

**SPLITTER**



# Wood Beaver Eager Beaver 20



## **Manufacturer**

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## **Machine Operator**

Scott Eifler

## **Assistant**

Kevin Keiser

## **Time**

4 min. 2 sec.

## **Cords Processed**

0.17 Cords

## **Cords/Hour**

2.48 Cords

**W**e should have had twice as much wood—we hardly even broke a sweat,” complained Wood Beaver general manager Scott Eifler. But then, Scott was the one pushing the levers. Kevin Keiser, business manager for Wood Beaver, did the grunt work of loading the 1/6 cord of wood onto the splitter, but even he didn’t look too worse for the wear. Kevin was a good choice for this job. “He’s about 6-foot-6—for him to throw those logs was nothing. That’s how he got the job,” Scott said, laughing. He and Kevin left the log lifter in the “up” position and used it as a log deck, and Scott always had the next piece loaded and ready after every split. “I noticed the sweetgum wood in the mix, and thought it might be a little tough, so we split it first. It went right straight through. The rest of the wood was just a breeze,” Scott recalled. In just 4 minutes 2 seconds, the last log cleared the splitter.

According to Scott, the Eager

Beaver 20 is basically the splitting end of the BAB firewood processor. “It utilizes parts from the 18, which makes it more economical to buy and build components,” Scott explained. “For example, the custom-built cylinders are the same for both machines.” He also noted that the hydraulics are the same for both machines. The operator has to keep a hand on the valve while the machine is splitting. “Potentially, there are too many fingers and hands in the way,” Scott said. “A lot of people don’t run these machines every day, and I would rather be on the cautious side.” “It also gives the operator more control over the split,” he added. Scott says that the Honda GX 630 is a perfect engine for the machine. “I love the little Hondas,” he said. “They always start, always run, and they are quiet and efficient.”

Scott described some of the other design features in the Eager Beaver 20. “The narrow splitting wedges are more like an axe than a splitting maul, so it takes less power to split the wood,” he explained. The cus-

tom-built hydraulic ram is the same one used on the Bad A\*\* 18 firewood processor, which features a large-diameter rod that requires less hydraulic oil and reduces the retract time, giving the ram a respectable 5-second cycle time. The machine also uses the same dual-tandem, single-stage hydraulic pumps as the processor.

One runs the splitter, and the other takes care of the log lifter, conveyor, and wedge height. Wood Beaver originally designed and built the Eager Beaver 20 at the request of tree service companies, who wanted the portability of a wood splitter without the bulk of a complete firewood processor. ●



**MACHINE SPECS**

- Model.....Eager Beaver 20
- Power ....24-hp Honda GX 630
- Cycle time .....4 sec.
- Log loading.....Log lift
- Max firewood length .....20 in.
- Options used.....12-in. conveyor, 6-way wedge

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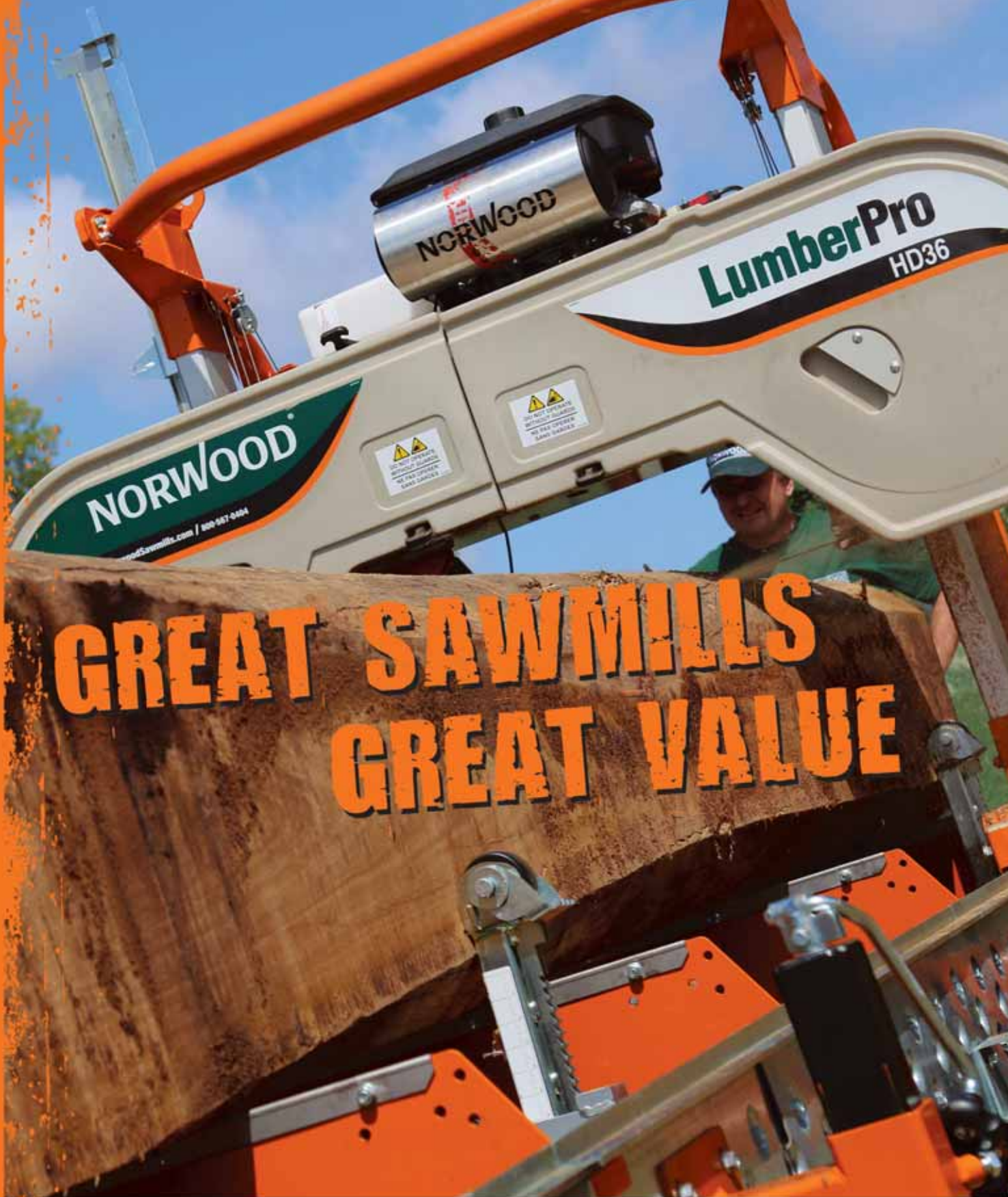
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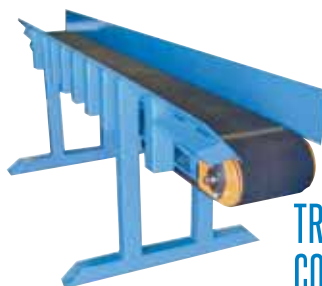


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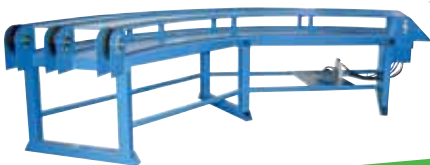


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