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Quicke introduces Q98, the world's largest front loader

The development of cleaner and more environmentally-friendly tractor engines, TIER4, also meant that the tractor hoods have become larger – in both length and width. In order to match this development, Quicke is now launching the company's (and indeed, the world's) largest front loader, Q98, for tractors of 250 hp and above.

“It's only the components – filters, inserts, and so on, for cleaning the exhaust gases and particles – which mean that the tractors has had to become comparatively larger. As the leading front loader manufacturer, of course it's logical for us to take the initiative and follow tractor development,” says Urban Hadarsson, Sales & Marketing Director at Ålö.

The giant Q98 loader has all-round heavy duty dimensions, in order to withstand the considerable stresses exerted by the large, heavy and high-powered tractors. To complement this, the loader includes a specially designed tool carrier for the heavy duty implements it will be expected to handle.

“The Euro/Alo HD (Heavy Duty) is a totally new combination implement tool carrier, revealing an entirely new design with an even more powerful latching mechanism compared to all our other Quicke loaders,” says Urban Hadarsson.

The new Q98 loader will be launched world-wide during the first quarter of 2011.

“It feels particularly satisfying that with the Q98, we are once again first to adapt to new market requirements,” finishes Ålö's Urban Hadarsson.

The world leading Ålö develops and produces front loaders under the Quicke and Trima brand names and also associated implements. The group has sales companies in eight countries and factories in five countries. Sales for the year 2009 amounted to about 23,400 front loaders and 35,200 implements, total sales was 1 500 MSEK. There is a total of about 600 people working in the group. The main owner is the international private equity company 3i.

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Facts Quicke Q98	
Working angles*, min crowd angle	42°
Working angles*, min dump angle	50°
Lift height, metres at pivot pin	4,95 m
Lift height, metres under level implement*	4,65 m
Lifting force at 195 bar/2,828 PSI 800 mm from pivot pin, ground level	3 610 kg
Lifting force at 195 bar/2,828 PSI 800 mm from pivot pin, max. lift height	2 600 kg
Max. rollback force 800 mm from pivot pin	4 450 kg
Loader weight	935 kg
Tractor size	>200 hp, >149 kW**

* Varies depending on implement

** In addition to engine strength, the tractor's weight and size influence your choice of loader



Picture 1: Quicke Q98 front loader 1

Picture 2: Quicke Q98 front loader compared to an average ag loader

Picture 3: Urban Hadarsson, Sales and Marketing Director Alo AB

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