

# AXION – “It’s an operator’s tractor”

Having never driven a CLAAS tractor, Doug Boyd admits that he was a little wary of driving a new AXION 830 CEBIS with CMATIC transmission. Now, a year later and 2,100 hours in, he’s a convert.

In addition to Doug’s 235hp AXION 830, GTR Contracts based near Dumfries run a second 830 and a higher powered 325hp AXION 920 CMATIC CEBIS, as part of their extensive agricultural contracting and civil engineering business.

“What I particularly like about the AXION is that it is so easy to operate,” states Doug. “The new touchscreen CEBIS is so simple to use – it’s idiot proof and it makes it very easy to set-up the tractor and allocate functions to F keys.

“I am also very impressed with the CMATIC transmission. I had a CVT in my previous tractor, but the AXION’s is far smoother, less noisy and power loss through the transmission is less. On the road, it’s really smooth and I like the way the engine winds the revs right back and just sits comfortably at 50kph. I also use the Cruise Control function a lot to make the tractor work for me and operate at maximum efficiency. There’s no point in burning fuel just for the sake of it and the farmer benefits as it saves him fuel.

“I think that CVT transmissions are definitely the way to go and the CMATIC seems to be particularly reliable. The AXION 920 is

now three years old and the transmission seems just as smooth and tight as when it arrived.”

The AXION 830 has also been specified with the latest S10 terminal which is the main control for the tractor’s steering system, and also has full ISOBUS compatibility.

“The new S10 terminal is very simple to use and makes it easy to set-up fields and A-B lines. I do a lot of umbilical spreading working at 18 to 24 metres, but the GPS steering is brilliant for jobs like that and ensures there are no overlaps. Not only does it save the farmer money, but by having all the passes dead straight and perfectly matched, it really makes the job look professional. Combined with TELEMATICS, it also means that every time you go into the field in the future, all the information you need and the A-B lines are there ready for you.

“ISOBUS also makes it so easy to set-up machinery such as the forage wagon or our 4-rotor LINER rake. It saves a lot of clutter in the cab and having umpteen control screens. You just plug it in and away you go.

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