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## Test 681: Cockshutt Model 550 (Diesel)

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Dates of test: November 12, 1958 to November 26, 1958  
Manufacturer: COCKSHUTT FARM EQUIPMENT  
LIMITED, BRANTFORD, CANADA  
Manufacturer's rating: Not Rated

NEBRASKA TRACTOR TEST NO. 681

COCKSHUTT 550 DIESEL

**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	
TESTS B & C—100% MAXIMUM POWER—TWO HOURS								
38.45	† 1650	2.539	15.14	0.464	154	54	70	28.903
TEST D—RATED POWER—ONE HOUR								
34.22	1690	2.209	15.49	0.454	142	54	70	28.930
TEST E—VARYING POWER—TWO HOURS (20 minute runs; last line average)								
34.20	1689	2.215	15.44	0.455	144	54	71	.....
1.56	1817	0.760	2.05	3.423	126	54	70	.....
17.88	1764	1.387	12.89	0.545	130	54	70	.....
38.20	1646	2.509	15.23	0.462	151	54	70	.....
9.15	1802	1.054	8.68	0.810	128	53	69	.....
26.26	1729	1.767	14.86	0.473	132	53	70	.....
21.21	1741	1.615	13.13	0.535	135	54	70	28.963

**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	Cooling med	Air wet bulb	Air dry bulb				
TEST H—RATED POWER—TEN HOURS—3rd Gear														
27.17	2706	3.77	1722	4.15	2.024	13.42	0.524	129	34	39	28.863			
TESTS F & G—100% MAXIMUM POWER														
29.65	6544	1.70	1649	14.00	1st Gear (part throttle)			132	35	37	29.140			
34.30	5204	2.47	1648	9.01	2nd Gear . . . . .			132	35	37	29.140			
34.97	3711	3.53	1648	6.15	3rd Gear . . . . .			132	35	37	29.140			
34.10	2576	4.96	1649	3.77	4th Gear . . . . .			133	35	37	29.140			
32.75	1670	7.35	1650	2.60	5th Gear . . . . .			131	35	38	29.000			
25.61	676	14.20	1650	1.10	6th Gear . . . . .			134	35	38	29.000			
TEST J—OPERATING MAXIMUM POWER														
34.57	3678	3.53	1648	7.06	3rd Gear . . . . .			133	18	24	29.235			
TEST K—PULL-SPEED CHARACTERISTIC—3rd Gear														
Pounds Pull		2706		3711		3850		3900		3850		3800		3700
Horsepower		27.17		34.97		32.9		29.1		25.7		21.3		17.8
Miles Per Hour		3.77		3.53		3.2		2.8		2.5		2.1		1.8

FUEL, OIL, WATER and TIME Fuel Diesel Cetane No. 50.8 (rating taken from oil company's typical inspection data) Weight per gallon 7.030 lb Oil SAE 20-20W To motor 1.951 gal Drained from motor 0.831 gal Water used 0.126 gal Total time motor was operated 39½ hours.

CHASSIS Type Standard Serial No. BM 1699 D Tread width rear 60" front 55" Wheel base 87" Hydraulic control system direct engine drive Advertised speeds mph first 1.88 second 2.50 third 3.50 fourth 4.88 fifth 7.00 sixth 13.50 reverse first 3.25 second 6.25 Belt pulley diam. 10" Face 6.5" rpm 1196 Belt speed 3130 fpm Belt flat Length 72' Width 7" Thickness 0.216" Maximum slip 0.63% Clutch single plate dry disc operated by foot pedal Seat pressed steel on conical spring with shock absorber Brakes double disc operated by two foot pedals Equalized by locking together Power take-off "live" power take-off with independent clutch Steering aided by hydraulic power steering.

ENGINE Make Hercules Diesel Type 4 cylinder vertical Serial No. 3200 268 Crankshaft mounted length wise Head I Lubrication pressure Bore and stroke 3¾" x 4½" Rated rpm 1650 Compression ratio 17.8 to 1 Displacement 198 cu. in. Valves port diameter Inlet 1⅞" Exhaust 1¼" Governor variable speed centrifugal Starting system 12 volt (2-6 volt batteries) Air cleaner oil washed wire screen Muffler was used Oil filter replaceable paper element Fuel filter one first stage metal screen and water trap, one primary filter with replaceable waste element, one secondary filter with replaceable paper element and one final stage paper throw-away filter Cooling medium temperature control thermostat.

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.

**TIRES, WHEELS AND WEIGHT**

Tests F, G, H & K			Test J
Rear wheels	Cast iron		Cast iron
Type			
Liquid ballast	645 lb each		None
Added cast iron	375 lb each		None
Rear tires	Two 13-38		Two 13-38
No. and size			
Ply	6		6
Air pressure	14 lb		14 lb
Front wheels	Pressed steel		Pressed steel
Type			
Liquid ballast	None		None
Added cast iron	None		None
Front tires	Two 6.00-16		Two 6.00-16
No. and size			
Ply	4		4
Air pressure	32 lb		32 lb
Height of drawbar	17 inches		17½ inches
Static weight			
Rear end	5670 lb		3630 lb
Front end	1885 lb		1890 lb
Total weight as tested with operator	7730 lb		5695 lb

**HORSEPOWER SUMMARY**

	Drawbar	Belt
1. Sea level (calculated) maximum horsepower (based on 60° F and 29.92" Hg)	35.10	40.18
2. Observed maximum horsepower (tests F and B)	34.97	38.45
3. Seventy-five per cent of calculated maximum drawbar horsepower and eighty-five per cent of calculated maximum belt horsepower (ASAE and SAE ratings)	26.63	34.15

We, the undersigned, certify that this a true and correct report of official Tractor Test No. 681.

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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 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.

