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## **BANDIT 2250XP STUMP GRINDER**

**REVIEWER ONE: YANNICK GUEZOU** 

THE BANDIT 2250XP STUMP GRINDER CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A LITTLE BULLDOG. NOT VERY BIG BUT WITH A LOT OF POWER. THE NEW SELF-PROPELLED STUMP GRINDER WITH ITS HEAVY-DUTY HYDROSTATIC MOTOR REALLY IS GUTSY.





I tested this machine on a big Eucalyptus

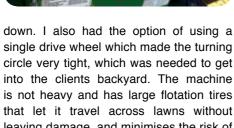
stump and I went hard. It was really pushed

to the limit, however it didn't overheat

and the big capacity fuel tank lasted the

distance. Despite its 27hp engine, the

machine was smooth and quiet.



This stump grinder has a 127cm wide cutter head swing arc which meant I didn't need to reposition it on the stump. The 18 jagged teeth powered through the stump in record time and went deep.

The Bandit 2250XP has an adjustable travel speed which means you can get to where you want quicker and then slow

single drive wheel which made the turning circle very tight, which was needed to get into the clients backyard. The machine is not heavy and has large flotation tires that let it travel across lawns without leaving damage, and minimises the risk of getting bogged.

This really is a good little unit for doing small to medium-sized stumps, and the occasional larger stump. Since it's all hydraulic, maintenance will be low and machine downtime limited. The Bandit 2250XP will really give you a superb performance and savings on money.







## **REVIEWER TWO: TIM ROBINSON**

THE BANDIT MODEL 2250XP IS THE NEWEST AND **SMALLEST FULL HYDRAULIC STUMP GRINDER IN BANDITS RANGE OF STUMP GRINDERS** AND THIS ISSUE I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PUTTING IT TO THE TEST.

Having only used a manual style stump grinder I was keen to see the benefits of this larger style hydraulic controlled machine.

Getting the machine to the job site was quick due to its variable speed drive system. The option of disengaging one of the drive wheels gave the machine the ability to turn much tighter corners when required. This feature is great for those tight access jobs and the machine is only 90cm wide and 270cm long.

I put it to work on a couple of eucalypt stumps that I had cut down and was instantly impressed with its easy to operate controls and its powerful cutting performance. The large 20 inch cutter wheel comes standard with 18 green teeth cutters that help this

grinder cut through the stump with little effort. Given my previous experience, it sure was a treat to just stand and move the control levers instead of pushing the whole machine side to side and burning up more energy after climbing.

The 2250XP has a cutting width of 127cm to a depth of 33cm. This means less moving and repositioning the machine on those larger stumps, saving valuable time and money. When putting it to use, I found the rubber skirts to really contain all of the debris that would otherwise have covered

This model stump grinder has been designed to be very low maintenance compared to previous models that were

belt driven. The new hydrostatic drive system eliminates all these annoying belt adjustments and cost of replacement parts, making it more reliable and cheaper to maintain. Speaking of maintenance there is a small tool box compartment to store your grease gun, some tools and rags for when you are onsite. Nice feature.

Bandit has repositioned the engine on this model putting it at the other end of the chassis and well away from the cutter head. This gives the grinder a much better weight distribution plus a lower centre of gravity, making it very stable when grinding on flat or uneven surfaces.

Its engine sits upright all the time giving it much better oil flow and keeping it well away from the dust and debris caused by the cutter wheel. The grinder is powered by a 27hp Kohler Command Pro engine that produces 57.3nm of torque; you can really feel this when operating the machine.

I can see many companies out there ordering this machine after a demo as they will want it as part of their equipment. AA

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