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LOADER

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Need a compact loader to get big results? Choose the 304J. This versatile 73-hp machine combines outstanding maneuverability, travel speed, breakout force, reach, and stability in an innovative package. Its oscillating stereo steering delivers a turning radius that's 20-percent tighter than comparable loaders for fast work cycles.

Delivers smooth moves and better material retention over rough terrain, too. Add to that a redesigned, more spacious cab, and extra uptime from sealed electrical connections, more durable axles, and extended service intervals, and you've got a multi-purpose machine that's ready, able, and willing to take on your many tasks.





304J Loader key specifications

Operating Weight	13,404 lb.
Net Horsepower	73 hp
Full Turn Tip Load	9,315 lb.
Bucket Size	1.4 cu. yd.
Rucket Breakout Force	12 364 lh

Unique stereo steering makes this compact loader even more productive, for tight turns and extra agility in close quarters.

Comes with standard items others call options — return to dig, quick-coupler, high travel-speed range, and 1.4-cubic-yard bucket.

Extended service intervals help maximize uptime.

100-percent manual differential lock helps you dig down deep for more power.

Tier 3 emissions-certified five-cylinder turbocharged
John Deere diesel delivers power without compromise.

Unlike comparable-size machines, return-to-dig is standard on the 304J.

Oscillating stereo steering combines machine articulation and rear-axle steering, giving the 304J the tightest turn radius in its class.

Twenty-inch tires are standard.





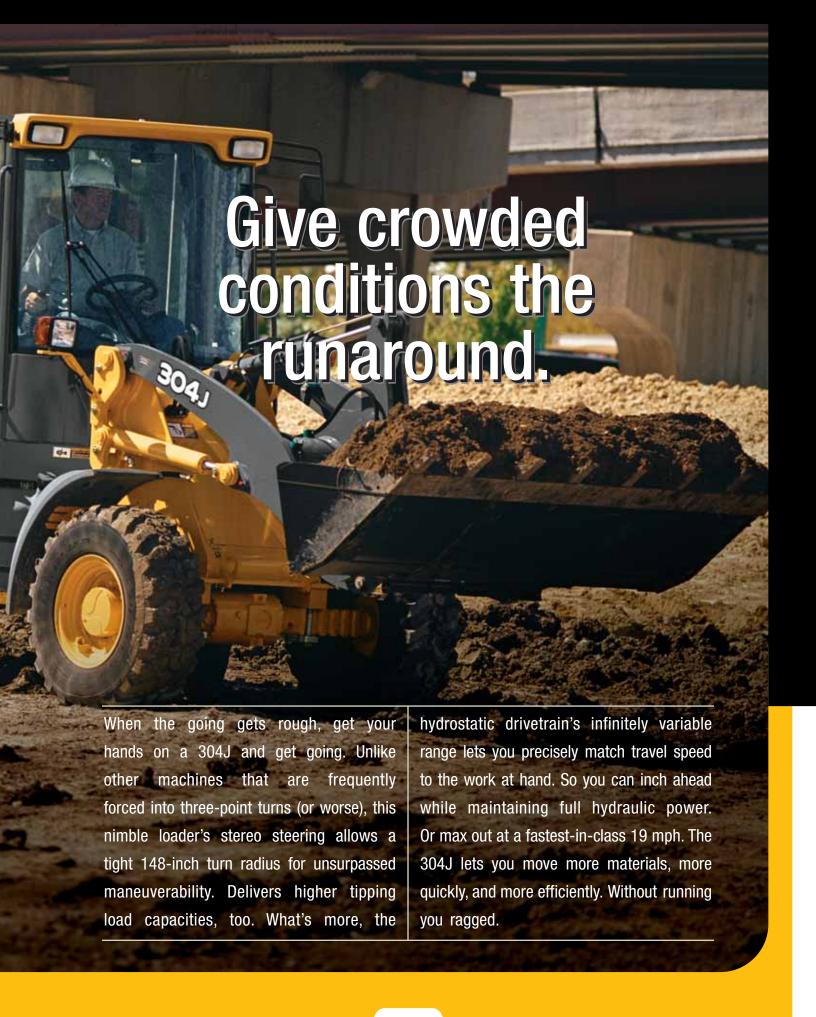




- **1.** Boom float allows easy backdragging for finish grading and cleaning up jobsites.
- 2. The 304J's unique design turns tight but articulates less, keeping the center of gravity and ballast in line to counteract load forces — for superior full-turn tipping load capacity.
- An oscillating rear axle and elastic articulation at the pivot smoothes the ride for greater material retention and reduced operator fatigue.
- **4.** 304J's long reach lets it easily dump to the center of tandem-axle trucks for quicker and easier loading.
- Manual low-speed differential lock delivers the traction needed to go deeper into the pile for bigger bucket loads.









When operation is easy, maximum productivity becomes second nature. The 304J's sound-suppressed spacious cab provides ample leg- and headroom, best-in-class all-around visibility, and one smooth ride. A single lever with FNR switch controls all boom and bucket functions, and standard

return-to-dig is just a flick-of-the-wrist away. Gauges in the forward console are clearly visible, intuitive, and easy to read. Tilt steering, multi-adjustable high-back suspension seat, electronic monitor, and many more productivity-boosting features also are standard.



Inching/brake pedal lets you slow travel speed while keeping engine rpm high for optimum hydraulic response and control.

Interior and exterior convex mirrors further enhance the 304J's best-in-class visibility.

Add a highly efficient HVAC system and make your operator even more productive. Automotive-type louvers help keep the view clear, the cab comfortable.

- **1.** Walk-through cab lets you enter or exit easily from either side.
- Boom and bucket control, FNR, and differential lock are on the same low-effort lever for convenient singlehanded control.
- 3. Easy-to-read monitor tracks rpm, time, hours, engine oil pressure, and more. Issues both visible and audible warnings.
- Low- and high-speed ranges provide infinitely variable travel speeds from standstill to a best-in-class 19 mph.
- Oscillating axle/elastic articulation reduces cab tilt by as much as 50 percent for a smoother ride that's easier on both machine and operator.











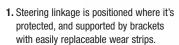
Wet-disc brakes in the heavy-duty axles self-adjust and are sealed from moisture and contaminants for long, trouble-free life.

Proportional fan runs only as needed to provide optimal cooling — for reduced wear-and-tear on cooling components, reduced noise, and lower fuel consumption.

Turbocharged Deere PowerTech™ diesel runs quiet and meets EPA Tier 3 non-road emissions regulations. So it can work where rigid soundand air-quality regulations exist.

Remote test ports enable technicians to quickly troubleshoot problems.





- 2. Angled self-cleaning steps and ergonomically positioned grab bars make getting in and out of the cab easier.
- A/C condenser tilts out and away from the radiator for easier cleanout. Doesn't require draining fluids or disconnecting hoses.
- 4. Articulation joints and major structures are so strong and durable, they're covered by a three-year/10,000-hour StructurAli™ warranty.









Built to handle the toughest jobs - yours. wet-disc brakes. The 304J helps keep your The hard-working 304J limits downtime with operator out of harm's way, too, with numerous its toughness and improves your bottom line

The hard-working 304J limits downtime with its toughness and improves your bottom line with its long-term reliability. Incorporating many of the same features found on our larger loaders, it's built to keep downtime down with sealed electrical connectors, flat-face O-ring seal hydraulic couplings, and self-adjusting

wet-disc brakes. The 304J helps keep your operator out of harm's way, too, with numerous safety features such as an automatic park brake, bypass-start protection, slip-resistant steps, and convenient handholds. If it's uptime you demand, the 304J provides all you and your operator need to stay productive.

If it's not one thing, it's another.

Why invest in a bunch of specialized machines when the highly versatile 304J can do the job? With its standard pin-type hydraulic quick-coupler, the 304J lets you go from bucket to forks, quickly and easily. Or opt for the Worksite Pro™ skid-steer-style coupler that enables this jack-of-all-trades

machine to utilize an even wider array of skid-steer-compatible Worksite Pro attachments. Operation is easy, with joystick and third- and fourth-function pilot controls conveniently located at your fingertips. Regardless of how you equip it, the 304J will be the most versatile compact machine on your worksite.



Change hydraulic flow with a twist of your wrist.

Unobstructed line of sight to attachments makes switchover quick and easy.

The optional fourth-function valve delivers plenty of flow for running hydraulic-driven attachments like power rakes and augers.

 If you change attachments often, you'll appreciate the hydraulic-actuated skidsteer-style coupler that lets you attach and release attachments quickly, without tools or leaving the seat.

Attachments shown:

- 2. Utility/snow blade
- 3. Scrap grapple
- 4. Utility bucket
- 5. Pallet fork
- 6. Auger



- Power rakes
- Utility/snow blades
- Augers
- Bale spears
- Construction or utility buckets
- Tooth buckets
- Pallet forks
- Scrap and brush-tined grapples
- Pick-up brooms













Fuel-efficient Tier 3 emission-certified John Deere diesel runs 500 hours between oil changes. Hydraulic valve lifters and serpentine belt never require adjustment. Remote lube bank puts rear axle zerks within easy reach. Convenient maintenance chart helps ensure that nothing gets overlooked. Locking fuel cap and electrical disconnect switch help prevent theft or vandalism. Easily accessible maintenance-free batteries are connected in parallel for reliable electrical power. Easy-lift hood and transverse-mounted engine provide convenient ground-level access to daily checkpoints.

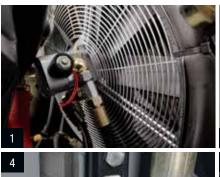


Lower operating costs, raise expectations.

We spared no expense to help keep the 304J's operating costs low. From the transverse-mounted John Deere diesel that provides convenient ground-level service access, to easy-to-change vertical spin-on filters, this versatile loader will

require less of your time and attention. Extended service intervals, environmentally friendly drains, sight gauges — the list of J-Series features that help minimize maintenance go on and on. And so will the daily operating cost savings you'll enjoy.

- Hydraulically driven fan runs only as needed for efficient cooling, reduced noise, and lower fuel consumption.
- Hydraulic fluid sight gauge and see-through coolant reservoir let you check fluid levels at a glance.
- **2.** Easy-access fuse panel accommodates quick checks and changes.
- Easy access vertical spin-on filters and environmental drains make fluid changes quicker and cleaner.
- Electronic control unit lets service technicians easily retrieve vital operating information and helps diagnose problems more quickly.
- **6.** Nobody backs you better than the 400-plus John Deere dealers throughout North America.













Engine 304J

Manufacturer and Model John Deere PowerTech™ 5030T Non-Road Emission Standards certified to EPA Tier 3 emissions

 Cylinders
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 5

 Valves per Cylinder
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 2

 Displacement
 .184 cu. in. (2.9 L)

 Net Rated Power @ 2,800 rpm, SAE
 .73 hp (54 kW)

 Net Peak Power @ 2,800 rpm, SAE
 .75 hp (56 kW)

 Maximum Net Torque @ 1,500 rpm
 .195 lb.-ft. (265 Nm)

Lubrication. pressure system with full-flow spin-on filter
Fuel System electronically controlled unit injection pump

Aspiration.....turbocharged

Air Cleaner.....dual safety element dry type

Cooling

Hydraulically driven, proportionally controlled fan

Powertrain

Hydrostatic (HST) with infinitely variable speed control over full range of operating speeds; two speed ranges; joystick-mounted F-N-R; acceleration pedal; HST inching pedal, which allows infinitely reduced travel speeds while maintaining full engine rpm and hydraulic flow

Two Travel Speeds In Forward and Reverse

(equipped with 405/70R20 tires)

Axles.....rear center-pivot axle with 10-deg. rear axle oscillation and 10-deg. frame oscillation

Rear Axle Oscillation Versus Front Axle 20 deg. total, stop to stop

Differentials manual (push-button) locking front, conventional rear

Maximum Rise and Fall, Single Wheel.....11 in. (290 mm)

steering system articulation

Brakes (SAE J1473 and ISO 3450)

Parking Brake automatically spring-applied, hydraulically released, internal wet disc

Hydraulics

Main Pump (loader and steering) fixed-displacement gear pump; open-center system

Maximum Rated Flow @ 1,000 psi (6895 kPa) 25 gpm (95 L/m) System Relief Pressure (loader and steering) 2,750 psi (18 961 kPa)

Hydraulic Cycle Times

 Raise
 5.3 sec.

 Dump
 1.6 sec.

Lower

 Float Down
 .4.5 sec.

 Power Down
 .6.3 sec.

 Total
 .13.2 sec.

Maximum Lift Capacity with 1.4-cu.-yd. (1.1 m³) stockpiling/general-purpose bucket with bolt-on cutting edge

Turning Radius

Measured to Centerline of Outside Tire 12 ft. 5 in. (3.78 m)

auxiliary hydraulics, with control-lever lockout feature; optional additional 4-function valve with push-button control

Electrical 304J

Lights (SAE 99)......driving/front working lights (2), turn signals, flashers, stop- and taillights

Tires/Wheels

Tread Width Width Over Tires Change In Vertical Height Standard-Size, 405/70R20 Tires on

Serviceability

Refill Capacities

Cooling System (engine and radiator) 12.7 qt. (12.0 L)

Differential and Planetary Axle

 Front.
 .7.7 qt. (7.3 L)

 Rear
 .7.1 qt. (6.7 L)

 Engine Oil with Filter
 .11.9 qt. (11.0 L)

 Fuel Tank
 .21.5 gal. (81.0 L)

 Hydraulic/Hydrostatic Reservoir with

Front/Rear Axle Planetary Hubs (each).....0.9 qt. (0.9 L)

Operating Weights

With standard equipment, 405/70R20 tires, standard counterweight, cab, 175-lb. (79 kg) operator, and full fuel tank

With Quick-Coupler and 1.4-cu.-yd. (1.1 m³) Stockpiling/General-Purpose

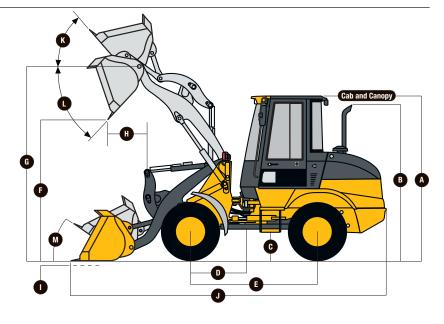
Optional Components

Bucket, 1.4 cu. yd. (1.1 m3), Stock-

Machine Dimensions

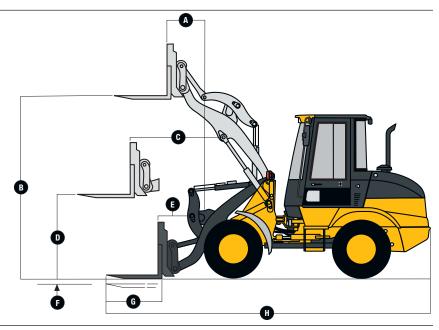
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A	Height to Top of Cab
В	Height to Top of Exhaust 8 ft. 9 in. (2.67 m)
C	Ground Clearance
D	Length from Centerline of Front Axle29.5 in. (749 mm)
Ε	Wheelbase
F	Dump Clearance, 42-deg. Full Height ▲ (see page 16)
G	Height to Hinge Pin, Fully Raised11 ft. 0 in. (3.35 m)
ш	D D I. 40 d 7 ft (0.40)
п	Dump Reach, 42-deg., 7-ft. (2.13 m)
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Machine Dimensions (continued) 304J

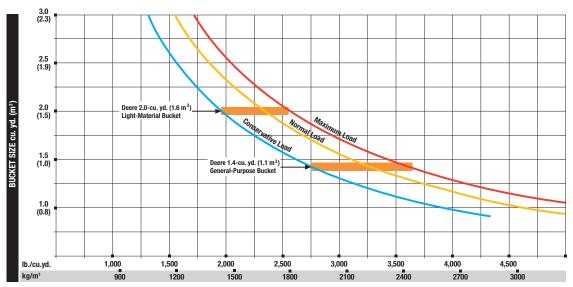
DIMENSIONS WITH QUICK-COUPLER AND FORK
A Reach, Fully Raised22.4 in. (569 mm)
B Fork Height, Fully Raised
C Maximum Reach, Fork Level
D Fork Height, Maximum Reach 4 ft. 6 in. (1.36 m)
E Reach, Ground Level
F Depth Below Ground
G Tine Length
H Overall Length
As Measured with Fork Level, Load Centered
on Tine
Tipping Load, Straight
Tinning Load, Full Turn 7,165 lb, (3250 kg)



Standard Z-Bar Pin-On Bucket

	Stockpiling/General
Bucket Type/Size	Purpose w/Bolt-on Edge
Capacity, Heaped SAE	1.4 cu. yd. (1.1 m³)
Capacity, Struck SAE	1.2 cu. yd. (0.9 m³)
Bucket Width	7 ft. 3 in. (2.20 m)
Breakout Force, SAE J732C	12,364 lb. (5608 kg)
Tipping Load, Straight	10,241 lb. (4645 kg)
Tipping Load, Full Turn, SAE	9,315 lb. (4225 kg)
▲▲ Reach, 42-Deg. Dump, 7-ft. (2.13 m)	
Clearance	4 ft. 3 in. (1.30 m)
▲▲ Reach, 42-Deg. Dump, Full Height	34.8 in. (884 mm)
▲ Dump Clearance, 42 Deg., Full Height	8 ft. 9 in. (2.67 m)
▲▲▲ Overall Length, Bucket on Ground	18 ft. 11 in. (5.76 m)
Loader Clearance Circle, Bucket Carry	
Position	27 ft. 3 in. (8.30 m)

Loader operating information is based on machine with standard equipment, 405/70R20 tires, standard counterweight, cab, 175-lb. (79 kg) operator, and full fuel tank. This information is affected by tire size, ballast, and different attachments.



	/cu. yd. 486 1,134	288
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Chips, pulpwood	1,134	
Cinders (coal, ashes, clinkers)		673
Clay and gravel, dry	2,700	1602
Clay, compact, solid	2,943	
Clay, dry in lump loose	1,701	1009
Clay, excavated in water	2,160	1282
Coal, anthracite, broken, loose	1,458	865
Coal, bituminous, moderately wet	1,350	801
Earth, common loam, dry	2,052	1218
Earth, mud, packed	3,105	1843
Granite, broken	2,592	1538
Gypsum	3,834	2275
Limestone, coarse, sized	2,646	1570
Limestone, mixed sizes	2,835	1682
Limestone, pulverized or crushed	2,295	1362
Sand, damp	3,510	2083
Sand, dry	2,970	1762
Sand, voids, full of water	3.510	2083
Sandstone, quarried	2,214	1314
Shale, broken crushed	2.295	1362
Slag, furnace granulated	3,294	
Stone or gravel, 1-1/2" to 3-1/2" size	2,430	
Stone or gravel, 3/4" size	2,700	1602

This guide, representing bucket sizes not necessarily manufactured by Deere, will help you in selecting proper bucket size for material density, loader configuration, and operating conditions. Optimum bucket size is determined after adding or subtracting all tipping load changes due to optional equipment. The "conservative lead" line on this guide is recommended when operating in conditions such as soft ground and unlevel surfaces. The "maximum load" condition on this guide is sometimes utilized when operating on firm ground and level surfaces.

304J LOADER

Key: ■ Standard equipment ▲ Optional or special equipment

304J Engine

- Certified to EPA Tier 3 emissions
- Antifreeze, -34°F (-37°C)
- Coolant recovery tank
- Fan safety guard
- Fan, suction type, hydraulically driven, proportional speed
- Muffler, under hood with curved end exhaust stack
- Environmentally friendly engine oil drain
- Spin-on engine oil and fuel filter
- Engine oil cooler
- Quick-release fuel filter and water separator
- Under-hood dual-element air cleaner with restriction indicator
- Under-hood prescreened air intake with dust evacuator valve
- Serpentine drive belt with automatic tensioner
- Engine coolant heater, 1,000 watts, 110 volts
- Special application: Trash screens, etc.*

Electrical

- Starter switch with electric fuel cutoff
- 12-volt system
- Electrical load center with blade-type fuses
- Standard batteries (2), 12 volt with 1,700 CCA
- Master electrical disconnect switch
- Alternator, 12 volts, 65 amps
- Horn (conforms to SAE J994, J1446)
- Lights (conform to SAE 99): Driving / Front working (2) / Turn signals / Flashers / Stop / Taillights
- Pre-wired for rear worklights
- Worklights, rear (2)
- Reverse warning alarm (conforms to SAE J994, J1446)
- Multifunction monitor with audible and visual warnings: Low engine oil pressure / Engine coolant temperature / HST transmission oil temperature / Parking brake indicator / Gauges and indicators: Engine coolant temperature, fuel level, speedometer, clock, and hour meter
- Indicator lights: Engine air filter / Fasten seat belt / Parking brake actuated / Forward/reverse travel / 1st or 2nd speed range / Turn signal and hazard lights / High-beam indicator / Battery voltage

304J Electrical (continued)

- Radio-ready cab, fused 12-volt radio electrical lead and speakers, power port
- By-pass starter safety cover on starter, positive terminal battery cover
- Pre-wired for roof beacon
- Sealed external electrical connectors

Powertrain/Brakes

- Hydrostatic (HST) transmission: Electric shift control / Single-lever joystick F-N-R / Hydrostatic oil cooler / Inching pedal / Two speeds forward and reverse / Infinitely variable speed control
- Service brakes, hydraulically actuated, selfadjusting internal wet-disk brake and driveline drum brake
- Parking brake, spring applied, hydraulically released, switch operated
- Axles, manual locking front and conventional rear differentials, heavy-duty outboard planetaries

Hydraulic System

- Hydraulic system oil cooler
- Automatic bucket return-to-dig control
- Boom float function
- Reservoir sight gauge for hydraulic/hydrostatic oil
- Fine-micron hydraulic filter, vertical mounting
- Hydraulic lever lockout
- Pilot-operated three-function valve with single joystick lever control for boom and bucket, and auxiliary lever for standard pin disconnect and auxiliary hydraulics
- Four-function hydraulic valve with pilot joystick control and pilot auxiliary lever for third function, and push buttons for fourth function
- Hydraulic conversion kits, four-function valve
- Quick-coupler diagnostic ports: Priority pressure / Hydraulic pump pressure / Control valve pressure / HST pressure

Operator's Station

Cab (conforms to SAE J1040, SAE J231, IS03471, ISO3449): ROPS/FOPS / Heater/defroster / Rubberplane isolation mounted for noise/vibration reduction / Intermittent front and rear windshield

304J Operator's Station (continued)

wipers and washers / Tinted safety glass / Fullwidth adjustable sun visor / Pre-wired for radio speakers / Deluxe high-back cloth seat with mechanical and 2-inch (51 mm) retractable seat belt / Left and right doors / One sliding window in each door

*See your John Deere dealer for further information.

- AM/FM/WB radio
- AM/FM/WB radio with cassette player
- AM/FM/WB radio with CD player
- Air conditioning (factory or dealer installed)
- Storage compartment
- Rubber floormat
- Tilt steering column
- Rearview mirrors, outside (2) and inside (1) (conform to SAE J985)
- Handholds and steps, ergonomically located and slip resistant (conform to SAE J185)

Loader Linkage

- Z-bar loader linkage
- Loader boom service locking bar (conforms to SAE J38)

Buckets and Attachments

- Full line of buckets with selection of bolt-on cutting edges and teeth
- Standard quick-coupler, less bucket
- Worksite Pro™ skid-steer-style coupler
- Full line of construction utility forks, pallet forks, extendible boom with hook, and other attachments*

405/70R20 tires on single-piece rims

Other

- Fenders, front and rear
- Articulation locking bar (conforms to SAE J276)
- Vandal protection, includes lockable engine enclosure and fuel fill
- Counterweight, full
- Rear bottom guard
- Drawbar, with locking pin
- ●▲ Material-weighing system*
- Ride control
- JDLink™ wireless communication system

CONTROL OWNING AND OPERATING COSTS

Customer Personal Service (CPS) is part of John Deere's proactive, fix-before-fail strategy on machine maintenance that will help control costs, increase profits, and reduce stress. Included in this comprehensive lineup of ongoing programs and services are:

Fluid analysis program - tells you what's going on inside all of your machine's major components so you'll know if there's a problem before you see a decline in performance. Fluid analysis is included in most extended coverage and preventivemaintenance agreements.

Component life-cycle data - gives you vital information on the projected life span of components and lets you make informed decisions on machine maintenance by telling you approximately how many hours of use you can expect from an engine, transmission, or hydraulic pump. This information can be used to preempt catastrophic downtime by servicing major components at about 80 percent of their life cycle.

Preventive Maintenance (PM) agreements - give you a fixed cost for maintaining a machine for a given period of time. They also help you avoid downtime by ensuring that critical maintenance work gets done right and on schedule. On-site preventive maintenance service performed where and when you need it helps protect you from the expense of catastrophic failures and lets you avoid waste-disposal hassles.

Extended coverage - gives you a fixed cost for machine repairs for a given period of time so you can effectively manage costs. Whether you work in a severeservice setting or just want to spread the risk of doing business, this is a great way to custom-fit coverage for your operation. And an extended coverage contract also travels well because it's backed by John Deere and is honored by all Deere construc-

Customer Support Advisors (CSAs) – Deere believes the CSA program lends a personal quality to Customer Personal Service (CPS). Certified CSAs have the knowledge and skills for helping make important decisions on machine maintenance and repair. Their mission is to help you implement a plan that's right for your business and take the burden of machine maintenance off your shoulders.



DKA304J Litho in U.S.A. (09-03)

Net engine power is with standard equipment including air cleaner, exhaust system, alternator, and cooling fan, at standard conditions per SAE J1349 and DIN 70 020, using No. 2-D fuel at 35 API gravity. No derating is required up to 5,000-ft. (1500 m) altitude. Gross power is without cooling fan.

Specifications and design subject to change without notice. Wherever applicable, specifications are in accordance with SAE standards. Except where otherwise noted, these specifications are based on a unit with all standard equipment, 405/70R20 tires. ROPS cab, full fuel tank, and 175-lb. (79 kg) operator



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