<br>mercury |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
|  |                           |                             |                                |                                    | Gal<br>per<br>hour | Hp-hr<br>per<br>gal | Lb<br>per<br>hp-hr |                                     | Cool-<br>ing<br>med | Air |                                   |
| TESTS F & G—100% MAXIMUM LOAD          |                           |                             |                                |                                    |                    |                     |                    |                                     |                     |     |                                   |
| 24.56                                  | 5315                      | 1.73                        | 1595                           | 17.13                              | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 190                 | 90  | 28.750                            |
| 32.60                                  | 4777                      | 2.56                        | 1597                           | 13.04                              | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 190                 | 90  | 28.900                            |
| 34.17                                  | 3703                      | 3.46                        | 1603                           | 8.47                               | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 190                 | 88  | 28.920                            |
| 35.19                                  | 2627                      | 5.02                        | 1603                           | 5.65                               | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 190                 | 89  | 28.920                            |
| 34.42                                  | 1814                      | 7.12                        | 1598                           | 3.85                               | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 190                 | 89  | 28.910                            |
| 29.71                                  | 850                       | 13.11                       | 1602                           | 1.43                               | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 190                 | 89  | 28.900                            |
| TEST H—RATED LOAD—TEN HOURS 3rd Gear   |                           |                             |                                |                                    |                    |                     |                    |                                     |                     |     |                                   |
| 27.74                                  | 2966                      | 3.51                        | 1600                           | 7.02                               | 1.991              | 13.93               | 0.505              | 0.00                                | 175                 | 86  | 28.916                            |
| TEST J—OPERATING MAXIMUM LOAD 3rd Gear |                           |                             |                                |                                    |                    |                     |                    |                                     |                     |     |                                   |
| 26.49                                  | 3075                      | 3.23                        | 1598                           | 16.27                              | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 180                 | 95  | 28.730                            |
| TEST K—OPERATING MAXIMUM LOAD 3rd Gear |                           |                             |                                |                                    |                    |                     |                    |                                     |                     |     |                                   |
| 27.07                                  | 3077                      | 3.30                        | 1599                           | 14.62                              | .....              | Not Recorded        | .....              |                                     | 185                 | 91  | 28.770                            |

**TIRES, WHEELS AND WEIGHT**

|   | Tests F, G, & H | Test J        | Test K        |
|---|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Rear wheels</b>                          |                 |               |               |
| Type  | Pressed steel   | Pressed steel | Pressed steel |
| Liquid ballast                              | None            | None          | None          |
| Added cast iron                             | 1292 lb each    | None          | None          |
| <b>Rear tires</b>                           |                 |               |               |
| No. and size                                | Two 14-30       | Two 14-30     | Two 11-38     |
| Ply   | 6               | 6             | 6             |
| Air pressure                                | 12 lb           | 12 lb         | 12 lb         |
| <b>Front wheels</b>                         |                 |               |               |
| Type  | Pressed steel   | Pressed steel | Pressed steel |
| Liquid ballast                              | None            | None          | None          |
| Added cast iron                             | None            | None          | None          |
| <b>Front tires</b>                          |                 |               |               |
| No. and size                                | Two 7.50-16     | Two 7.50-16   | Two 7.50-16   |
| Ply   | 6               | 6             | 6             |
| Air pressure                                | 28 lb           | 28 lb         | 28 lb         |
| <b>Height of drawbar</b>                    | 22½ inches      | 24½ inches    | 25 inches     |
| <b>Static weight</b>                        |                 |               |               |
| Rear end                                    | 5904 lb         | 3320 lb       | 3309 lb       |
| Front end                                   | 1811 lb         | 1813 lb       | 1816 lb       |
| <b>Total weight as tested with operator</b> | 7890 lb         | 5308 lb       | 5300 lb       |

**FUEL, OIL and TIME** Diesel Fuel Cetane No. 50 (rating taken from oil company's typical inspection data); weight per gallon 7.040 lb OIL SAE 30; to motor 1.725 gal; drained from motor 1.537 gal Total time motor was operated 44½ hours.

**CHASSIS TYPE** Standard Serial No. 1260402 Tread width rear 52" to 72" front 53½" to 77½" Wheel Base 80" Hydraulic control system driven by P.T.O. shaft Advertised speeds mph first 2.07 second 2.92 third 3.73 fourth 5.25 fifth 7.32 sixth 13.16 reverse 2.80 and 5.03 Belt pulley diam 8½" face 6¾" rpm 1600 and 889 Belt speed 3560 and 1982 fpm Clutch Single plate dry disc clutch operated by foot pedal Seat pressed steel seat with rubber puck suspension Brakes Internal expanding shoe operated by two foot pedals Equalized by locking two brakes together Power take-off Standard type.

**ENGINE** Make Ford Motor Co. Ltd. (England) Type 4 cylinder vertical diesel Serial No. 1260402 Crankshaft mounted lengthwise Head I Lubrication pressure Bore and Stroke 3.938" x 4.524" Rated rpm 1600 Compression ratio 16 to 1 Displacement 220 cu. in. Port Diameter Valves Inlet 1.56" Exhaust 1.375" Governor Pneumatic type Starting System 12 volt battery Air Cleaner Oil washed wire screen Muffler was used Oil Filter removable filter element Fuel Filter One replaceable micronic paper element and one edge type filter Cooling medium temperature control Thermostat and shutter.

**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 fuel pump set to develop approximately 40 corrected 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, J, and K were made with the same setting.

**HORSEPOWER SUMMARY**

|  | Draw-<br>bar | Belt  |
|--|--------------|-------|
| 1. Sea level (calculated) maximum horsepower (based on 60° F and 29.92" HG)  | 36.29        | 40.58 |
| 2. Observed maximum horsepower (tests F & B)   | 34.17        | 38.49 |
| 3. Seventy-five per cent of calculated maximum drawbar horsepower and eighty-five per cent of calculated maximum belt horsepower (formerly ASAE and SAE ratings) | 27.22        | 34.49 |

We, the undersigned, certify that this is a true and correct report of official tractor test No. 500.

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Engineer-in-Charge

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Board of Tractor  
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 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 held 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 throttle control lever is set so that the governor will maintain rated engine speed when rated load is applied. Rated load is 85% of 100% maximum, as obtained in test B, corrected to standard conditions.

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.

**Torque, lb-ft at dynamometer,** is obtained with wide open throttle and sufficient load is applied to give several readings.

### 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. All tests are made on the same dirt test course which is maintained by grading, sprinkling and rolling so that it remains very nearly the same throughout the season.

The same tires, wheels and weights are used for all tests except J and K.

**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 this 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 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 16%. 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 load the throttle control lever is set to maintain rated engine speed. 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:** Similar to test J except that the smallest tires and lightest wheels offered by the manufacturer are used.

