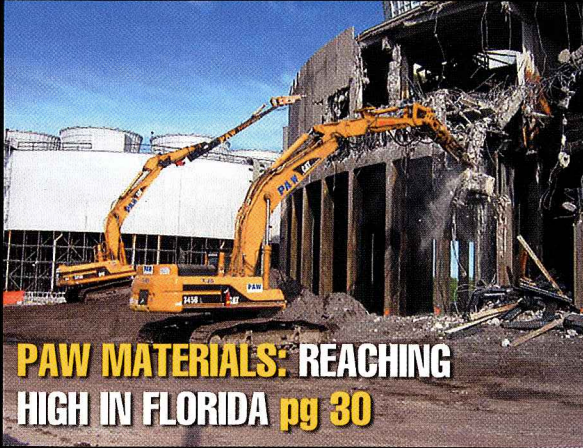


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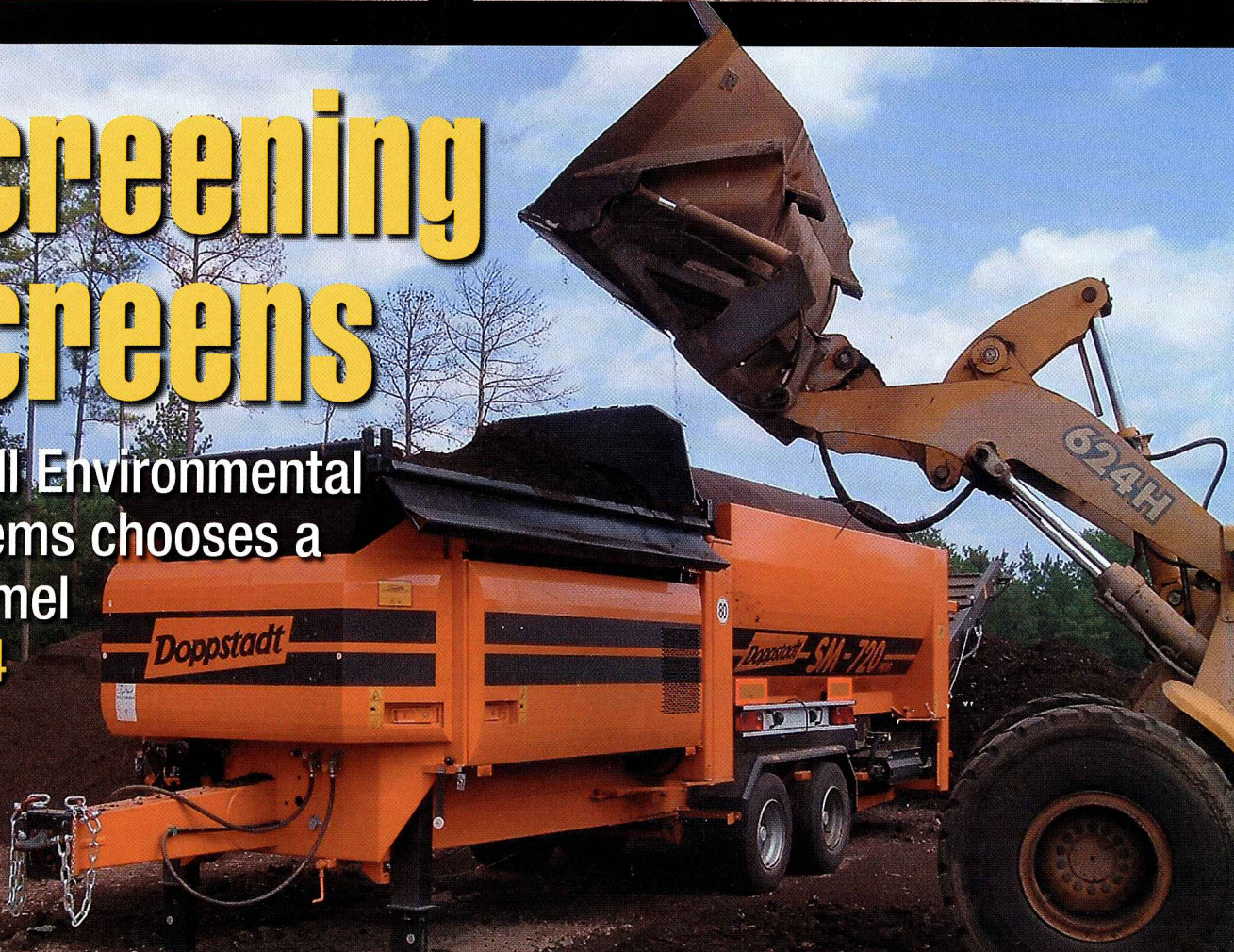
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Snapping Steel

A Florida recycler takes down the infrastructure of an old Cemex plant with help from an Allied-Gator attachment.

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PAW Companies, Bayonet Point, Fla., was founded in 1983 with one truck and a vision. Since its inception as a contract hauling operation, PAW has prospered into three solid companies: PAW Trucking, PAW Materials and Fleet Tech Truck Parts and Service Center, all of which have earned a solid reputation for customer service and leadership in their respective fields.

“Since 1983, we have grown our company starting with one thing: a solid work ethic,” said Rick Wohlfiel, company president. “As our trucking business developed, we saw a lot of items filling our landfills that we felt could be recycled. With that idea we created PAW Materials Inc. in 1998, which now produces in the range of 8-9 million tons of materials per year.”

The company currently operates two portable plants, a 4260 Stedman Grand Slam and a

Terex Pegson SR42. “These two plants give us the ability to easily move between commercial and industrial sites, and heavy construction or demolition, with no loss in production” Wohlfiel said.

Taking ‘er down

Demolition is a thriving area for PAW Materials. “We are proud to be able to take buildings that have become an eyesore and improve the landscape as well as help the environment with our recycling efforts,” Wohlfiel said.

A recent job provided PAW Materials with the opportunity to showcase the productive capabilities of one of its newest pieces of equipment: the innovative Allied-Gator MTR 40 with the Shear Jaw Set. “We did a lot of research into multi-jaw products on the market, and decided that the MT Series Multi-Tool was the right

Challenge

To add a versatile, yet powerful shearing and crushing multi-processor to its arsenal of demolition equipment.

Solution

The Allied-Gator MT™ Series Multi-Tool model MTR 40 attachment.

Tip

The attachment has both the power and strength to operate at peak height.



With the MTR 40 from Allied-Gator, PAW is able to undertake a challenging project.



Allied-Gator offers 11 sizes of the MT Series Multi-Tool, from the MTR 5 to the MTR 180.

imum versatility and allows Allied-Gator's patented Quick-Change Jaw Sets to be switched by the operator in the field in as little as 15 minutes without ever requiring

hub adjustments and/or shaft removal.

Along with these exclusive benefits, the MT Series Multi-Tool features unrestricted 360-degree rotation, patented Allied-Gator Speed Circuit Technology and fixed centerline cycling, which optimizes the tool's dexterity and production output. This yields faster cycle times, provides pinpoint accuracy and eliminates clumsy material positioning and operator blind spots.

"Allied-Gator has been a good company to work with," Wohlfiel said. "We value the ability of a company to work with us to customize equipment and provide product support and service after the sale."

one for us," Wohlfiel said. "It is well designed, has excellent strength and is interchangeable, which is something I am always looking for in order to create flexibility in our operations."

One of the critical components that PAW wanted was the ability to achieve both power and strength at peak height. "We needed to use the shear jaw at the top end of 55 ft.," Wohlfiel said. "The Allied-Gator product does not lose its strength or power at that height, and that really impresses us."

The challenging project undertaken by PAW Materials was the demolition of a former Cemex quarry plant. The steel girders and plant infrastructure made a formidable opponent, but the Allied-Gator MTR 40 was up to the challenge.

"The MTR 40 proved to be the right product for the job," Wohlfiel said. "This is a very capital-intensive business. The products and equipment we put in place often make the difference between doing a job efficiently and dragging it out longer than necessary."

PAW uses the MTR 40 with both its Caterpillar 325 (mounted second member) and 345 excavator (mounted third member).

Wohlfiel said the company's experienced equipment operators get the most of the equipment they operate. "Hal Merrick, Brian Cardinal and Alan Pendalton are all trained and proficient on the machine," Wohlfiel said. "We pride ourselves in the ability of our employees to get the job done right."

The MT Series Multi-Tool

Allied-Gator currently offers 11 sizes of the MT Series Multi-Tool, from the MTR 5 to the MTR 180. Available in sizes from 800-52,000 lbs., Allied-Gator's MT Series Multi-Tool uses the patented Power-Link and Guide System to provide a steady increase in power and control over the tool as it closes, resulting in a 99 percent power efficiency.

From the fully enclosed hydraulic cylinder to the unique, disposable wear components, the MT Series Multi-Tool is designed to require less maintenance at a lower cost than any other attachment available, according to the company.

The modular design provides maxi-

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