



Chained to the wheel

Go deep in mud or snow with BABAC 1-1/4 in Multi-Grip skidder chains, the largest on the market



A US distributor takes great pride in bringing a US tyre chain manufacturer to market that is leading the way in technology advancements and general product durability and performance

Distributors all across the world continually seek new and improved products to procure and therefore to improve their position in the global market. It is no different in the US, where one international distributor continues to seek the highest quality products for their customers and to identify critical areas where loggers require better products for this evolving industry. Wallingford's has been serving the logging community since 1975 as the wholesaler for tyre chain, logging and industrial supplies; the largest of its kind in North America.

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Products keep customers returning to Wallingford's year after year," Daniel Kissinger from the company's marketing told International Forest Industries. In 1986, Wallingford's introduced to the global market this new brand of tyre chains a quickly became a "game changer" for how individuals shop for tyre chains on their wheeled forestry and heavy equipment.

This partnership allowed for the introduction of new concepts like the patented U-Form stud on ice chains – a design several other manufacturers have since attempted to duplicate. The two

companies went on to develop a first of its kind through hardened Boron alloy steel and BABAC continues to produce this exclusive material not found anywhere else.

BABAC Traction Products are made in the US and have quickly become the industry leader in producing only the best American made product. BABAC products offer a full line of tyre chain patterns for skidder, forwarder, harvester, tractor, and other heavy equipment applications through Wallingford.

BABAC® includes a full line of tyre chains ranging from 9/16 in all the way up to a 7/8 in Diamond



Ponsse Beaver harvesting on BABAC Triple Diamond Euro chains for tyre protection and constant traction



pattern studded ice chain, as well as a 9/16 in to 1-1/4 in ring style chain. BABAC also offers computerised custom design capability and specialises in custom tyre chain applications for odd tyre sizes.

Recently, BABAC upgraded its 3/4 in Ring chains to include an oversized half-link, which is manually welded directly to the ring thereby adding increased strength and durability to one of the most critical wear points.

In 2015 Wallingford's introduced within its line of BABAC Traction Products the latest in aggressive chain production. This Made in the US product line now includes an extremely aggressive 7/8 in Multi-Ring and 1 in Multi-Ring, as well as 7/8 in Single Diamond, Diamond-and-a-half, and Double Diamond ice chains.

"Designed with today's larger machines and rugged terrain in mind, BABAC Forestry and Heavy Equipment tyre chains are made to withstand extreme conditions and deliver unmatched results," Kissinger said.

BABAC has an exceptional manufacturing process wherein each critical component undergoes a unique heating process called continuous induction that yields the hardest possible test result; the result is called through hardening. The process provides a uniform hardness and tensile strength all the way through to the core of the steel. By using only the



Tigercat 615E six-wheel skidder outfitted with heavy duty BABAC 7/8 in 1.5 Diamond Chains and Clark Tracks

finest and highest quality boron alloy steel available in today's market, BABAC through hardened materials consistently deliver an HRC45 +/- 2 test rating.

This American product is built by hand in Winslow, Maine. The process of manual welding provides the best possible controlled results in quality and customer satisfaction. Manual welding ensures a personal touch of quality and allows for each welder to check the work done before them.

"That means that each chain produced in the BABAC



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manufacturing facility is not only double checked, but triple checked and further as it goes through production," Kissinger said.

Other unique products that set

BABAC apart from others are the unique Square Grip and Euro Style tyre chains. Square Grip offers a unique open chain pattern for ease of self-cleaning. Euro Style is available in a Triple Diamond pattern that provides constant traction and protection. Euro Style chains have non-studded outside rails allowing for tighter clearance and reducing ground disturbance.

As BABAC and Wallingford's continue to remain the leader in innovative new concepts, comes another first as they introduce the largest ring chain of its kind to the global market. Multi-Grip Ring Chain, a 1-1/4 in tag ring chain designed for the largest skidder applications with the heaviest payload and roughest terrain. Multi-Grip Ring Chains offer superior traction through the addition of lugs on each connecting ring.

This new technology is currently under extensive research and testing and is expected to be available for purchase in 2016.



John Deere grapple skidder not afraid to go anywhere with BABAC Double Diamond U-Form stud chains