

LARGE PROCESSOR



Dyna Products SC-16

Manufacturer

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Machine Operator

Bill Mollard

Assistant

Louie Weaver

Time

32 min. 48 sec.

Cords Processed

2 Cords

Cords/Hour

3.7 Cords

One thing a sharp observer would have noticed about the Dyna team is that they were working at a comfortable pace that a person in reasonably good shape could maintain over the course of a day, or even a season, of cutting firewood. Bill Mollard, who ran the Dyna SC-16, knows that firewood processing is more of a marathon than a sprint. "I came to the Paul Bunyan Show 12 years ago to buy a processor, and decided Dyna was the best way to go," he recalled. After being offered a dealership for Dyna, he gave up the tree service business and is now in charge of sales, service, and rentals for the Mid-Atlantic states. "They wanted someone who actually uses the machines to represent them," he said in an interview after the Shoot-Out.

With Bill at the helm and sales manager Louie Weaver stacking the log deck, the Dyna team produced a very respectable 3.7 cords per hour on Friday. At 78 inches wide, the 6,500-pound SC-16 is compact enough for easy transport down the road or in the bush. Although

their processor was dwarfed by the 125-hp behemoth operating just a few feet away, Bill and Louie were focused on the task at hand. It took only a few minutes for them to drop the supports, set up the live deck, and fold down the conveyor. With a log on the machine ready to cut and four more stacked on the deck, all that remained was to warm up the 51-hp Cat diesel engine and wait for the blast of the starting horn.

Overall, the SC-16 performed well. The processor handled the logs easily, with only a brief issue with a particularly crooked log (no time-out called). All the functions of the SC-16 are handled by direct hydraulics. With consistent control layout across their platform, once a person learns to use any Dyna firewood processor, it is easy to transition to any other. A piston pump powers the 0.404 slasher chain saw, and the 20-ton hydraulic ram produced plenty of force to push the wood through the 6-way splitter with a 4-second splitting cycle time. One noteworthy feature is that the SC-16 has a 28-inch maximum firewood length—the longest of any processor at the Shoot-Out. The 5-foot live deck could only hold five logs at a time, so it

was up to Louie to make sure there was always a log ready to roll onto the infeed. He seemed to enjoy himself as he maneuvered the nimble stand-behind Ditch Witch loader in a very tight space with room to spare.

The Dyna booth at the Paul Bunyan Show drew strong interest in the machine, but for those who want first-hand experience, Dyna has a nationwide network of rental businesses that rent out their firewood processors. "You need a tough machine with excellent

safety features and a fast learning curve [in other words, nearly 'fool-proof'] for rentals," Bill explained. "We also use the feedback from the rental centers to make our machines better. Rental also gives potential customers the chance to try before they buy." The SC-16 is Dyna's largest firewood processor. In addition to rentals, the main operators are small firewood businesses, tree services, and co-ops who share the use and expense of the machine. ●



MACHINE SPECS

Model.....SC-16
 Power51-hp Cat diesel
 Cutoff25-in. bar chain saw, 0.404 gauge
 Cycle time4 sec.
 Log loading.....Skid steer
 Max diameter20 in.
 Options used.....Extended frame, extra live deck, 16-ft. conveyor, 6-way wedge

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