

Massive change for the better

For operator Jamie Wood, when it comes to driver comfort and user friendliness the new AXION 9.450TT is a complete game changer compared to the AXION 960TT it replaced.

“The cab is a massive improvement,” he says. “It’s extremely user friendly, everything comes to hand and I like how the main dashboard is now mounted on the A pillar. The cab is amazing; it’s so spacious and quiet. Even at 6ft, having swivelled the seat round I can fully stretch out my legs, which I certainly could not have done before. Even when power harrowing it’s so quiet, you just don’t hear anything. It’s just like being in a car. I’ve been surprised by quite how much it has changed.”

JDF Farming farm 1,689ha, split between three units in four counties. David Foers explains that in order to handle the wide range of soil types and with only four main tractors on the farm, they need a high horsepower tractor that is versatile and capable of handling a wide range of implements.

“We probably have far too many implements, but on some ground and depending on cropping we might need to plough, while elsewhere we will be direct drilling. The AXION works with everything from a Horsch Avatar, to a Rapid or a combination drill, through to ploughing on the land, pulling a Terrano or pan busting with a ripper.

ALL ROUND TRACTOR

“The AXION TT is an ideal all round tractor. In the past we have run crawlers, and then for a number of years used a conventional 415hp tractor, which while we like them as a general purpose tractor, for heavy cultivations it was really on its limit all the time.

“We looked at all options and of all the dealers we work with, CLAAS EASTERN are one of the best, so two years ago we approached them about trying an AXION 960TT. We put it to work on some ex-root land that was in a right mess and it just floated over it.

“What really sold it to us was when we compared it with another tractor, pulling a Simba SLD on some reclaimed open cast land. The other tractor struggled and was working at 9kph with 16% wheelslip, whereas the AXION TT was working at

13kph with just 2% slip – and it was only afterwards we realised that we had not even put it in 4-wheel drive!

“The AXION 960TT was a fantastic tractor, we loved it and were really impressed with it as it far outperformed anything else, but the only thing that let it down was the cab. So even though it was only 18 months old, when Josh (Billyard) offered us the opportunity to replace it with a pre-series AXION 9 series, we jumped at the opportunity.”

20% FUEL SAVING

Aside from the spacious new K09 cab, the other main difference that Jamie Wood has noticed is in the fuel consumption, which he says is far less. “Overall, I think fuel consumption is about 20% less, mainly due to the combination of CEMOS AUTOMATIC and the new torque sensing transmission system. Regardless of what I am doing, 90% of the time I just leave the AXION in automatic and just let it sort itself out as that seems to be the most fuel efficient.

“The transmission is far smoother and seems to work very well in conjunction with the brakes. With the torque sensing system you can drop the implement in and go; there is no drop in speed and you don’t need to think about putting more power on.

“The AXION 9.450TT is an extremely good all-round machine. It’s extremely manoeuvrable, very versatile and just feels like a normal tractor; a lot of the time, even on the road, you forget that it has tracks. We just treat it as a normal tractor that is just at home doing heavy cultivations or being used to cart sugar beet.



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