

Best, Worst Tractors

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operation to be 1/2 per acre compared to Deere. Deere excels as far as operator comfort but we didn't like the fact that service can only be done at authorized dealers. Allis Chalmers has yet to design a rideable seat. Also, the control levers are convenient but elongated to the point of hitting each other in certain positions such as when in reverse and operating the 3-pt. Performance is excellent when pulling a ridge-till cultivator, or other loads, compared to other brands we've compared it to. One problem is that the clutch cable is routed in such a way that it binds. After replacing three cables in 800 hrs., I routed the cable outside the hood to lessen the bend. If the cable were shorter, the problem would be eliminated."

"Heavy-built, lots of torque, quiet cab, easy to service, and has a short turning radius. We've been very satisfied with it," says Dan Bibler, Alta, Iowa about his 1979 **White 2-135**.

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with our 1982 **Case 2290** which the dealer took care of. Would like to see them eliminate the 'jerk' in the transmission when downshifting," says Emil Gabelmann, Lincoln, Kan.

"Our 1979 **Long** tractor has lots of power and is economical. All it needs is a better operator manual and parts book," George Smith, Richville, Minn.

"I've spent a fortune keeping this tractor going," says Elmer Quandt, Salem, Ill., about his 1975 **Ford 8600**. "I've had poor service. The dealer practically ruined this tractor."

"We're very satisfied with the good power and quiet cab on our 1982 **International 5088**. It's also easy on fuel. Problems are that the hydraulic levers are very hard to move and the hydraulic filters are very inconvenient and messy to change. Could also use a rear windshield wiper."

Lowell Bye, Corsica, S. Dak., owns a 1981 **International 1086**. "It's got excellent power and fuel economy. Have not had any problems. The hitch is hard to see but otherwise visibility is good. The tractor had a real slippage problem until we replaced the rear tires with radials. The radials were advertised to improve traction by 10% but I believe they do better than that."

"This **Deutz DX160** is very fuel efficient and maintenance-free. We're pleased with it although it could use a hydraulic seat. I'll buy

another **Deutz**," says Ron Dieken, Cottonwood, Minn.

"It's been a lemon," says Kurt Dohse, DeWitt, Iowa, about his 4-WD **Case 2670**. "We installed larger tires, a longer hitch, put guards over steering cables, and installed longer hydraulic control levers. The changes provide better traction and ride, help see when hooking up implements, and make it easier to operate hydraulics. The power of this 2670 is only slightly more than the 2470 but the price is much higher. We installed a Hitachi TV set which has worked perfectly even though it's had water in it twice."

Jack Hoffman, Monticello, Iowa, owns a 1984 **International 254**. "We're satisfied. It's got a diesel engine, live pto, power steering and a nice compact size. Power's just right for it's size and it's easy on fuel. One thing it could use is a better seat and seat spring, and the over-riding clutch is jerky. I moved the throttle so as not to stumble over it when mounting and dismounting and put better lights on the rear fender. I also added a spring under the seat."

"Wouldn't change a thing on this tractor," says Carl Buhl, Valley, Neb., pleased with his 1985 **Deere 4450**. "Plenty of power, requires little maintenance and comfort is good."

"We're satisfied but I don't think it will be as dependable as the 4230 it replaced," says Robert Dwire, Arco, Minn., about his 1983 **Deere 4250**. "It has plenty of power but rides rough."

"My dealer made me such a deal I traded all my IH equipment and purchased all new Hesston equipment," says C.E. Ward, Chadwick, Mo., pleased with his 1986 **Hesston 780 DT 70 hp. 4-WD** made by Fiat. "One thing this tractor needs is a better instruction manual showing breakouts and specs on all parts."

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ment for the prices they charge," says Clyde Johnson, Embarrass, Minn., who owns a 190 **XT Allis Chalmers**. "Very easy handling, good brakes, quick responsive governor, and plenty of power. It doesn't have the best fuel economy and it didn't have steps on the right side. Also the pto is not independent."

"We've had trouble with this 1985 **Marshall 802 tractor**," says Elmer Smits, Randolph, Wis. "It had just 27 hrs. on it when the drive gear came off the camshaft. At 150 hrs. the water pump went out. The company fixed both but it took time."

Major Tractor, Combine Salvage Yards

Here's a list of where to call or write to reach major salvage yards throughout the United States to find used parts for tractors and combines. Many yards are part of nationwide networks that track down hard-to-find parts and ship them by overnight express when needed in a hurry.

- ABC Company**
Letcher, S.D. 57359
Phone 800 843-3721 (toll-free)
605 248-2288
- Abilene Machine**
P.O. Box 281
Solomon, Kan. 67480
Phone 800 255-0337 (toll-free)
800 332-0239 (in Kan.)
- Athens Tractor Salvage**
Rt. 2, Box 143A
Madison, Ala. 35758
Phone 800 633-3223 (toll-free)
800 826-5565 (in Ala.)
- Audobon Tractor Parts**
Audobon, Iowa 50025
Phone 800 831-5730 (toll free)
800 442-6132
- Baker's Salvage**
Rt. 3, Box 209X,
Bishopville, S. Car. 29010
Phone 800 982-3438 (toll-free)
800 922-2166 (in S. Car.)
- Bates Corporation**
(International tractors only)
Bourbon, Ind. 46504
Phone 219 342-2955
- Bluemenshine Tractor Parts**
Rt. 2
Washington, Ill. 61571
Phone 309 444-3620
- Bozeman Machinery Tractor Salvage, Inc.**
122 Idalou Rd.
Lubbock, Tex. 79403
Phone 800 858-1808 (toll free)
806 763-5614
- Brownsville Tractor Salvage**
P.O. Box 26
Olmito, Tex. 78575
Phone 800 292-1593 (in Tex.)
512 350-5151
- Central Michigan Tractor & Parts**
2713 N. U.S. 27
St. Johns, Mich. 48879
Phone 800 248-9263 (toll free)
800 292-9233 (in Mich.)
- Central Tractor**
1515 E. Euclid, Box 3330,
Des Moines, Iowa 50316
phone 800 247-7508 (toll free)
800 372-6117 (in Iowa)
- Christian's Tractor Salvage,**
Rt. 9, Box 241,
Tyler, Tex. 75706
Phone 214 597-3170
- Everett Brothers**
Box 339
Monrovia, Ind. 46157
Phone 317 996-3705
- Farmer's Surplus**
P.O. Box 1765
Minot, N. Dak. 58701
Phone 701 838-5318
701 838-6669
- Fleeman Tractor Salvage**
Rt. 2
Manila, Ark. 72442
Phone 800 382-3822 (toll free)
800 643-6644 (in Ark.)
- Florin Tractor Parts**
8345 Florin Rd.
Sacramento, Cal. 95828
Phone 916 383-0317
- Joe Goodman Tractor Parts Co.**
P. O. Box 80957
Lincoln, Neb. 68501
Phone 402 489-7173
- Hill-T Farm Sales & Service**
4295 Richmond-Palestine Rd.
New Madison, Ohio 45346
Phone 513 548-0718
- Iowa Falls Tractor Parts**
Rt. 3, Box 330A
Iowa Falls, Iowa 50126
Phone 800-232-3276 (toll free)
800 328-7278 (in Iowa)
- Kruse Tractor Parts**
P.O. Box 828
Seymour, Tex. 76380
Phone 817 888-5501
- Lombardo Equipment**
RD 8348
Sinking Spring, Penn. 19608
Phone 215 768-1941
- Meyers Tractor and Combine Salvage**
Aberdeen, S. Dak. 57401
Phone 605 225-0185
- Myers Tractor Parts**
3190 South Elm Ave.
Fresno, Cal. 93706
Phone 209 268-8726
209 266-4605
- Mid-South Tractor Parts, Inc.**
Rt. 2, Box 316
Sikeston, Mo. 63801
Phone 800 325-7070 (toll free)
314 471-3969
- Schwanke Tractor & Truck Inc.**
P.O. Box 34,
Willmar, Minn. 56201
Phone 612 235-4341
- Smith Implement Co., Inc.**
Hwy. 170
Downing, Wis. 54734
Phone 800 826-2806 (toll free)
800 472-2815 (in Wis.)
- South-Central Tractor Parts**
Rt. 1, Box 1
Leland, Miss. 38756
Phone 800 247-1237 (toll free)
800 247-1238 (in Miss.)
- Spallinger Combine Parts**
(combines only)
2325 Co. Rd. 28
Bluffton, Ohio 45817
Phone 419 358-8333
- Surplus Tractor Parts Corp.**
P.O. Box 2125
Fargo, N. Dak. 58107
Phone 701 235-7503
- Tractorland, Inc.**
21921 Alessandro
Riverside, Cal. 92508
Phone 800 854-8515 (toll free)
714 656-3585
- Washington Tractor Parts**
Rt. 2
Washington, Ill. 61571
Phone 309 444-3620
- Watertown Tractor Parts**
2510 9th Ave. S.W.
Watertown, S. Dak. 57201
Phone 800 843-4413 (toll-free)
800 952-5521 (in S. Dak.)
- Wengers' Farm Machinery, Inc.**
South Race St.
Myerstown, Penn. 17067
Phone 717 866-2135
- Worthington Tractor Salvage, Inc.**
Rt. 4, Box 14
Worthington, Minn. 56187
Phone 800 533-5304 (toll free)
800 622-5191 (in Minn.)