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Tractor of The Year 2017: DEUTZ-FAHR 6215 RCshift wins the Best Design award.

The DEUTZ-FAHR 6215 RCshift won the Best Design category of Tractor of the Year 2017, the international awards assigned annually by a panel of 24 journalists from 24 publications in the mechanised agricultural sector throughout the whole of Europe.

The 2017 award adds to the long list of accolades accumulated in recent years by DEUTZ-FAHR with the 7250 TTV (Tractor of the Year and Best Design 2013) and the 9340 TTV (Best Design 2015), and other awards won by other SDF Group brands.

The innovative design of the DEUTZ-FAHR 6215 RCshift is a product of the collaboration between SDF and Giugiaro, a partnership that has established SDF products as the benchmark in their class not only for their superior style but also, and above all, for ergonomics and functionality for the operator..

The 6215 RCshift is the range-topping model of the new 6 Series tractor family with a transaxle featuring a new fully automatic robotised transmission with 30 forward speeds and 15 reverse speeds. This system ensures extremely rapid, comfortable and, crucially, intelligent shifts, as the innovative electronic management system optimises performance in relation to operating conditions, responding and adapting to the requests of the user in real time.

Four different driving and work modes are offered:

1. Manual: the user selects ranges and Powershift speeds
2. Semi-automatic: the user selects ranges and the system selects Powershift speeds automatically
3. Full-auto (field): the system selects ranges and Powershift speeds automatically with specific parameters for field use
4. Full-auto (road): the user selects ranges and Powershift speeds automatically with specific parameters for transport use.

All modes are configurable and monitored easily from the innovative InfoCentre^{Pro} display.

As well as the transmission, the new DEUTZ-FAHR 6215 RCshift includes a host of other new features, such as the Deutz Stage 4 engine, the innovative axle with outboard disc brakes, the new adaptive front suspension and the high performance hydraulic system with proportional electronic control. The MaxiVision 2 cab is acknowledged by the market

as the benchmark for ergonomics and functionality. As well as boasting an LED light package offering unique performance and design, the cab is pre-configured for the installation of all the latest Precision Farming solutions. The engine compartment, which is separate from the cab is a solution that not only contributes to the unique look of the design, but also ensures unparalleled comfort by minimising noise and vibration and at the same time virtually eliminating heat transfer.

“Seeing an SDF tractor selected as a winner by the Tractor of the Year panel of judges for the fifth consecutive year - says Lodovico Bussolati, Chief Executive Officer SDF - is reason for great satisfaction for our Group and represents the best recognition of the work over the past years to extend and revise our product range”.

The 6215 RCshift joins the new DEUTZ-FAHR 6 Series range presented officially at Dresden last July, which redefined the very concept of configurability in a tractor. This range lets customers take advantage of the best technological solutions available today to define their own, personalised tractor, with a choice of 12 models from 156 to 226 HP, two wheelbase versions, three transmission variants, two cab types and hundreds of other options.

DEUTZ-FAHR is technological excellence at the highest level, a range characterised by productivity, from tractors to combine harvesters and equipment.

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About SDF

SDF, with Italian headquarters in Treviglio (Bergamo), is one of the leading manufacturers of tractors, combine harvesters and harvesting machinery. It distributes its products with the brand names DEUTZ-FAHR, SAME, Lamborghini Trattori, Hürlimann, Grégoire, Lamborghini Green Pro and Shu-He. The tractors range from 23 to 340 hp, while the harvesting machinery ranges from 32 to 395 hp.

Throughout the world SDF has 8 production sites, 13 commercial branches, 2 joint ventures, 141 importers and over 3,000 dealers, with over 4,100 employees worldwide. In 2015 the company recorded revenue of € 1,390 million and an EBITDA of 9%.

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