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**Puma carries the load, day in day out**

Jack Gaertner bought one of the first Case IH Puma 210s sold in Australia; a 2007 model. More than eight years on, it still plays a big part in production on his property, Wychunga.

“We mainly use it for spraying, we do a bit of loader and spreading work with it too,” he says. His family have been farming in the region, about 75km north of Adelaide, for almost 70 years, and grow peas, canola and barley as well as wheat.

When he purchased the Puma 210, he was looking for a more powerful tractor to support his older Case IH Magnum.

“The new Puma has the horsepower we need, plus the 50k road gear which makes it easy moving from property to property. We still use the Magnum as a run-around tractor.”

He says he’s also impressed by the Puma’s low fuel consumption. “It saves time on the road, because it’s got the higher gears, and can travel faster. That makes a difference when we're driving through towns – the quicker you can get from paddock to fuel point the better. And the ride in the cabin is a lot smoother, that’s one other thing I liked about it – some of the roads are fairly rough but the Puma makes it a lot more comfortable.”

For Jack and his father Roly, a key benefit of using the Puma is knowing it will get the job done for them.

“It’s nice to be able to just hop in, start it up and know it’s going to go. It doesn’t tend to have a lot of issues, we haven't really had any dramas… it just keeps going. Dad drives it too, during seeding time when I’m on the Steiger.”

Jack also appreciates the self-steering. “That helps out of sight, it takes a lot of the stress out of running the boom. Once the EZ-Steer is set all you have to do is turn at the end, so it does make life a little bit easier!”

Jack is certainly happy with how the Puma is still running, and has his eye on another Case IH tractor down the track. He says he knows he can trust the Case IH brand. “These things just seem to keep going and going – they don't give us a lot of trouble, they never have.”

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