CONVERSION OF FORWARDERS INTO A COMBI MACHINE
BENEFITS OF A COMBI MACHINE

- Increases the productivity of the base machine
- One machine can be used to provide harvesting services from the tree stump to the roadside
- Harvesting areas / cubic volumes that are too small for a harvesting chain can offer full-time use for a combi machine
- Less risky, less capital tied to machinery than in a traditional chain
- Smaller transportation and maintenance costs compared with a chain
- More diversified operations
- Highly competitive at small sites where the impact of road transfer costs on the unit costs in harvesting are highest
- Possibility to convert both a new and an old base machine into a versatile combi machine

HEAD ALTERNATIVES

**NISULA 425C**

- Base machine requirements
  - 100 cm² variable volume pump
  - Twelve-ton or heavier base machine with a minimum lifting capacity of the crane with full reach 550 kg
  - Safety glass windows

**NISULA 500C**

- Base machine requirements
  - 130 cm² variable volume pump
  - Fifteen-ton or heavier base machine with a minimum lifting capacity of the crane with full reach 750 kg
  - Safety glass windows

**NISULA 285E+**

- Head change facility and accumulating energy wood head as accessories

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NISULA 425C + PONSSE GAZELLE (LOGGING)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmEQDbCgfEg

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NISULA 425C + PONSSE GAZELLE (UNLOADING)
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Nisula 425C is a multi-purpose harvester head equipped with grapple arms that make handling and sorting timber effortless. The NCU3 control system adjusts the grip force of the grapple arms to the tree stem being handled, enabling a firm grip of the stem during felling, feeding and moving operations. In combined use, the separate grapple arms also allow loading without changing the head.

When larger and heavier trees are felled and moved, the grapple arms apply a strong grip on the stem. When feeding starts, the grip force is reduced to minimise friction. The control system has a diameter limit set for the utilization of the grapple arms during processing. If necessary, the settings can be adjusted via the control system, but usually the harvester head works best with the standard settings.

New stronger driver motors increase the feeding capacity by 20% compared with the previous model. New machined front knives offer improved delimbing efficiency and durability as well as a larger delimbing diameter compared with the C model. 425C offers additional features for thinning.

Details that make the C series harvester head unique

- The head is extremely easy to maintain. All the grease points can be handled with the head in one position.
- The cylinders of the head do not move lengthways, which minimises the movements of the hoses and thereby the risk of damage.
- The additional delimbing knives located in the centre of the head and below the stem create a triangular support for the stem while it is being processed. Thanks to this facility, also larger trees are kept in a tight grip.
- The triangular support structure also facilitates the handling of the stem and improves measuring accuracy.
- The additional knives next to the feeding rolls facilitate the delimbing of crooked stems. If necessary, the head can be slid past the crooks with the front knives open without losing grip of the stem or delimbing efficiency.
- The grapple arms make the head extremely versatile. For example, forked and fallen trees are processed without difficulty. The grapple arms make it easy to pick up the stem with the right grip for processing, which significantly reduces the risk of damaging the knives and the feed rolls.

New generation easy-to-use control systems

**NISULA NCU3** with cubic volume measuring

Nisula’s new NCU3 measuring device is a result of four decades of experience. The new electronics generation has increased the computing capacity of the system; NCU3 controls the head accurately. The simple menu structure makes it easy for the operators to find the settings they need.

The hydraulics control has been taken to a new level, allowing fast and accurate positioning in the sawing window. Accuracy is excellent in all conditions. There is a separate fuse for the sensors to reduce the risk of damage to them.

**NISULA NCU3X** with value and quality scaling

NCU3X is equipped with a larger 12.1” touch screen. The X Model has value and quality scaling and data transfer facilities. Thanks to the new electronics generation and increased computing capacity, value and quality scaling is accurate. The new advanced algorithm also adds to the maximisation of production.

As the PC used for reading mapping software and for data transfer is a separate system, the embedded solution guarantees reliability. Possible Windows/PC problems do not stop harvesting operations. The harvesting operations do not depend on the PC’s computing capacity, either. Therefore forestry companies’ software may contain extensive maps and other heavy-duty features.

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**Nisula 425C + Ponsse Gazelle**

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### ALTERNATIVE 2
Forwards equipped with a separate harvester head and timber grapple

If the harvester head and the loading grapple are changed for the operation to be performed, a traditional harvester head can also be used in harvesting. In this case, the requirements concerning the base machine equipment and the lifting capacity of the crane are not so high. This means that older and smaller base machines can also be converted for combined use.

The head alternatives are Nisula 325H designed for first thinning and delimbed energy wood harvesting, 425 series heads designed for first and second thinnings, and 500 series heads designed for more extensive thinning operations.

### HEAD ALTERNATIVES

#### NISULA 500H/C

- **500H**
  - Weight, kg: 285
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 430
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 500
  - Number of deliming knives: 3+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

- **500C**
  - Weight, kg: 285
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 430
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 500
  - Number of deliming knives: 3+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

**Accessories**: Stump treatment facility, colour marking, saw control, automatic chain adjustment

#### NISULA 425H/C

- **425H**
  - Weight, kg: 330
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 430
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 500
  - Number of deliming knives: 3+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

- **425C**
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  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 430
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 500
  - Number of deliming knives: 3+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

**Accessories**: Stump treatment facility, colour marking, saw control, automatic chain adjustment

#### NISULA 325H

- Weight, kg: 285
- Kaapeliläpimitta ø mm: 340
- Number of deliming knives: 3+1
- Clean deliming Ø, mm: 280
- Operating pressure, bar: 210

**Accessories**: Thickness measure sensor, cylinders for the front knives, saw control, automatic chain adjustment

### ACCUMULATING ENERGY WOOD HEAD

#### NISULA 285E+

- Weight, kg: 330
- Grapple opening mm: 930
- Cut diameter Ø mm: 280
- Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 180-240
- Operating pressure, bar: 180-230
- Oil consumption, l/m: 80-150

**Accessories**: Stump treatment facility, colour marking, saw control, automatic chain adjustment

### DETAILS THAT FACILITATE EVERYDAY WORK

#### NISULA 500H/C

- **NISULA 500H/C**
  - Weight, kg: 640
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 430
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 500
  - Number of deliming knives: 3+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

- **NISULA 500C**
  - Weight, kg: 650
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 430
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 500
  - Number of deliming knives: 3+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

**Accessories**: Stump treatment facility, colour marking, saw control, automatic chain adjustment

### NISULA 425H/C

- **425H**
  - Weight, kg: 410
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 425
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 425
  - Number of deliming knives: 2+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

- **425C**
  - Weight, kg: 425
  - Clean deliming Ø, mm: 425
  - Single cut Ø, mm (3 stems): 425
  - Number of deliming knives: 2+1
  - Operating pressure, bar: 210
  - Oil consumption, l/m: 140-180

**Accessories**: Thickness measure sensor, cylinders for the front knives, saw control, automatic chain adjustment

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### Modification of the base machine for combined use

Ajokoneen tyyppi ja asiakastarpeet määriteltävät muut tarvittavat peruskoneen muutokset. Nämä yksityiskohdat määrittelevät aina yhdessä asiakkaan ja Nisulan tarpeiden mukaan. Tyypillisiä muutoksia ovat nosturin käännön nollakohdan muuttaminen, kuormatilan muutokset ja esimerkiksi valo varustelut.

Nisula Syncro provides a traditional forwarder with the features of a parallel crane

Nisula has developed a Syncro function for vertical pole cranes. This ingenious solution provides a vertical pole crane with the functionality of a parallel crane when the crane is pulled inwards. This hydraulically implemented feature increases energy efficiency and makes it easy to move the stem from the tree stump for processing. The syncro function improves felling and loading efficiency.

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