

SUCCESS STORY

Alliance AF 333 performs flawlessly for this French logger!

Customer Mr. Hubert Terrillon

Location 21400 Ampilly le Sec, France Machine used: Valtra 6350 & Igland Trailer

Application Forestry

Tyres in use AF333 380/85-28 139A8

> AF 333 460/85-38 154A8 F328 400/60-15.5 14PR

Mr. Hubert Terrillon, based at 21400 Amplilly le Sec, in Bourgogne (Burgundy), east of central France, runs a forestry business. He uses a 101 HP Valtra 6350 MFWA tractor bought in the year 2002. It has worked for more than 9027 hours. The tractor tows an Igland twin axle forestry trailer. The Valtra is fitted with Alliance AF333 tyres and the Igland twin axle with Alliance 328 forestry tyres.

The primary work of the tractor is to transport logs in the forests, for which it is used around 900 hours in a year. The predominant species of trees that are logged in this region consists of Resinous, Oak and Beech. Mr. Terrillon gets the trunks cut to one, two and four meter logs for delivery. The annual harvest that this tractor fetches is around 4000 cubic meters.

This tractor has been running with its first set of AF333s since June 2012 (on the recommendation of our Alliance tyre dealer Euromaster Saint-Appolinaire). They have run for around 427 hours since replacement. The remaining treads depths 33mm and 44mm for the front and the rear tyres respectively. This low rate of wear is pleasing to Mr. Terrillon.

Mr. Terrillon favoured Alliance brand over another leading name for its good price positioning. He observes that the traction is good due to deep lugs, flat pattern with the steel belt construction and sharper shoulders. Also self-cleaning is excellent due to the ideally spaced lugs.



The lugs penetrate very easily in the soil to provide grip. He also finds tyres to handle slopes excellently offering good stability.

The tyre's improved forestry compound provides excellent resistance to cutting and chipping, which is a common problem in the logging service. He has also never faced a puncture due to the shoulder to shoulder steel belts. Also there are no damages in the usually vulnerable areas between lugs.

Since the steel belts provide a flatter and rectangular footprint the ground pressure distribution is even which enhances traction in muddy conditions. The wider treads also aid in better ground pressure distribution. He also observes that there are no cuts or damages to sidewall, an attribute to the extra strong sidewall construction of the AF333.



The Valtra on Alliance AF333 agro-forestry tyres