



# MECHANICS Laboratory FARM EQUIPMENT

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## THE TRACTOR WITH A HOT-BULB ENGINE





Final assembled model

2 THE TRACTOR



curiosities A tractor is a machine able to

develop power in order to tow or operate farm equipment that is connected to it.



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The first hot-bulb engines were built at the end of the 19th century and at the end of the 19th century and remained in widespread use until the middle of the 20th century. To start a hot-bulb engine, first the front of the tractor (the vaporiser) had to be hea-ted with a gas burner or petrol lamp, up to a temperature of 400-700 °C. Once the vaporiser had reached a redhot temperature, going a typical "dark red" colour, the engine could be started with a decisive push of the large disk (flywheel) located on the side.



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#### Technical facts and curiosities

The engine drives the tractor's driving wheels by means of the differential, but at the same time, the engine's

power can be transferred to the power take-off by means of a system of gears and reduction gears directly connected to the drive shaft.











# THE DIFFERENTIAL

#### Technical and scientific analysis

The differential is a mechanical device able to transfer the power developed by the engine to the drive wheels.



- 1 Pinion gear: transfers power from the engine to the ring gear and ultimately the driving wheels.
- 2 Ring gear: attached to the differential cage and permanently engaged with the pinion gear.
- 3 Differential cage: box that houses the gears.
- 4 Spider gears: gears attached to the cage.
- 5 Side gears: gears attached to the axle shafts
- 6 Axle shafts: axles that connect the driving wheels to the side gears.

It is designed to allow the two wheels to rotate at different speeds when going round a bend. On non-straight sections, the outside wheel covers more road than the inside wheel. Therefore the outside wheel has to rotate faster.



The pinion gear transfers the engine's

power to the differential and, as a result,

to the axle shafts, turning the wheels.





The differential allows a vehicle's wheels to rotate at different speeds when going round a bend.

S FARM EQUIPMENT: THE HAYMAKER

outside wheel.



To assemble the universal joint, follow the instructions printed on the warnings leaflet, contained in the box.









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## 5 THE TOMATO HARVESTER





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### Technical facts and curiosities

In more modern machines, tomato sorting can be done electronically. The shape and colour of each individual tomato is evaluated using special photocells. These also allow any foreign material present in the harvest to be discarded.

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