

■ V-MAX Drum

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The CLAAS V-MAX forage harvester cutting drum is an open 36-knife V-shaped drum. It is not only more fuel efficient, but it also adds capacity and improves chop quality. The drum can be used in multiple crop types including biomass. It can operate with 36, 18, or 12 knives allowing the operator to have maximum capacity at any chop length without ordering different drums. The knives are supported by the drum spider, not the bolt. The knives are easier to install, requiring only two bolts per knife compared to four bolts and nuts in other drum designs. The knife itself is ideal for any crop with no need to change from grass to corn knives. The knife's new shape offers a more efficient cutting characteristic, and the curvature has a better throwing pattern. The knife's angle also stays sharper, wears less, and requires less passes. All of the drum pieces are replaceable.

