

# Impressive new SCORPION – “There’s no stopping it”

Comparing his new SCORPION 736 with his previous SCORPION 7040, is like comparing chalk and cheese believes Kerr Wright.

“The new SCORPION is far nicer to drive and very responsive. The hydraulics are tremendous - it has far more power and it will just keep pushing for evermore; there’s no stopping it,” he enthuses.

The new SCORPION is the third CLAAS telescopic handler to pass through the gate of Kerr’s 111ha, 150-cow dairy farm near Castle Douglas, that he runs with his father Tom and sons Murray and Fraser. “I originally had a TARGO K40, which I then intended to replace with a 6.0m SCORPION in 2011, but we have some offlaying land and as it only came with a 30kph gearbox, I went for the larger 40kph 7040. It’s that which has now been replaced with the new SCORPION 736.”

As with most telehandlers, Kerr Wright’s SCORPION, powered by a 136hp Deutz engine and with a 6.93m lift height and 3.6t lift capacity, is one of the busiest machines on the farm. When not loading the diet feeder, it’s kept busy with all the other general handling jobs there are on a dairy farm.

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“The new cab is slightly larger and the controls are very well laid out with all the functions on the joystick coming easily to hand. Being able to set the lift height using the automatic bucket return function makes loading the diet feeder simple and will be ideal for mucking out.

“The new SCORPION is also quieter than the old one and having lowered the boom the all-round visibility is extremely good. But it’s also the little touches, like having a storage box under the seat, which is very convenient. On the road it’s very smooth and feels more like a tractor. The boom suspension works well on rough ground and the positive drive makes it good for pulling trailers.

“Out of interest I did price up another leading make, but the equivalent machine was a lot dearer and there was not the metal in them that there is in the SCORPION, and I didn’t like the cab. The support from GORDONS has been superb, which as a dairy farmer is what you are looking for,” concludes Kerr.



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