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Nebraska Tractor Test Laboratory

TIMING FOR USE OF DATA AND RESULTS FROM TRACTOR TESTS

Rationale:

The purpose of this board action is to describe when tractor test data and results can be used for promotional purposes by the company that has brought the tractor to the Nebraska Tractor Test Lab.

Background:

The Nebraska Tractor Test Lab has a **Start/End of Official Test Form** that is used to clarify for the company representatives and NTTL personnel the start and end times for each tractor test. When a tractor submitted for test arrives at the lab, the company representatives are responsible for the tractor warm-up and all adjustments. When the company representatives are satisfied that the tractor is properly warmed-up and all adjustments have been made to prepare the tractor for the test, the company representatives and NTTL lab personnel record the make, model, engine hour meter reading, time, date and sign the Start of Official Test section of the Start/End of Official Test Form. After the on-site test of the tractor has been completed and the NTTL and company personnel are satisfied that all test data and results have been obtained according to the appropriate test procedures and represent the performance of the tractor, both parties record the engine hour meter reading, time, date and sign the End of Official Test section of the Start/End of Official Test Form.

Procedure:

Once the End of Official Test section of the Start/End of Official Test Form has been completed and signed, the company **may** use the data and results from that tractor test for promotional purposes. Statements made at this time **may not** mention the Nebraska Test Report Number, as the report has not been checked, signed and approved by the Nebraska Tractor Test Board of Engineers.

Once the Nebraska Test Report has been signed by the Nebraska Tractor Test Board of Engineers, the official report will be posted to the NTTL web site and be publicly available. At that time the Nebraska Test Report Number may be added to promotional statements made by the tractor manufacturer.

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