

Slagkraft launches new generation of world-class flails

Slagkraft is currently presenting an entirely new series of brushwood cutting heads. During the summer, the innovative SH series will replace the already popular programme of flail models.

Slagkraft's goal with the new generation was to produce the market's best head – simple and robust construction, few maintenance points and world-class operating characteristics.

“I feel I can safely say that we have succeeded!” exclaims a proud Håkan Bergh, marketing manager for Slagkraft's products.

The core of a chain flail is the chassis, i.e. the flail's casing. It is the casing that determines the head's operating characteristics and performance. The major innovation is that the flails in the SH series have a new, slightly higher casing that is based on a welded “cake-slice” design with sloping sides and no adjusting braces. Compared with earlier series, the results are even better operating characteristics, improved performance and simpler maintenance.

“Cars have road holding. For flails, we can talk about ditch holding,” comments, David Lindberg, aftermarket manager and one of the people who helped to develop the SH series. “Operators will now not have to be continuously attending to the head. Instead, they can simply monitor where it is going.”

In models in earlier programmes, the four adjusting braces took care of the casing's movements. Especially when working in difficult conditions, this resulted in having to stop several times to make adjustments. The new design brings better ditch holding and strength. This has enabled the removal of the adjusting braces. Some ten flails used in field trials have clearly shown that characteristics have improved and maintenance has become simpler.

Users will also notice better cutting results. Because the casing roof is higher in the centre, brushwood is cut cleaner and is mixed with more air. Consequently, clippings do not easily pack together and lodge inside the casing. Thanks to the sloping, shiny, smooth sides, the brushwood also slides off the casing's exterior.

Another design improvement is the placement of the hydraulic motor. Hydraulic hoses can now face whichever way the operator wishes.

The new SH series will be available in five cutting widths: 125, 150, 170, 190 and 210 cm.

“If you are buying a new flail, you will be channelled directly towards the new series. In the spring, the SH series will completely replace the previous programme. However, the new series can already be ordered now,” explains Håkan Bergh.

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About the company

Cranab designs, manufactures and sells cranes and crane tip equipment for use in professional, mechanised forestry. It has been doing this ever since the early 1960s. Under the Slagkraft brand, the company produces equipment for brushwood clearance along roads and power line tracks. Besides supplying Sweden's own demanding market, the company's products are also sold to many countries worldwide.