



Huddig wheels into the depot after driving on the highway.

## Popular Huddig

**Travelling around Sweden and listening to Swedish contractors, it quickly becomes clear that the Huddig is an extremely well liked machine. The same can be concluded from the machine test. The machine testers didn't use exaggerated expressions like the Rolls Royce of backhoe loaders however.**

It can be safely said that Huddig will be regarded with even greater respect now that the machine has been appointed European winner in its class. The same echoes will be heard in the Hälsinge metropolis as in Ljungby when the Ljungby Machine first took the European title. Congratulations are in order. Once again a small manufacturer has done well. Huddig's largest machine, the 1260



**The best to dig with**  
**Nice hydraulics**  
**Good**

**Easy to read graduated tube**  
**Lever follows operator's seat**  
**The view**  
**220 V power outlet**  
**Daily control procedure**



**The price**  
**The fuel consumption**  
**The placing of exhaust pipe/ air filter**  
**The view of front bucket placed on the ground**  
**The placing of doorhandle**

with articulated frame steering, has been upgraded with a 6-cylinder, 6.7 litres Cummins stage 3 version engine with, above all, significantly increased torque. As with other smaller machine manufacturers, Huddig has to purchase various components such as axles from ZF, Parker hydraulics and pumps from Bosch-Rexroth.

Basic functions such as loader arm suspension, load sensing hydraulics and service brakes are a given on this machine.

There is no doubt that Huddig has succeeded in creating its concept. Now an advanced machine computer has been added. Huddig has obtained its IQAN-system from Parker. The system contains information about turbo pressure, rpm, fuel consumption, setting intermittent wipers with sweeps up to every 20 seconds, but not an immobiliser.

The computer system can be set with special requirements for four different operators; such as backhoe unit and loader speed, different flows and pressure on the hydraulics depending on which tool is used as well as pedal speeds.

### Easy to operate

Thanks to all the modern technology available in the 1260, it is an extremely easy machine to operate. It is best to dig with, the hydraulics are a step ahead all other participants in the test. The machine is, quite simply, the best to operate. Outside this machine test, contractors in different areas applaud the excellent flexibility of the hydraulics and the capacity to keep up when the machine operator requests power or smoothness. Entry to the cab is, of course, approved. The operator has a good seating position in the cab. Forward and side visibility is

good, however, it was pointed out that when the operator sits straight ahead with the bucket on the ground, the bucket cannot be seen. Despite all the various functions, it seems that the machine is easy to get to grips with, even for those not familiar with the manufacturer. That the levers follow the movements of operator's seat is a given.

The machine also gains points in that it is easy to check the oil from the outside and that there are gauges for the hydraulics. That the rear lights fold up and that the machine has 220 V for power tools were factors that were also appreciated. Huddig was one of the only machines that had radio control included in the equipment. There were many test operators who waited to drive the machine standing outside.

The test operators did not note many negative points about this machine. However, the high diesel consumption is not positive. It is a drawback. Added to that, the price is fairly high which increases quickly when the contractor starts ticking the boxes in the options list. Some also complained that the locations of the exhaust pipe and the air intake for the air cleaners obstructed visibility. The test team thought that these should be moved to the side slightly in order to improve visibility.

Furthermore, it was stated that the display for the computer should be vertically, rather than horizontally, positioned. We want a vertical display that does not collect as much dust as a horizontal one. You also get a better overview with a vertical display. A very simple improvement would be to move the door handle down. Not all machine operators are agile.

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An agreeable cabin is a characteristic of Huddig.

### Huddig 1260

Engine: 6 cylinder Cummins QSB 6,7 stage 3. 116 kW (157 hp)  
Loading bucket: 1 - 1,4 m<sup>3</sup>  
Digging bucket: 350 - 450 litres  
Volume fuel tank: 160 litres  
Volume hydraulic oil tank: 185 litres  
Double command: included  
Price: 2 138 200 SEK (standard price with buckets)  
Placing in test: 1  
Points: 365