

HEAVY-DUTY DIRT MOVER

Versatile D65PXi-18 dozer delivers impressive technology in perfect package

James Peterson Sons, Inc., wanted to boost its productivity for recent a 200-acre site development project. To accomplish that, it required a dozer that could handle the varying job tasks while also moving serious quantities of dirt.

“We needed a machine that could push, cut and fill; place topsoil; shape slopes on ponds; and move a lot of dirt,” said President Jeff Peterson. “The D65PXi checked those boxes.”

When the dozer arrived in late 2018, it was the first Komatsu D65PXi-18 sold in the state of Wisconsin.

“We wanted a model that could do some heavy-duty pushing, and the D65PXi has delivered,” said Vice President Tim Peterson. “We can move about 6,000 yards of material per day with it.”

To hit those high production goals, James Peterson Sons required every bit of the D65PXi’s 220-horsepower Tier 4 Final engine and 24.4-ton operating weight. More importantly, it needed that muscle in the correct package. That’s why the company selected the PX model, which features wider tracks and a six-way blade.

“We’re in soft ground all of the time, so the float is very important,” explained Operator Jay ‘Snarf’ Kleist. “Being able to get 36-inch grousers on a dozer with a six-way blade wasn’t an option with the competition. It was a deal-breaker.”

Added value

In addition to the size of the D65PXi-18, James Peterson Sons desired the added production that Komatsu’s *intelligent* Machine Control technology offered.

“We replaced a competitive machine with the D65PXi and we’ve seen production gains,” he said. “It’s balanced, powerful, saves on fuel, the GPS system works great and the operators love running it.”

The D65PXi-18 also delivers productivity beyond the traditional measures of material moved, gas and time.

“There are so many benefits,” said Jeff. “We no longer need a person dedicated to checking grade. The machine keeps track of where we are. We can download information and know what volumes are being moved. It also allows us to change grades easily. Customers expect this technology on their jobsites. We couldn’t do grading on this scale without a GPS dozer.” ■

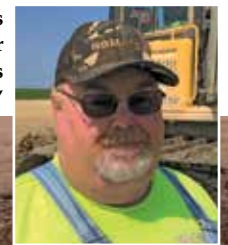
James Peterson Sons, Inc., Operator Jay ‘Snarf’ Kleist uses the Komatsu *intelligent* Machine Control D65PXi-18 dozer to grade a jobsite. “The GPS is an amazing tool that works great,” said Kleist. “The D65PXi is pretty smooth.”



Jeff Peterson,
President



Tim Peterson,
Vice President



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