



### Manufacturer

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## **Machine Operator** Howard Boyden

**Assistant** Andrew Dulude

**Time** 

22 min. 5 sec.

**Cords Processed** 

Cords/Hour 3.26 Cords

1.2 Cords

# Tajfun RCA 330 JOY

aifun (pronounced "typhoon") compact firewood processors have been a regular part of the Great Firewood Shoot-Out for a number of years, but they always manage to bring something new. Sometimes you have to look hard to see the difference since all their machines are similar in design—a real advantage for anyone who needs to use different models. With only a few hours of experience on the new Tajfun RCA 330 JOY, Taifun dealer Howard Boyden and his assistant, Andy Dulude, brought the 1,764-pound machine to its place in the Shoot-Out arena on the 3-point hitch of a 73-hp tractor, which would also serve as the power supply through its power takeoff.

The RCA 330 JOY is Tajfun's smallest offering in the "Joy" series, so named because the machines operate with an electric-over-hydraulic joystick. While the log size is limited to

13 inches, and it wasn't the fastest firewood splitter, it held its own, especially among the other compact firewood processors. "The RCA 330 Joy is pretty much a homeowner's machine," Howard explained. Its lower cost and small footprint make it easy to store in a barn or shed when not in use.

A veteran of past Shoot-Outs, this wasn't Howard's smoothest show. He managed to hit a stone embedded in the first log. "I saw sparks fly, but it was too late," he lamented. Normally, this would have been no more than a quick time-out to put on a fresh chain, but Howard did not have another one available. Making the Shoot-Out even more challenging, only one side dulled, so the cutoff saw tried to cut on a curve. "We had to go through the Shoot-Out with a dull chain, but we got through it."

Familiar with the control system on the other Tajfun Iov firewood processors, Howard was able to use the RCA 330 with no problem, but he did learn

one thing about it, when he tried to push some oversize wood through it. The cutoff saw handled it fine, but the largest pieces got hung up in the splitting chamber and it took a bit of persuasion to get them through. "With the other [Tajfun] machines, you can turn the wood and make it fit, but we found out that 13 inches is the limit, and don't try to go any bigger," he said, laughing. "It was a tough lesson to learn, and we learned it in front of the crowd. But at the end of the day, we still did ok. That's the way it goes," he concluded philosophically.

The processor itself operated flawlessly, and in spite of their issues, Howard and Andy made a great showing with the RCA 330 Joy. "The RCA Joy firewood processors are safe, easy to use, have low maintenance, and are inexpensive to run," Howard said. He noted that family firewood

businesses are built around these machines. "Lots of wives and kids run the processor while [other family members] go out to the woods and bring in the logs.".





## **MACHINE SPECS**

Model	RCA 330 JOY
Power	73-hp PTO
Cutoff	
bar chain sa	w, 3/8 gauge
Cycle time	5 sec.
Log loading	Log lifter
Max diameter	13 in.
Options used	None









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