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## OTR Introduces Three-Piece Forestry Wheel for Improved Productivity, Reduced Downtime

ROME, Ga. – [OTR Engineered Solutions \(OTR\)](#) has introduced a [32-inch, three-piece wheel](#) for log skidders and forwarders in forestry applications. The unique multi-piece design offers many benefits, including increased productivity, reduced downtime, and enhanced efficiency.

“The new three-piece wheel is a real game changer in the forestry industry,” said Tom Rizzi, President and CEO. “This solution can help customers increase their load carrying capacity, while simplifying the process of changing tires in the field.”

The robust design of the three-piece wheel allows tires to simply slide on and off the rim when mounting and dismounting without the need for specialized equipment. Not only does this process reduce downtime, but it also minimizes the risk of bead damage since the tire does not need to be pried over the rim.

Furthermore, tires with higher ply ratings can be installed to help maximize the productivity of the power unit. For instance, a skidder may be able to add 28,000 to 42,000 pounds of additional tire load capacity with 40,000 to 60,000 pounds of additional headroom by upgrading to higher ply tires and OTR’s new wheels.

The three-piece wheel parallels all aspects of OTR’s industry-leading 32-inch single piece wheels, which have been proven in the harshest of conditions by top tier OEM customers. The new design reduces the potential for tire indexing, or spinning, on the rim. Multiple other features are built in for improved strength, torque retention, tire sealing, and overall durability.

“There are many benefits to our three-piece wheel design. Increased load capacity, reduced indexing, and easier tire mounting and dismounting offer huge advantages in the forestry industry,” said Rizzi. “All of these individually can result in a better bottom line.”

OTR currently offers 32x27 and 32x31 wheel configurations, compatible with 30.5L32 and 35.5L32 tires. The new design was showcased in the company's booth at DEMO International, September 19-21, 2024, in Venosta, Quebec, Canada.

OTR Engineered Solutions is a market-leading global enterprise specializing in off-the-road tire, wheel, and track solutions for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and aftermarkets. Known for being an innovator in multiple off-the-road applications, OTR differentiates itself by providing value-added services such as warehousing, tire mounting, and sequencing, among other things. The firm has long established strategic partnerships with OEMs covering Construction, Lawn & Garden, Powersports, Agriculture, Forestry, Mining, Material Handling, and Specialty Vehicle markets. OTR's infrastructure comprises 32 facilities and warehouse locations throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Asia, serving customers globally.

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