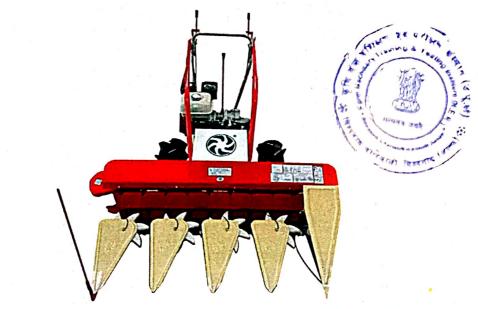


संख्या/No.: Machine 63/434 माह / Month: July 2022

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VST SHAKTI 5PR-HW SELF PROPELLED REAPER



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1. SCOPE OF TEST

The scope of test was limited to check and assess the following:

- 1.1 Specification and other data furnished by the applicant.
- **1.2** Engine Performance test
- 1.3 Vibration measurement
- 1.4 Noise measurement
- 1.5 Air cleaner oil pull over test
- 1.6 Tuning Ability
- 1.7 Wear analysis of critical components (Cutter Bar knife section)
- 1.8 Hardness and chemical analysis (Cutter Bar knife section)
- **1.9** Field performance
- **1.10** Ease of operation and adjustments
- 1.11 Defects, breakdowns and repair



2. METHOD OF SELECTION

As per Govt. of India, OM No. 13-1/2021-M&T (I&P), dated 03.02.2022, the selection of sample for test was exempted. Hence, the machine was directly submitted by the applicant at this Institute for test.

3. TEST CODE/PROCEDURE

There is no Indian Standard Test Code available for testing of reaper as such. The guidelines, however, have been taken from the following:

- 1. IS: 11467:1985 (Reaffirmed 2012) : Test code for cereal harvesting machines.
- 2. IS: 6025:1982 (Reaffirmed 1999) : Specification for knife sections for harvesting machine.
- 3. IS: 10378:1982 (Reaffirmed 2001) : Specification for knife back for harvesting
 - machine.
- 4. IS: 7347:1974 (Amended 2011) : Specification for Performance of Small

Size Spark Ignition Engines.

4. SPECIFICATIONS

4.1 General:

Name and address of the : VST TILLERS TRACTORS LTD,

manufacturer Plot No -1, Dyavasandra Industrial Layout, Whitefield Road, Mahadevapura Post,

Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560 048

Name & address of applicant : VST TILLERS TRACTORS LTD,

Plot No 222-224 & 229-232, 3rd Phase, KIADB Industrial Area, Malur, Kolar

District.

Karnataka- 563 130

Name of machine : Reaper

Type : Self Propelled, Walk behind

Make : VST SHAKTI

Machine 63/434

VST SHAKTI 5PR-HW SELF PROPELLED REAPER

COMMERCIAL (INITIAL)

Model

: 5PR-HW

Year of manufacture

2022

Serial Number

AAKTEE002921

Country of origin

INDIA

Size of reaper (mm)

1170

Name of crop recommended by

applicant

Paddy

Name of crop in which the test was

conducted

Paddy

4.2 Details of Prime Mover Used:

Name and address of the

manufacturer

: M/s Honda Siel Power Products Ltd.,

Plot No -5, Sector-41(Kasna) Greater Noida Industrial Development Area, Dist. Gautam

Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 201310

Make

: Honda

Model

: GX 160

Type

4 stroke Petrol Engine, Single cylinder, Air

cooled 2022

Year of manufacture

Serial Number : GCAED 1015405

Country of origin : INDIA

Recommended high idle speed (rpm)

 $1950 \pm 50 \text{ (at PTO)}$

 3900 ± 100 (at Engine)

Recommended low idle speed (rpm)

700(+100/-75) (at PTO)

1400(+200/-150 (at Engine)

Recommended rated speed (rpm)

1800 (at PTO)

Recommended speed for field test:

3600 (at Engine) 1500-1800 (at PTO)

(rpm)

3000-3600 (at Engine)

Rated power observed (kW)

2.9

13. FIELD PERFORMANCE TEST

The machine was tested for 25.56 hours during harvesting Paddy crop. The performance of the machine was assessed with regard to quality of work, rate of work, fuel consumption, safety and soundness of construction. The detailed test results have been given in Annexure-I & II and summarized in Table 1 & 2 below.

SUMMARY OF CROP PARAMETERS

Table-1

S. No.	Parameters	Range
1	Variety of crop	Jaya and Sona Masoori
2	Straw moisture content (%)	38 to 43.5
3	Grain moisture content (%)	12.8 to 15.7
4	Plant height (cm)	92 to 96
5	Length of ear head (mm)	190 to 218
6	Number of grains per ear head	168 to 202
7	Number of hills per square meter	31 to 33
8	Number of tillers per hill	13 to 17
9	Straw-grain ratio	2.56:1 to 3.50:1

SUMMARY OF FIELD PERFOMANCE

Table-2

S. No.	Parameters/operations	Range	
1	Forward speed (kmph)	2.82 to 2.95	
2	Width of cut (cm)	115 to 116	
3	Stubble height (mm) 108 to 142		
4	Losses (Percentage of total grain yield)		
	-Pre-harvested loss	0.001 to 0.01	
	-Post harvest loss (Cutter bar)	0.71 to 0.99	
	-Conveyor loss/shattering loss	0.29 to 0.35	
5	Area harvested (ha/h)	0.238 to 0.243	
6	Field efficiency (%)	71.11 to 73.61	
7	Time required for one hectare (h)	4.12 to 4.21	
8	Fuel consumption		
	- 1/1	h 0.923 to 0.968	
	- l/h	a 3.89 to 4.06	

13.1 Rate of work

- The forward speed of machine was observed as 2.82 to 2.95 kmph.
- The area harvested by the machine was recorded as 0.238 to 0.243 ha/h.

16.1.7 Valve guide clearance

Valve guide diameter (mm)		Valve stem diameter (mm)		Valve guide clearance (mm)		Max. Permissible wear limit (mm)	
Inlet	Exhaust	Inlet	Exhaust	Inlet	Exhaust	Inlet	Exhaust
5.47	5.46	5.40	5.40	0.07	0.06	Not specified	Not specified

: None

Valve, guide and timing gear:-

Any marked sign of overheating of valves

Pitting of seat/faces of valves : Normal

Any visual damage of teeth of timing gears : None Condition of ignition coil & magneto : Normal

17. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 17.1 Rated power of the engine was observed as 2.9 kW against declared value of 3.60 kW by the manufacturer. It should be looked into for corrective action.
- 17.2 The amplitude of mechanical vibration marked as (*) was on drastically higher side and is directly concerned with operator's health, safety and comfort. Besides, it is also adversely affect the useful life of the component. In view of above, this deserves to be given top priority for corrective action.
- 17.3 Noise at operator's ear level was observed on higher side against warning limit of 85 dB (A) as specified by ILO for continuous exposure of 8 hours per day. This calls for reduction in noise level to improve the operator's comfort & safety.
- 17.4 Specification of knife sections of the cutter bar does not conform to IS 6025:1982 (Reaffirmed 1999) and it should be looked into for corrective action.
- 17.5 Specification of knife section back of the machine does not conform to IS 10378-1982 (Reaffirmed 2001) and it should be looked into for corrective action.
- 17.6 The hardness and chemical composition of knife sections (both movable and stationary) does not conform to the requirement of IS 6025-1982 (Reaffirmed 1999). It should be looked into for improvement.
- 17.7 The mentioned value of Rated power (3.6 kW) of engine on the marking /labeling plate of the machine was not matching with the observed value during engine test. This may be looked into.
- 17.8 Provision for main gearbox oil level check was not provided. It should be looked into for corrective action.

17.9 **Technical literature:**

Operator cum Service Manual & Parts Catalogue was provided along with the machine during the course of testing. It is further recommended to bring out these manuals in Hindi and other vernacular languages as per IS: 8132-1999.

TESTING AUTHORITY

AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER

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(DR. P.P. RAO) **DIRECTOR**

18. APPLICANT'S COMMENTS

Sr. No.	Page No./Clause No.	Applicant's Comments	
1.	Page No. 25/17.1, 17.2, 17.4, 17.5, 17.8	The necessary corrective action will be taken and will be incorporated in further production models.	
2.	Page No. 25/17.3, 17.6, 17.7 Page No. 26/17.9	Suggestion and recommendation will be incorporated for the quality of product and necessary corrective action will be taken. This will be implemented immediately.	

