

Application Reference No. 28/2023-24/116

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Make of Agricultural Tractor : TAFE
Model : MF 254 DI 4WD V1
Manufactured by : Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd.
Box No. 3302, Old -35 (New-77) Mahatma
Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam,
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has directed, vide an OM No. 13-17/2021-M&T (I&P) dated 28.07.2022, that since 15th August, 2022, only mandatory tests will be carried out on a tractor unless applicant has expressly requested for optional tests as well, mentioned in the above captioned OM.

In the instant case, there is no request from the applicant to carry out the optional tests hence only Mandatory Tests, as given below, have been conducted and reported in this report: -

1. PTO performance
2. Hydraulic performance
3. Drawbar performance
4. Brake performance

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[C]	Tractor manufacturer's name and address	: Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd., Box No. 3302, Old -35 (New-77) Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai-600034
[C]	Location of manufacturing plants	i) M/s Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, Kalladipatti Plant, 10/205, Kalladipatti (PO), Pin-624 201, Dindigul Dist., (T.N.) ii) M/s Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited, Doddaballapur plant, plot No. – 1, KIADB, Industrial area, Doddaballapur, Bngaluru – 561 203 (KA)
[C]	Submitted for test by (Applicant)	: The Manufacturer
[C]	Selected for test by	: The Ministry vide OM No. 13-17/2021-M&T (I&P) dated 28.07.2022, has allowed the applicant to submit the test sample directly to the Institute without requiring any random selection for Initial Commercial Testing. Thus, the applicant directly submitted the test sample to the Institute for test.
[D]	Place of running-in	: At manufacturer's works
[D]	Duration of running-in (h):	
	-Engine	: 12
	-Transmission	: 16
[C]	Location of test	: Government of India, Central Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institute, P.O. - Tractor Nagar, BUDNI – 466445 (M.P.), INDIA

1. SPECIFICATIONS OF TRACTOR

1.1 Identification:

1.1.1 Denomination

[C]	Make of tractor	: TAFE
[C]	Model	: MF 254 DI 4WD V1
[C]	Type	: Four wheel driven, standard agricultural tractor
[C]	Month & year of manufacture	: 02/24
[D]	Country of origin	: India

1.1.2 Numbers:

[D]	1 st Serial No. of prototype	: MEA7D6BFEP2486078
[C]	Serial No.	: MEA7D6BFBR2524983

1.2 Engine:

[D]	Manufacturer's address	: i) Simpson & Co. Ltd., No. 861, 862, Anna Salai, Chennai, Tamil Nadu-600 002 ii) Simpson & Co. Ltd., No. 41, Thiruvaidaimarudur road, Rajan thottam town extension, Kumbakkonam, Tamil Nadu-612 001 iii) Simpson & Co. Ltd., Huzur Garden, Sembiam Estate, Chennai - 600011
[C]	Make	: Simpson & Co. Ltd.
[C]	Model	: T IIIA SJ 327 - F60
[C]	Type	: Four stroke, naturally aspirated, water cooled, direct injection, diesel engine
[C]	Serial No.	: SJ327B76708

1.2.1 Cylinders:

[C]	Number/disposition	: Three / vertical Inline
[D]	Bore / Stroke, (mm)	: 95 / 127
[D]	Capacity, cm ³	: 2700
[D]	Compression ratio	: 18.3 ± 0.3 : 1
[D]	Arrangement of valves	: Over head
[D]	Cylinder liners	: Dry, replaceable

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6. SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS, COMMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 On the basis of test conducted the performance results have been summarized as evaluative (mandatory) / Non-evaluative (Non-mandatory) parameters applicable for Qualifying Minimum Performance criteria as per Clause-4 (Table-1) of **IS: 12207-2022** for acceptance of the tractor for the purpose of subsidies/NABARD financing are summarized as under:

Sl. No.	Characteristic	Category (Evaluative / Non Evaluative)	Requirements as per IS: 12207-2022	Values declared by the applicant/ (D) Requirement (R)	As observed	Whether meets the requirements (Yes/No)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MANDATORY TESTS: (As per Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 13-14/2020-M&T (I&P) (82979) dated 28.08.2023).						
6.1.1	PTO Performance:					
a)	Maximum power under 2 h test, (kW) (Natural ambient condition)	Evaluative	Declared value to be achieved with a tolerance of: $\pm 5\%$ for PTO power and or engine power >26 kW. $\pm 10\%$ for PTO power and or engine ≤ 26 kW.	32.8 (D)	31.7	Yes
b)	Power at rated engine speed, (kW)	Non Evaluative	-do-	32.8 (D)	31.7	Yes
c)	Specific fuel consumption corresponding to maximum power, (g/kWh)	Evaluative	Should not be more than 10% of declared value.	265 (D)	254	Yes
d)	Maximum equivalent crankshaft torque, (Nm)	Non Evaluative	$\pm 8\%$	175 (D)	172.7	Yes
e)	Back-up torque, percent	Evaluative	Should be min. 12%	12 (D) 12 (R)	28.5	Yes
f)	Maximum operating temperature, ($^{\circ}$ C):					
	1) Engine oil	Evaluative	The declared value should not exceed the Max value specified by the oil company and the observed value under natural ambient/high ambient condition should not exceed the declaration.	132 (D)	106	Yes
	2) Coolant	Evaluative	Observed value should not exceed the declared value or boiling point of coolant at radiator cap pressure whichever is lower. The boiling point of the coolant at radiator pressure shall be provided by the applicant.	112 (D)	95	Yes
g)	Engine oil consumption, (g/kWh)	Evaluative	Not exceeding 1% of SFC at Max power under natural ambient condition. The value would be based on the test conducted under natural ambient condition	2.54 Maximum	0.23	Yes
h)	Smoke level, m^{-1}	Evaluative	Maximum light absorption coefficient of 3.25 per meter or equivalent BOSCH No. 5.2 or 75 Hatridge value (As per CMVR). Max Smoke level shall be reported out of 6 readings tested as per IS 12062 and observed value should be well within the required limits.	3.25 per meter Maximum	0.11	Yes

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6.1.2	Drawbar performance:					
a)	Max. drawbar pull with ballast corresponding to 15 percent wheel slip, (kN)	Non Evaluative	Minimum 70% of static mass of tractor with ballast.	*	*	*
b)	Max. drawbar pull without ballast or with standard ballast corresponding to 15 percent wheel slip, (kN)	Evaluative	In case of tractors having total static mass \geq 1500 kg, Min 70% of static mass of tractor without ballast or with standard ballast, as the case may be. In case of light weight tractors having \leq 1500 kg total static mass of tractor, Min. 65% of static mass of tractor without ballast or with standard ballast, as the case may be.	17.0 (D) 14.76 (R) Minimum	20.15	Yes
c)	Maximum drawbar power without ballast/ with standard ballast, (kW).	Evaluative	Minimum 80 % of PTO power as referred in SI No. i) a) of PTO performance in case of tractors having total static mass $>$ 1500 kg Minimum 75% of PTO power as referred in SI No. i) a) of PTO performance in case of light weight tractors having \leq 1500 kg total static mass of tractor. Minimum 75 % of the engine power as referred in SI No. i) a) of engine performance in case of tractors which do not have a PTO shaft.	26.5 (D) 25.4 (R) Minimum	25.6	Yes
d)	Maximum transmission oil temperature, ($^{\circ}$ C)	Evaluative	The declared value should not exceed the recommendation by the oil manufacturer. The observed value should not exceed the declared value throughout the drawbar test.	132 (D)	84	Yes

Remark: (*) Applicant vide letter no. Nil dated 30.04.2024 has requested not to conduct the ballasted drawbar performance & ten-hour drawbar test which was allowed as per the as per the consolidated guideline for testing of tractors vide OM No. 13-32/2023-M&T (I&P) (FTS-125476) dated 16.05.2023. Accordingly, drawbar performance test under standard ballasted condition was conducted only.

6.1.3 Power lift and hydraulic pump performance:						
a)	Maximum lifting capacity throughout the range of lift, (kN):					
1)	At hitch points	Evaluative	Should not be less than 90% of declared value.	16.5 (D) 14.85 Minimum	17.00	Yes
2)	With the standard frame	Evaluative	The lift capacity should at least be 24 kg/PTO kW and it should be 21.5 kg/engine kW where the tractor is not provided with a PTO shaft.	10.0 (D) 7.45 Minimum	14.64	Yes

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b)	Maximum drop in the height of the point of application of the force after each 5 minutes interval for a total duration of 30 Minutes, (mm)	Non Evaluative	The observed value should not exceed 50 mm.	50 (D) Maximum	150	No
6.1.4	Brake performance at 25 kmph:					
a)	Maximum stopping distance at a force, equal to or less than 600 N on brake pedal with road ballast, (m):					
	1) Cold brake	Evaluative	10	10	7.36	Yes
	2) Hot brake	Evaluative	10	10	7.51	Yes
b)	Whether parking brake is effective at a force of 600 N at foot pedal (s) or 400 N at hand lever	Evaluative	Yes / No	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.1.5	OPTIONAL TESTS: As the applicant has not applied for any optional tests, therefore no optional tests was conducted.					
6.1.6	Safety features :					
a)	Guards against moving and hot parts	Evaluative	Belt drives, pulleys, silencer, hydraulic pipes [As per IS 12239 (Part2)]	Conforms	Yes	
b)	Lighting arrangement	Evaluative	As per CMVR	Conforms	Yes	
c)	Seating requirements (Tractors having more than 1150 mm rear track width)	Non Evaluative	Should meet the requirements of IS: 12343 (As amended from time to time)	Does not meet the requirement	No	
d)	Technical requirements for PTO shaft	Non Evaluative	Should meet the requirements of IS: 4931 (As amended from time to time)	Meets the requirement	Yes	
e)	Dimensions of three point linkage	Non Evaluative	Should meet the requirements of IS 17231: 2019 (As amended from time to time)	Does not meet the requirement	No	
f)	Specifications of linkage drawbar	Non Evaluative	Should meet the requirements of IS: 12953 (As amended from time to time)	Meets the requirement	Yes	
g)	Swinging drawbar (wherever fitted)	Non Evaluative	Should meet the requirement of IS: 12362 (Part 3) (As amended from time to time)	Not provided	Not applicable	
h)	Audible warning signal on tractor	Evaluative (if fitted)	If tractor travel speed in reverse gear exceeds 20 kmph, an audible warning signal on tractor shall get activated. A sticker to the effect that "operating the tractor beyond 20 kmph speed in reverse gear is not safe" should be prominently displayed.	Not fitted	Yes [Permitted as per ministry's consolidated guideline No.13-14/2020-M&T (I&P)(82979)]	

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
6.1.7	Labeling of tractors (Provision of Labeling plate):						
1)	Make	Evaluative	Should conform to the requirements of CMVR along-with declared value of PTO in kW, Specific fuel consumption (SFC) corresponding to maximum power in g/kWh and year of manufacture in numerical form <table border="1" style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>MM</td> <td>YY</td> </tr> </table> Digit 01-12 in box No. 1 for MM will represent the month and next two digit in the box No. 2 for YY will represent the year of manufacturing.	MM	YY	TAFE	Yes
MM	YY						
2)	Model	Evaluative		MF 254 DI 4WD V1	Yes		
3)	Month & Year of manufacture	Evaluative		02 / 24	Yes		
4)	Engine number	Evaluative		SJ327B76708	Yes		
5)	Chassis number	Evaluative		MEA7D6BFB R2524983	Yes		
6)	Maximum PTO power, (kW)	Evaluative		32.8	Yes		
7)	Specific fuel consumption, (g/kWh)	Evaluative	265	Yes			
6.1.8	Literature (Submission to test agency):						
(a)	Operator manual	Evaluative	The printed literature in booklet form should be provided as per IS 8132 and should submit along with the test sample.	Provided	Yes		
(b)	Parts Catalogue	Evaluative		Provided	Yes		
(c)	Workshop/ Service manual	Evaluative		Provided	Yes		
6.1.9	Fitment of Roll Over Protective Structures (ROPS):						
	For tractor having more than 1150 mm rear track width	Evaluative	ROPS should meet the requirement of IS:11821 or OECD code or equivalent International Standard.	Not fitted	Not applicable		
6.1.10	Standard Accessories	Evaluative	Trailer hitch, front tow hook, linkage drawbar should be provided with tractor	Provided	Yes		
6.1.11	Accessories (optional)	Non Evaluative	Ballast weight, if fitted, should meet the requirement of CMVR	Not fitted	Not applicable		
6.2	CATEGORY OF BREAKDOWNS / DEFECTS (As per clause 5.0 of IS:12207-2022):						
S. No.	Category of break-downs	Category (Evaluative / Non Evaluative)	Requirements as per IS: 12207-2022	As observed	Whether meets the Requirement (Yes/No)		
1.	Critical	Evaluative	There is no 'critical breakdown' during the course of testing.	None	Yes		
2.	Major	Evaluative	There are not more than 2 major breakdowns and neither of them should be of repetitive nature.	None	Yes		
3.	Minor	Evaluative	There are not more than 5 minor defects during the test and neither of them should of repetitive nature.	None	Yes		
4.	Total breakdowns	Evaluative	In no case, the total number of breakdowns should exceed five that is, (2 major + 3 minor) or (1 major + 4 minor) or 5 minor breakdowns.	None	Yes		

6.3 Conformity with following IS:

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|-------|--|---|-------------------------|
| i) | Guidelines for declaration of power and specific fuel consumption and labeling of agricultural tractors (First revision) [IS:10273 -1987 (Reaffirmed Year 2019)] | : | Conforms |
| ii) | Agricultural tractors – Rear mounted power take-off - Types 1, 2 and 3 (third revision) [IS:4931-1995 (Reaffirmed Year 2019)] | : | Conforms |
| iii) | Agricultural wheeled tractors – Rear mounted three-point linkage: Categories 1N,1, 2N, 2, 3N, 3, 4N & 4 [IS:17231-2019] | : | Does not conform |
| iv) | Drawbar for agricultural tractors – Link type [IS 12953:1990 (Reaffirmed Year 2022)] | : | Conforms |
| v) | Agricultural tractors- Operator's seat technical requirement [IS12343 – 2021] | : | Does not conform |
| vi) | Guide for safety & comfort of operator of agricultural tractors:Part 1 General requirements (first revision):[IS 12239 (Part 1) – 2018] | : | Does not conform |
| vii) | Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry – Technical means for ensuring safety Part 2: Tractors (first revision) (IS 12239 (Part 2) 1999) (Reaffirmed Year 2019)] | : | Does not conform |
| viii) | Guide lines for location and operation of operator controls on agricultural tractors and machinery [IS: 8133 – 2021] | : | Does not conform |
| ix) | Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry, powered lawn and garden equipment – Symbols for operator controls and other displays Part2 Symbols for agricultural tractors and machinery [IS: 6283(Part-1) – 2006 (Reaffirmed Year 2019) and IS: 6283 (Part-2) – 2007 (Reaffirmed Year 2019)] | : | Does not conform |
| x) | Agricultural Tractors and Machinery-Lighting device for travel on public roads (IS:14683-1999) (Reaffirmed Year 2019)] | : | Conforms |

6.4 Salient Observations:

6.4.1 Laboratory tests:

6.4.1.1 Hydraulic performance test:

The cumulative drop in height was observed as 150 mm which does not meet the non-evaluative requirement of IS: 12207-2022. **This should be looked into for corrective action.**

6.4.1.2 Three point linkage:

The following parameters does not meet the requirements of IS: 17231-2019 and needs to be looked into for necessary corrective actions:

The dimensions viz. lateral distance from lower hitch point to center line of tractor, leveling adjustment and lower hitch point tyre clearance does not meet the requirements of IS: 17231-2019. **This should be looked into for corrective action.**

6.4.1.3 Operator's work place:

The following parameters does not meet the requirement of IS: 12239 (Part-I) -2018.

- i) Vertical retainers on inner side of clutch pedal are not provided.
- ii) Width of step is observed as 190 mm against the requirement of 200 mm (min.)
- iii) Spark arresting device has not been provided in the exhaust system.

Therefore, **all of the above should be looked into for necessary corrective action.**

6.4.1.4 PTO master shield:




PTO master shield has not been provided on tractor. **This should be looked into for necessary corrective action.**

6.4.1.5 Maximum speed in reverse gear(*):

Maximum travelling speed at rated engine speed in reverse gears in RH3 & RH4 was recorded as 27.70 & 38.65 kmph respectively. The audible warning signal has not been fitted on the tractor and accordingly does not meet the evaluative requirement of IS: 12207-2022. This should be looked into for necessary corrective action.

- 6.5 Maintenance / Service Problems:**
No noticeable maintenance or service problem was observed during the test.
- 6.6 Recommendation with regard to safety on tractor:**
- i) The hand accelerator lever, when moved away from the operator (i.e. forward) decreases the engine speed, which does not meet the requirement as laid down in Table – 1 of IS: 8133-2021.
 - ii) Working clearance around position control lever, draft control lever, parking brake lever and mudguard has not been provided as per the requirement of IS:12239-1999 (Part-II)
Above parameters should be looked into for necessary corrective action.
- 6.7 Adequacy of Literature supplied with machine:**
- 6.7.1** The following literatures were supplied with the test tractor for reference during the test: -
- a) Operators instruction book for TAFE, MF 254 DI 4WD V1 tractor model.
 - b) Parts book for TAFE, MF 254 DI 4WD V1 tractor model.
 - c) Workshop service manual for TAFE, MF 254 DI 4WD V1 tractor model.
- 6.7.2** The operator manual may be brought out for the guidance of users and service personnel as per IS: 8132-1999 incorporating, inter alia, the following:
- i) Safe hitch height while using trailer.
 - ii) Oil recommended for front axle is given in the application as SAE 80 W 90 whereas it is given TRACT ELF SF3 I in operator manual. This should be looked into for necessary corrective action.

TEST CARRIED OUT AT C.F.M.T. & T.I., BUDNI (M.P.), INDIA
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7. APPLICANT'S COMMENTS

Para no.	Our reference	Comments
7.1	6.4.1.1, 6.4.1.2, 6.4.1.3, 6.4.1.4, 6.4.1.5, 6.6 and 6.7.2	Parameter will be studied and necessary corrective action will be initiated.

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ANNEXURE - I

TRACTOR RUN HOURS DURING TEST

A.	LABORATORY AND TRACK TESTS:	HOURS
1.	Running-in	Applicant has declared it to be conducted on their work place.
2.	PTO performance test	12.1
3.	Power lift and hydraulic pump performance test	1.0
4.	Drawbar performance test	4.9
5.	Brake performance test	1.8
6.	Nominal speed test	3.1
B.	Miscellaneous test and other run hours including idle run, transportation, trials and preparation for test	7.5
TOTAL:		30.4