

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HUMANITARIAN DEMINING R&D PROGRAM

Mine Clearing Loader

Armored, tracked and wheeled loaders with multiple tools for tilling, digging, and sifting AP minecontaminated soil

STATUS

The Chilean National Demining Commission executed a highly successful OFE with the Mine Clearing Loader from 2013 to 2020. Working together with the Multi-tool Excavator, they cleared 8,138 mines from 568,884 cubic meters of soil.

The tracked system is available for an operational field evaluation. The Mine Clearing Loader project takes advantage of the unique, multipurpose characteristics of commercial loaders for the task of mine clearance. The system provides efficient material handling capability using many of the proven excavator-based sifting technologies in situations where reach-in capability is not a requirement. The system also performs significant excavation and tilling tasks for mine recovery and area preparation, as well as service tasks related to transporting mine contaminated soils and loading of mine contaminated soils into stationary screening systems like the Orbit Screen. The protected cab shields the operator from risk of unintended mine blast during clearance operations.



Tracked loader with Remu shredding bucket



Wheeled loader with Flip Screen sifting bucket



FEATURES

- Armored operator cab
- Quick attach coupler for exchange of loader tools in minutes
- Rear mounted ripper for loosening soils prior to excavation
- Flip Screen and Supersort buckets for collecting and sifting contaminated soils
- Remu shredding bucket for aggressive sifting
- Multipurpose excavation bucket for dozing and material loading
- Loader rake for obstacle/ vegetation removal

APPLICATIONS

- Area preparation
- Soil tillage
- Excavation and sifting
- Contaminated material
- Transport and loading

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MCL operating in Chile

| 724K JOHN DEERE WHEELED LOADER SPECIFICATIONS | |
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| Length | 323 in / 8.2 m |
| Width (unarmored) | 114 in / 2.9 m |
| Height (unarmored) | 135 in / 3.4 m |
| Weight (unarmored) | 23,655 lb / 10,730 kg |
| Breakout Force | 32,019 lb / 14,524 kg |
| Power | 264 hp / 197 kW |
| Max Road Speed | 24.9 mph / 40 kph |
| Bucket Volume | 4 yd ³ / 3 m ³ |

| 953D CATERPILLAR TRACKED LOADER SPECIFICATIONS | |
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| Length | 262 in/ 6.7 m |
| Width | 89.7 in/ 2.3 m |
| Height | 122.2 in/ 3.1 m |
| Weight | 36,000 lb/ 16,329 kg |
| Breakout Force | 30,800 lbf/ 137,005 N |
| Ripping Force | 30,810 lbf/ 137,050 N |
| Power | 148 hp/ 110 kW |
| Max Road Speed | 6.2 mph/ 10 kph |
| Bucket Volume | 1.96 yd ³ / 1.5 m ³ |
| Transmission | Hydrostatic |

Several of the Loader's suite of attachments:











