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# WHAT'S NEW?

#### **Guy Wakutz**



During the recent NAID conference in Nashville, we were asked the same question by many people..."so what's new from Alpine". While we do have some new changes/tweeks/additions, the core of our product has stayed the same. "Why fix something that isn't broken." At Alpine, we have always sweated the details and built a product that endures the rigors of hard use while being relatively easy to repair and has the most shredding efficiency. Our new 395H hard drive shredder is a prime example of this as we "overbuilt" the shredder and components to be durable and shred fast. All of our testing indicates the 395 HDS is a beast and will certainly make you loads of money over the years.

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We really appreciate the kind words we hear from you our customers when we have a chance to meet up and often it makes my job easier when it comes to selling a new piece of equipment...thank you so much! With that said I would like to invite any Alpine shred truck owner to be part of Team Alpine for referrals. With your permission and some creative writing and pictures, we would like to hear your story about your business successes with your Alpine equipment. This would be posted on our website on the landing page banner and perhaps could help you as well with a link to your website. Please contact me if you would be interested.

With spring here and summer soon to follow. I wish you a successful shredding season and as always, if there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to give us a shout!

Take Care Guy Wakutz

# **IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER**

Since all shred trucks are equipped with a cart lift, a lifting device safety program must be implemented within your organization to comply with OHSA lifting device requirements. A lifting device safety program is the responsibility of the employer, all workplaces that operate lifting devices, may expose workers and pedestrians to potentially serious physical hazards.

Refer to your "CART LIFT SAFETY PROGRAM GUIDE" for more details. If you can not locate you program guide please contact us for a free replacement copy.



## **STOP**

# "Stop whatever you are doing, your shredder truck is on the verge of exploding"

Now that I have your attention it's time to talk about the subject we like to ignore.....maintenance! The warmer weather is coming and you would like to have your truck in top condition for the busy season ahead. I cannot stress enough how much basic maintenance and inspections will increase your shredder's longevity, minimize downtime and keep you shredding and making money.

#### Hydraulic System:

Check cooling fan operation, if your fans are not operating it may be something as simple as a blown fuse in the electrical panel. Inspect your hydraulic hoses, check for leaks, cuts, abrasions and damage. Make sure there are no bulges as that is an indication of an internal leak in the hose casing.

Inspect the hydraulic fluid level and condition. Now may be a good time to change the hydraulic filters. Inspect the hydraulic cooler to make sure it is clean and free of debris.

#### Cart Lift

Inspect chain tension and grease the chain. Grease and lube all pivot points including the lift wheel. Clean and lubricate the limit switches at the bottom of the lift post. Inspect UHMW slides for wear. Lube post with lithium spray grease. Clean and lube cart guard slides with lithium spray grease.

#### Mechanical

Inspect PTO shafts for play and grease u-joints. Inspect and tighten body "U" bolts. Inspect fasteners on shredder housing, compactor housing, hopper, hydraulic motors and PTO to transmission. Check fluid levels on all gearboxes. Inspect walking floor hardware. Inspect shredder shafts for wear. Grease the shredder shafts.

This is also a good time to make sure you have spare fuses, relays and a jumper wire in your spares compartment in the electrical panel.

Having some basic hand tools on your truck may help you with a minor repair while out on the road. Hammer, screwdrivers, adjustable wrench, pliers, vice grips, electrical tape, zip ties and a test light.

Lubricating the shredder knives and walls made easy, fill 500ml water bottles with some light lubricant: vegetable oil, hydraulic oil, peanut oil or gear oil. Keep them in the storage/drone area where they are easy to access. Toss one in while shredding once a week and it will "pop" allowing oil to lubricate everything. This is a neat easy way for your operators to keep that maintenance up to date.

One of the things we do not really think about as part of maintenance is keeping your truck clean. Your truck is the business card for your company and the "first impression is the most lasting". When we see a clean truck the first thing we think of is the owner and operator has a sense of pride when it comes to his equipment and I would think your customers feel the same way. So finding the time in your busy schedule to keep your truck clean could be considered part of the maintenance schedule. Pressure wash the exterior, wipe down the interior and throw out the coffee cups and keeping the equipment/storage area organized clean and free of tripping hazards should be done on a regular basis.

### You can relax now knowing that you are taking care of your investment and the odds of the truck exploding now have been decreased due to regular maintenance.





#### **Derek Sittler**

#### **395H HARD DRIVE SHREDDER**

Spring 2014 Alpine introduced a Hard Drive Shredder option for the standard paper shredding truck. The package we offered was a Hard Drive Shredder supplied by a recognized manufacturer with the drive and control system designed by Alpine. The entire package was installed in the front right corner of the truck body and could be operated from the curb side. The idea caught the attention of our competitors and is now a standard offering with most shredding truck manufacturers. The HDS option has been so popular we develop our own Hard Drive Shredder from scratch. The new design was unveiled at the 2018 NAID show and has the DNA of our proven 720 design.

We had several objectives with the new design; Less cutter force required to shred / 25% more input power available / Larger shaft center distance / A foot print suited to our truck body / Lower feed height / Less parts / Quick & simple access to cutters / Improved serviceability / Bullet proof design / Ability to shred Hard Drives with racks / Capacity of 12-20 Hard Drives per minute.

The results exceeded our expectation and we are now offering the 395H as an option on any new truck orders. Older units can be fit up with the new 395H but must be returned to the factory for installation.

Check out the 395H Hard Drive Shredder in action on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UtPZVPbc34c&t=17s



If your Alpine truck is equipped with a cooler bypass valve don't forget to "CLOSE IT FOR THE SUMMER"







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