

# TRION 530 MONTANA

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## The five walker fits our farm

### **2021 TRION 530 , Scott Hamilton, Lanarkshire.**

The steeply rolling countryside of south west Scotland can prove testing for combines whether big or small. Without hillside slope compensation they're often slowed to snail's pace to limit losses on banks with the result that harvest output can be seriously curtailed.

So when Lanarkshire contractor Scott Hamilton was offered the opportunity to have one of CLAAS' new TRION 530's equipped with MONTANA body-levelling, it was no surprise that he jumped at the chance.

Until last year he had run two level-land machines – a 2008 TUCANO 430 and a 2019 LEXION 630. But with the business' harvest acreage growing, particularly grain for crimping, there was a need to freshen things up.

"The TUCANO was a great wee combine but with 12 years hard labour under its belt it was beginning to show its age. As a contractor you've got to have

reliable kit and although it never let us down, the years of cutting crimping grain had been hard on it.

"We wanted to stick with a five-walker machine because our small field sizes really don't allow us to make the most of anything bigger. Initially we were looking at second-hand LEXION, but when we learned about the new TRION MONTANA the deal was too good to turn down."

So in early August the Hamiltons took delivery of a brand-spanking TRION 530 with 6.2m CERIO cutterbar and full MONTANA body-levelling.

### **How has it performed?**

"Previously with our old TUCANO we'd clear 30 acres in a good long day. The TRION will comfortably do 40 acres.

"That extra 25% comes from a combination of factors. The bigger sieve area makes a huge difference. Even when we're really pushing it we're getting a cracking sample. In fact you struggle to get much rubbish

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in the tank no matter how wide open you have the sieves set.

“The longer straw walkers also contribute – you’ve got that little bit extra opportunity to shake out any remaining grain. But the biggest difference is without doubt the MONTANA hill-sider system.”

## **MONTANA**

“We’ve always had level-land machines up until now which means you’re constantly keeping an eye on the loss monitors. Ultimately when you get on the banks you have to pull the stick back to limit on grain going over the back.

“With proper body-levelling keeping everything running

horizontal, you just keep cruising at the same pace up or downhill or working across side-slopes, – it really is fantastic.

“The system responds so smoothly you don’t even notice it tilting the combine over and from a comfort point of view it’s brilliant – on really steep ground I’m no longer hanging onto the steering wheel to try and stay in the seat.

“It also has an impact on hill-climbing – while usually we’d opt for a driven rear axle, the TRION is just two-wheel drive. Despite that it rarely struggles with traction, probably because the levelling system puts the weight where it’s needed.

“While any good operator will try to alter sieve and fan settings going up and downhill, it’s not a reality with our region’s small fields. MONTANA does away with the need for all of that. It is absolutely magic – I wouldn’t buy another combine without it.”

## **Cab and controls**

“The new cab is a pleasure to spend the day in. It’s quiet and roomy - I’m 6ft 9in and I have no issues with legroom.

“Being used to the new CEBIS touchscreen and multifunction handgrip from our JAGUAR 850 forager, altering settings comes as second nature to me.

“I really like the fact you can just go straight to the function

you want to change using the armrest switches and it then pops up on screen. The way everything is clearly displayed with the central machine silhouette and the fast-access hotkeys down the side of the screen means you don’t get bogged down trying to navigate menu pages. That means you can constantly tweak settings to keep the combine running at its best.”

## **CERIO header**

“With only cereals to cut we don’t need fancy headers on our combines. We like the CERIO cutterbar for its simplicity.

“Even with damp, green crimping crops we never have



any issues with wrapping or blockages and after three years hard graft, the CERIO on our LEXION hasn't given us a single issue."

### Grain handling

"The 10,500-litre tank on the TRION is 20% bigger than on the TUCANO and means we can keep travelling that much further without having to wait for trailers. The CEBIS screen showing the distance left to travel until the tank's full is a really nice operator-friendly feature.

"Having all that tank capacity is great but you've got to be able to unload it sensibly. In combination with the camera

mounted on the auger, the new pivoting spout makes filling trailers so much easier, even unloading on the move on our steepest ground."

### Why CLAAS?

"Here in west Scotland we get some pretty challenging conditions for the combines to work in so we need to know they're robust. Having had a 30-year-old Dominator 88 that was trouble-free and then the TUCANO that had done 12 seasons, we know they're good solid machines, despite being fed a diet of green straw and lots of stones.

"We also need to know that we've got the capacity. We

can go weeks on end without turning a wheel so when the conditions come right we need to know we can get on top of the job.

"More critically than all of that, we get unbeatable back-up from GORDONS. They've always got the parts on the shelf if anything breaks and their fitters know these machines inside out.

"Because of that we always get them to do our out-of-season servicing. It gives us peace of mind and having a proper CLAAS maintenance history adds significantly to the second-hand value of the machines when we swap them out."



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# FARM FACTS

<b>Business</b>	Firm of George Hamilton Contracting, Lesmahagow near Glasgow
<b>Work undertaken</b>	Grass and wholecrop silage, drainage and groundworks plus all arable operations
<b>Staff</b>	Scott Hamilton plus two others full-time; up to four casuals at peak times
<b>Combines</b>	2019 LEXION 630 with 6.2m CERIO header 2021 TRION 530 MONTANA with 6.2m CERIO header

