

Posch K-650: A firewood factory on wheels

The early days of winter saw the mobile version of the very popular Austrian-built Posch K-650 firewood processor take to the roads of Scotland.

THIS was the first stage of a larger demonstration which will stretch into the Spring of 2019, organised and managed by Jas P Wilson, the sole suppliers of Posch firewood machinery for the UK and Ireland.

The first Scottish demonstration of the K-650 took place near the village of Farr, nine miles south of Inverness. The hosts were Posch customers Andy and Callum Douglas-Jones, who are large-scale firewood suppliers, trading as Strathnairn Firewood.

As they already own and operate a number of other Posch products, these other machines complemented the K-650 demo, which happily devoured large volumes of big-diameter Douglas fir, and beech and other hardwoods.

Over this two-day event, around 120m³ of various sizes of firewood were produced; this was remarkable considering that much of the operation was done by customers having their first experience of the machine.

The intention of the K-650 roadshow was to get the machine onto site, carry out some serious firewood processing and move on; just as any large-scale mobile firewood contractor would need to do.

This machine is incredibly operator friendly, allowing for long production sessions which are comfortable due

Main and far right: The Posch K-650 – a firewood factory on wheels!

Right: Jack Bithell of Bithell Asset Finance Solutions having his first experience at the helm.

Middle: Inbuilt work lights allow the operator to work night or day. The machine even allows for two smaller-diameter logs to be cut at once.



FIREWOOD PROCESSING



Top: Large-diameter rough hardwood.

Above: 65 cm rounds entering the automatic splitter to create logs of a pre-set width.

to the benefits of the operator's cab. From a climate-controlled, weather-proof seated position, all major functions are controlled via joysticks. The operator can oversee all stages of production, ensuring not only the highest output speeds are maintained, but also quality!

The machine makes short work of substantial timber of up to 65 cm in diameter. Processing timber of this size creates incredible volumes in short periods of time. A high-performance, 90 cm bar and chain is used to deliver the cross-cut. This system also benefits from a self-tensioning Super-Cut 100 saw motor.

With each cycle of the machine, high volumes of logs, of a pre-set size ranging between 20 to 50 cm in length, can be produced with a width which can again be pre-set on the digital control system.

This particular machine comes with its own engine and has 80 km/h axles. Other power options are available including PTO and electric. Other axle options also exist to perfectly suit user requirements.

Bill and Stevie Watson of Angus Biofuels were the next hosts. Their facilities and yard near Forfar proved to be an excellent location to put the machine through its paces. Angus Biofuels are one of the UK's largest suppliers of wood fuel. The machine was in its element, evidenced by

the fact that over the next eight hours around 40 tonnes of firewood was produced from some typical large UK hardwoods.

Following this, the K-650 took to the road again, finishing the Scottish demo tour with three days in Dalbeattie, at Wilson's head office site. There were also some new Posch processors on display at this show, including two new 41 cm-cut processors, one being a circular saw model and one being a bar and chain. The range proved popular, with customers able to get their hands on the controls and compare them.

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Further demonstration events and dates will be announced in the coming weeks. Follow Jas P Wilson's Facebook page to see the most up-to-date information @jaspwilson or visit www.jaspwilson.co.uk.

For more details on the Posch range of machines, call 01556 612233 and speak with Ken Reid.

Top and above: Finished logs are screened with the inbuilt cleaner, removing trash before exiting the outfeed conveyor.