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New Rough Terrain Carrier Brings More Power and Maneuverability to Barko Loader Lineup

SUPERIOR, Wisc. – The new **Rough Terrain Carrier (RTC) loader package** is the most maneuverable and powerful log loading machine in the **Barko** product lineup. Providing increased productivity through a sharp turning radius and impressive pulling capacity, the RTC is ideal for safely and efficiently navigating around log yards, sawmills and other tight jobsites.

The 4-wheel-drive RTC loader package features an exceptionally stable rigid frame that provides 2-wheel, 4-wheel and crab steering capabilities. When 4-wheel steer is engaged, the RTC offers an 18-foot turning radius that is sharper than many half-ton pickup trucks. All four wheels constantly maintain ground contact to provide proper support, allowing the machine to easily traverse rough terrain as it moves from one wood pile to the next. The RTC also includes front and rear planetary drive axles.

The unit can travel up to 12 miles per hour and is equipped with a power shift transmission that allows operators to shift on the fly. Additionally, the RTC delivers approximately 21,000 pounds of drawbar pull. This raw power is enough to pull a small log trailer, move easily through muddy conditions, and climb steep grades of up to 45-percent.

Engineered for maximum dependability and productivity, Barko's 595B, 495B and 295B RTC loader packages offer boom length options of 30, 32, 36 and 40 feet depending on model. Tried-and-true Barko loader technology makes fast work of unloading tasks. All three models are powered by a 173-horsepower Cummins Tier 4 Final diesel engine. Maximum lift capacities range from 38,820 pounds for the 595B to 22,820 pounds with the 295B.

In addition to the carrier's overall stability when loading or traveling, the RTC loaders offer many safety features that many mill machines do not. Walk-up steps and a solid platform minimize the potential for slip-and-falls when entering the forward sloping pressurized cab with sound suppression insulation. The RTC features a hydrostatic dynamic braking mechanism and hydraulic disc brakes on all four wheels.

Other standard features of the RTC include steel lines along the inside of the frame, a 3/4-inch hitch plate for pintle hitch mount, and a travel alarm. Loader options include various boom lengths and capacities, boom lights, cab risers and more.

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