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DEPARTMENT OF AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING

COURSE NAME: 19AUE308 - SPECIAL VEHICLES

III YEAR /VI SEMESTER

Unit 1- Earth Moving Equipments

Topic 6: Bucket Wheel Excavator



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INTRODUCTION



- > A bucket-wheel excavator is a heavy equipment machine used in surface mining.
- ➤ The primary function of BWE is to act as a continuous digging machine in large-scale open-pit mining operations.
- > It removes thousands of tons of overburden a day.





NEED FOR BUCKET WHEEL EXCAVATOR



- ➤ In Mining areas, the materials are digged by backhoe loader and then the loosen material is carried by the dumper to the required destination.
- > So totally two vehicles has been used for performing this work.
- > By the use of bucket wheel excavator, the two works are done at a same time.

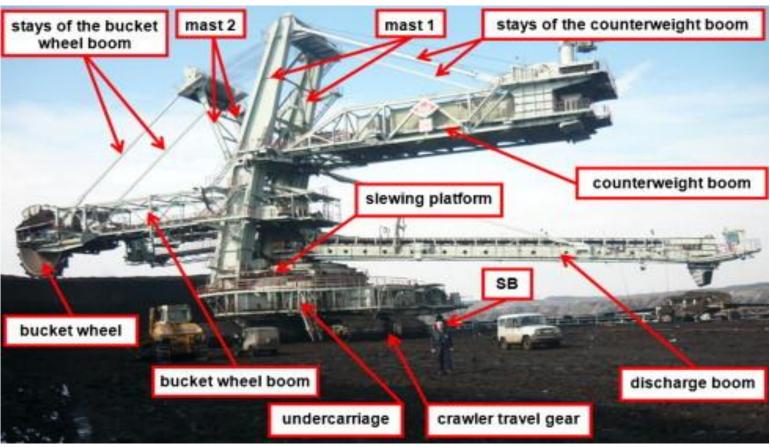




COMPONENTS



- > Bucket wheel
- ➤ Mast (1&2)
- Slewing platform
- Under carriage
- Counter weight boom
- Discharge boom





CONSTRUCTION



- ➤ A bucket wheel excavator consists of a superstructure to which several more components are fixed.
- > The bucket wheel from which the machines get their name.
- > It is a large, round wheel with a configuration of scoops which is fixed to a boom
- ➤ It is capable of rotating.





CONSTRUCTION



- ➤ A counterweight boom balances the cutting boom
- ➤ It is cantilevered either on the lower part of the superstructure or the upper.
- ➤ In the larger BWEs, all three booms are supported by cables running across

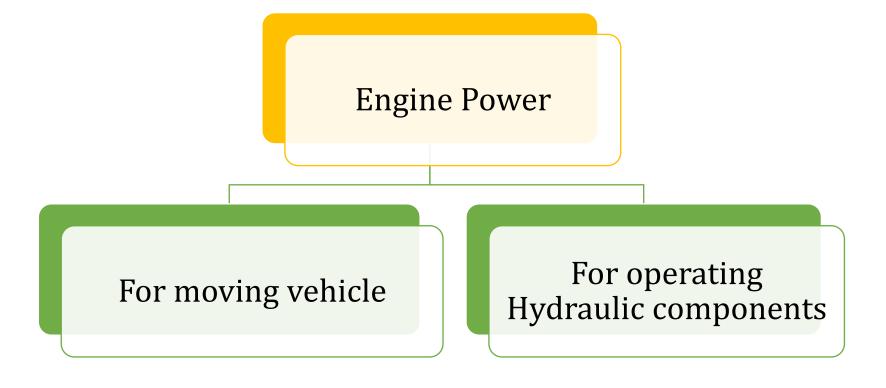
towers at the top of the superstructure





WORKING







WORKING



- ➤ Material picked up by the cutting wheel is transferred back along the boom.
- ➤ A discharge boom receives material through the superstructure from the cutting boom.
- > It carries it away from the machine, frequently to an external conveyor system.



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ADVANTAGES



- > Reduces man power
- ➤ More efficient work than manual process
- Less operating time
- ➤ Multiple Works can be done.





DISADVANTAGES



- ➤ High Capital cost
- ➤ High operating cost
- Not able to use in all terrains
- ➤ Requires Skill driver





APPLICATION



- ➤ Used in Mining areas
- Used for material handling





MANUFACTURING COMPANIES



- > FAM
- > FLSmidth Dorr-Oliver Eimco
- Sandvik Mining and Rock Technology
- > TAKRAF







- 1. Mention the application of Bucket Wheel Excavator.
- 2. What is the use of Bucket Wheel Excavator?
- 3. Which model of the Bucket Wheel Excavator is the largest one?





REFERENCE



- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bucket-wheel_excavator
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HKVvrQTwWPU







THANK YOU!!!