



News Release

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Versatile Launches New Self-Propelled Sprayers

SAN ANTONIO, TX – February 26, 2014 – Versatile is introducing a new line of self-propelled sprayers at Commodity Classic. Available in two models, the SX240 and SX280 represent an evolution on the current sprayer design and will replace the SX275. These new sprayers, recently unveiled to North American dealers, will be available for spring 2014.

OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT: BIGGEST AND BEST

The SX240 and SX280 have the largest cab in the sprayer industry. The Versatile HQ cab, the largest cab in the tractor segment, will now enable sprayer operators to enjoy unparalleled visibility and comfort. The new console and seat-mounted controls have been designed to be intuitive and easy to understand. Foot controls operate the master sprayer control and available autosteer while fingertip controls operate the remaining sprayer functions. A hand accelerator and foot accelerator have been introduced for comfortable control while in the field. Cruise control is standard and allows the operator to concentrate on sprayer functions while in motion.

VERSATILE DESIGN

The SX240 and SX280 were developed, designed and will be manufactured at the Versatile facility in Willmar, MN. These new sprayers feature the Versatile design language introduced on the tractor product lines, with a sloped hood for industry-leading forward visibility. A new front-entry ladder and walkway were developed with input from customers that want the best access to the machine. The front-folding ladder quickly lifts up and out of the way with the parking brake it turned off.

CUSTOM-DESIGNED TANKS

Two tank options are available, both designed for the new Versatile sprayer. The 1200 gallon stainless steel tank includes an integrated 120 gallon rinse tank and is an updated version of the proven design used on the outgoing SX275. New for this year is a 1000 polyurethane tank that was developed specifically for the SX240 and SX280. This tank has been designed to handle the rigorous demands of various terrain, with rails molded right into the tank to ensure it stays firmly in place for the life of the machine. A 100 gallon rinse tank has been incorporated to the overall tank design to maximize space and efficiency.

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INDUSTRY-LEADING FILL STATION

After much research and development and feedback from customers, Versatile designed a simplified fill station using well-labeled and simplified controls. Control valves are oriented so that all handles are in the “up” position when the machine is ready for the field, a quick glance indicator for the operator. The overall plumbing on the machine is designed to be easy to service.

POWERTRAIN

The new sprayers are powered by a Cummins QSB6.7L and will meet interim Tier 4 emissions requirements. The 240 horsepower in the SX240 is mated to an Allison 2500 5-speed automatic transmission. The SX280 features 280 horsepower and is mated to an Allison 3000 5-speed automatic transmission. Both machines features MaxTorque rear-wheel drive with a locking differential designed to handle the toughest terrain while maintaining an industry-leading level of fuel efficiency. The axles are adjustable, mechanically or hydraulically, from 120” to 152” wheel track. For ease of service, the hood is mounted on a parallel linkage and lifts up and away from the machine for unlimited access to the engine and critical components.

Production of the SX240 and SX280 is underway at the Versatile facility in Willmar, MN and are available for spring in limited quantities. The SX240 will debut this week at the Versatile display at Commodity Classic in San Antonio, TX.

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About Versatile

Versatile, a division of Buhler Industries Inc. (TSX: BUI), is the only Canadian manufacturer of agricultural tractors. The factory in Winnipeg, Manitoba covers almost 700,000 square feet with complete manufacturing and assembly capabilities and full research and development facilities. Versatile also has a rural 40-acre test site with a paved quarter-mile circuit and bump-track. For more information on Versatile tractors visit www.versatile-ag.com.

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HQ Cab



Fill Station