

1926 JOHN DEERE D SERIES TRACTOR

The D had the longest run of any model of John Deere tractor, the styled and unstyled versions ran from March 1, 1923 until July 3, 1953. Serial numbers 31321 through 31412 are not model Ds, but are Waterloo Boy Ns which were built after model D production had begun.

The John Deere Model D tractor was a large standard tractor produced by John Deere from 1923 to 1953. Unlike other John Deere letter-series tractors, it kept the "D" designation throughout production, and never changed to a number designation. The D had the longest model run of any John Deere tractor. It was succeeded by the John Deere Model R.

The Model D was first produced in 1923. It was a heavy standard tractor with fixed wheel widths, as opposed to the adjustable wheels of a row-crop tractor. The D was initially equipped with a two-cylinder side-by-side 30-horsepower (22 kW) engine, of 465-cubic-inch (7,620 cc) displacement, updated in 1927 to a 501-cubic-inch (8,210 cc) engine. Early models had a two-speed transmission. In 1930 the engine was increased in power, and in 1934 a three-speed transmission was introduced. Specialized orchard models (DO), half-track and fully-tracked crawler models were also produced, along with the DI industrial tractor. By 1935 steel wheels were being phased out in favor of rubber wheels on most models, and had never been used for the DI models, which required higher road travel speeds than could be borne with steel wheels. The D was equipped as an all-fuel tractor, able to operate with gasoline, kerosene, or distillate. All Ds were manufactured at the John Deere factory in Waterloo, Iowa, where 55,929 were built.

In 1939 the D received the Deere brand-wide styling changes designed by Henry Dreyfuss, with updated hoods and grilles. An optional power take-off was offered. After the longest production run for any single model made by John Deere, the Model D was replaced by the Model R in 1949.

All fuel - 2-cylinder - liquid-cooled

Displacement: 465 ci - 7.6 L

Bore/Stroke: 6.50x7.00 inches

Compression: 3.91:1

Rated RPM: 800

Firing order: 1-2

Drawbar (claimed): 15 hp - 11.2 kW

Belt (claimed): 27 hp - 20.1 kW

Plows: 3 (14-inch)

Drawbar (tested): 29.90 hp - 22.3 kW

Belt (tested): 41.59 hp - 31.0 kW

Total built: 160,000

Original price: \$1,000 (1924)

