SAROVER SDR-120, SELF PROPELLED VERTICAL CONVEYOR REAPER (WALK BEHIND)

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8. AIR CLEANER OIL PULL OVER TEST
Range of atmospheric conditions:
Temperature(° C) : 21
Pressure, kPa (kPa) : 98.4
Relative humidity (%) : 50
Mass of oil in the air cleaner : 81.7
assemblies when fitted with recommended grade of oil 5% in excess than marked level (g)

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<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Slope (degree)</th>
<th>Loss of oil (g)</th>
<th>Oil pull over (%)</th>
<th>Remarks if any</th>
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<td>i) Horizontal</td>
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<td>0.2</td>
<td>0.24</td>
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<td>ii) Tilted longitudinally with front end up</td>
<td>15°</td>
<td>0.1</td>
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<td>iii) Tilted longitudinally with rear end up</td>
<td>15°</td>
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<td>iv) Tilted laterally with right side up</td>
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<td>v) Tilted laterally with left side up</td>
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9. FIELD TEST
The reaper was operated for 26.53 and 26.22 hours (excluding 0.92 hours running) for harvesting the wheat and paddy crop. During the test different available varieties of wheat and Paddy were harvested to assess the performance of reaper with regard to quality of work, rate of work, fuel consumption, safety and soundness of construction. The crop and atmospheric conditions during field test are given in Annexure-I

The crop parameters recorded during the test with wheat crops are as under

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<th>Parameter</th>
<th>Wheat</th>
<th>Paddy</th>
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<td>Plant height (cm)</td>
<td>82 to 111</td>
<td>134.0 to 154.6</td>
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<td>Plant population (Nos./m²)</td>
<td>398 to 580</td>
<td>256 to 294</td>
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<td>Moisture (%)</td>
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<td>Grain</td>
<td>1.7 to 3.8</td>
<td>16.5 to 21.9</td>
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<td>Straw</td>
<td>6.1 to 7.7</td>
<td>25.0 to 29.9</td>
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The results of field performance test are given in Annexure –II and are summarized in Table-3

Summary of field Test: Table-3

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<th>Observation</th>
<th>Wheat</th>
<th>Paddy</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Forward speed (kmph)</td>
<td>2.66 to 2.99</td>
<td>2.82 to 2.90</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Area covered (ha/h)</td>
<td>0.204 to 0.236</td>
<td>0.193 to 0.215</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>Width of cut (m)</td>
<td>1.04 to 1.08</td>
<td>1.00 to 1.11</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Fuel consumption</td>
<td>1/h 0.35 to 0.55</td>
<td>0.47 to 0.52</td>
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<td>l/ha 1.48 to 2.55</td>
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9.1 Wheat Harvesting
9.1.1 Rate of work
i) The speed of harvesting ranged 2.66 to 2.99 kmph during the tests the rate of work varied from 0.204 to 0.236 ha/h.
ii) The fuel consumption varied from 0.35 to 0.55 l/h.
iii) The fuel consumption per unit area harvested varied from 1.48 to 2.55 l/ha.

9.1.2 Quality of work
i) During harvesting, grain loss due to cutter bar unit, conveyor unit, handling unit etc was observed from 28.20 to 62.73 kg/ha.

9.2 Paddy Harvesting
9.2.1 Rate of work
i) The speed of harvesting ranged 2.82 to 2.90 kmph during the tests the rate of work varied from 0.193 to 0.215 ha/h.
ii) The fuel consumption varied from 0.47 to 0.52 l/h.
iii) The fuel consumption per unit area harvested varied from 2.36 to 2.84 l/ha.

9.2.2 Quality of work
i) During harvesting, grain losses due to cutter bar unit, conveyor unit, handling unit etc was observed from 12.0 to 20.0 kg/ha.

9.3 Ease of operation and safety provisions:
No noticeable difficulty observed during test.

9.4 Time required for daily maintenance
15 to 20 minutes are required for daily servicing and maintenance of reaper.

9.5 Work rest cycle
Two persons are required for operation of the machine in the field. The first operator operates the reaper for 1½ hr. And then needs rest. After this the other operator operates the machine for next 1½ hr. and cycle continues.

10. ADJUSTMENT, DEFECTS, BREAKDOWNS & REPAIR
No breakdown was observed during testing.

11. COMPONENTS/ASSEMBLY INSPECTION AND ASSESSMENT OF WEAR

11.1 Engine:
The Engine and other assemblies were dismantled after 55.8 hrs. of engine operation.
11.1.8 Valve spring stiffness, kgf/mm:
   Inlet valve : 0.07
   Exhaust valve : 0.09
The condition of valve guide & valve spring was observed normal.

11.2 Clutch
All the components were found in normal working condition.

11.3 Timing gear
The timing gear wear visually inspected and found in normal working condition.

11.4 Transmission gears
All the components of the transmission system were found in normal working condition.

11.5 Cutter drive unit
The rotary drive unit components were found in normal working condition.

11.6 Reaper components
i) Crop conveyance unit- The condition of nylon star wheel canvas belts, lugs & chain & sprocket were observed normal.
ii) Power transmission unit- The condition of all power transmission pulleys and belts were observed normal.
iii) All the gear & other components of the reaping bevel box were inspected visually and found to be in normal condition.

12. SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION, COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION

12.1 Engine performance test
   i) The maximum power during rating test was observed as 2.07 kW.
   ii) The specific fuel consumption during rating test test was observed as 296.8 g/kWh.

12.2 Field test
12.2.1 Wheat harvesting
   i) The area covered varied from 0.204 to 0.236 ha/h.
   ii) The fuel consumption varied from 0.35 to 0.55 l/h and 1.48 to 2.55 l/ha.
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12.2.2 Paddy harvesting
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   iii) During harvesting, grain losses due to cutter bar unit, conveyor unit, handling unit etc was observed from 12.0 to 20.0 kg/ha.

12.3 Ease of operation & adjustment
   i) Safety guards/shields need to be provided for transmission pulleys and chain drives.
   ii) The exhaust is required to be provided with spark arresting device.

12.4 Assessment of wear
   i) The max permissible wear limit of piston diameter and valve guide clearance is not specified. It MUST be specified.
12.5 Hardness and chemical composition
   i) The hardness of knife blade and knife back does not meet the requirements of IS: 6025-1999 and IS: 6024-1983 respectively.
   ii) The carbon & manganese content of knife blade and knife guard are not within the required range as per IS: 6025-1999. Use of materials meeting BIS requirement is recommended.
   iii) Dimensions of knife blade and knife back are not as per IS: 6024-1999.

12.6 Noise measurement
   i) The noise at operation’s driver's ear level was measured as 93.2 dB(A). Which is on higher side when compared with danger levels 90 dB(A) for an exposure of 8 hours per day specified by ILO.

12.7 Mechanical vibration
   The amplitude of mechanical vibration of components marked as (*) in chapter 8 of this report may be considered on higher side. This calls for providing suitable remedial measures to dampen the vibration in order to improve the operational comfort and service life of various components & sub-assemblies.

13. TECHNICAL LITERATURE

The following literature were provided with machine during testing.
1. Engine manual book
2. Engine parts catalogue
3. Spares parts catalogue of reaper
4. User manual
5. Assembly instruction of reapers.
   The engine manual book should be updated as per IS : 8132 -1999

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14. APPLICANT’S COMMENTS

We will instruct our knife assembly vendor to manufacture the knife cutter assembly with proper chemical composition/hardness as per IS 6025-1985.