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HYDROSTATIC DRIVE "PERFECT FOR LOADERS"

King-Size Loader Built From Deere Combine





Large front wheels give the loader, built from an old Deere 55 combine, stability for handling big round bales.

"It has hydrostatic drive so there's no clutching or shifting for forward or reverse travel. Works great as a loader," says Donald Thuesen, Dagmar, Mont., who built a king-size loader tractor from an old Deere 95 combine.

"We stripped the combine down and used the engine, operator platform and running gear. The only part of the combine separator we used was the back end, which was used to make a hood over the engine that's designed to tilt back to allow easy access to the engine. A reinforced truck frame was used to make the basic framework between the axles. The loader is a Deere 158 which we took off our Deere 4010 tractor.

"We use the tractor primarily to handle large round bales. The large wheels in front carry the load and make it much more stable than a regular loader-equipped tractor. Visibility is also much better. We control the hydrostatic drive with a foot pedal which leaves our hands free to steer and work the loader controls. We have used the tractor almost every day since we completed it a year ago without a hitch."

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