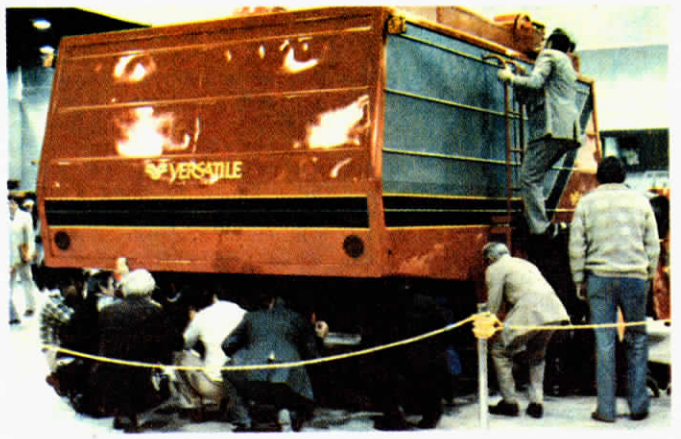


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Dealers estimated capacity of the new Versatile pull-type rotary at close to 7,000 sq. in. of total cleaning area.

"IT'S GOT CAPACITY YOU WON'T BELIEVE"

Versatile Unveils New Pull-Type Rotary Combine

Your local Versatile dealer will soon be in the combine business. What's more, he just might have one of the best "half price" combine deals in town — A pull-type rotary with as much or more capacity than a self-propelled costing twice as much.

Shortly before this issue went to press, FARM SHOW joined more than 700 Versatile dealers in Winnipeg for a "sneak preview" of Versatile Manufacturing's new pull-type rotary combine.

"Because it's a prototype machine with exclusive features still involved with patent procedures, we can't say anything about it at this time," H. J. Hanley, vice president of marketing, told FARM SHOW. He conceded, however, that the new combine does involve an exclusive Versatile-designed and developed "rotary" threshing concept which is "completely different" from previously introduced rotary combines from International, New Holland, White and Allis Chalmers.

Here, based on comments and observations FARM SHOW gleaned from Versatile dealers who also viewed the machine close-up but were told nothing about it, are some of the design features that caught their eyes:

- Most observers agreed that, "It's got capacity you won't believe." The cleaning area appeared to measure close to 7 ft. wide and about 7 ft. deep, which figures out to a total cleaning area of approximately 7,000 sq. in. That compares with 7,339 sq. in. in White's new self-propelled Harvest Boss rotary, 6,230 sq. in. for International's Model 1480 rotary, 6,250 sq. in. for New Holland's TR95 Twin Rotor, and 6,339 sq. in. of cleaning area for the new Allis Chalmers N7 rotary.

- Another dealer noted that, "If this new Versatile pull-type is priced right — say in the neighborhood of \$30,000 to \$35,000 — it would be a real competitor in small grain country against comparable capacity self-propelleds which cost more than twice that much. A small grain farmer could buy a new 175 hp or larger

tractor and combine for no more money than he'd have to pay for a self-propelled. We're already seeing a swing back to pull-type combines in our area. This new Versatile rotary promises to really shift that trend into high gear."

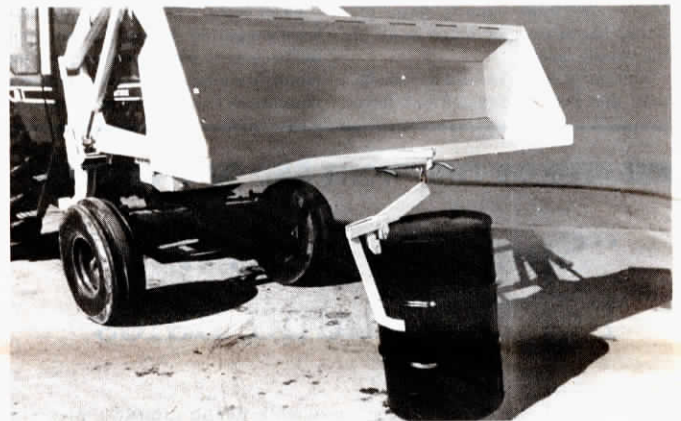
- A Minnesota Versatile dealer, located on the fringe of the Corn Belt, speculated that "even corn growers will be interested in a pull-type combine with this kind of capacity. In our area, top corn yields run 80 to 100 bu. per acre. Looks like this new pull-type has the capacity to handle the whole corn plant in that yield range. Or, we could probably equip it with a low-cost sunflower head for corn — until some manufacturer comes up with a 6 row corn head for a pull-type combine."

With the exception of Deere — which offers the Model 444 four-row corn head for its Model 7721 pull-type combine — factory-made corn heads for pull type combines are a scarce commodity.

- Capacity of the grain tank on the new Versatile combine appears to be in the 225-250 bu. range.

- The extremely low profile of the new machine caught the eye of Versatile dealers from hilly country.

- Most observers speculated that the machine's basic design involves a large axial-flow cylinder running crosswise up front across the full width, and that large augers running perpendicular to it carry grain and straw rearward for separation and cleaning.



Attachment slips on and off loader bucket without having to do any bolting or clamping. Retail for \$85 and handles 30 or 55 gal. drums.

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