



MORE TILT THAN YOU CAN SHAKE A STICK AT.

On reviewing the latest tilt coupler from Doherty Couplers & Attachments the Snaplock+ Tilt, we were impressed by the smoothness and manoeuvrability of this mechanism.

The manufacturer's claim of a full "180 degrees of tilt and no unwanted movement" proved to be absolutely true. We were especially impressed with how this added benefit translated on site, basically allowing the operator to maintain a constant angle for fast, tidy battering and clean-up operations. The fact there is no shuddering was also a huge benefit for giving the operator more accuracy and control when tilting attachments.

We notice Doherty has increased the actuator size of their 4-5.5; 5.5-8 and 29-35 tonne weight class tilt models,

effectively giving more holding and tilt power than their older models which we think is a great move. With more of our contractors being involved in heavy lifting and positioning projects, they really need to have this additional capacity available to them.

Of course, one of the major points Doherty promotes on its Snaplock+ range is the higher safety specs so we were interested to see how this product stacked up. Closer inspection of the new model tilts revealed that along with their extremely clever dual pin locking system, Doherty has also increased the amount and size of bolts used specifically to suit tough Australian conditions and to prevent premature failure.

The new cylinder design on the coupler also appears to eliminate any risk of

breaking due to the new front lock design which is guaranteed not to bind up on the pin. And we like they've put some thought to maintenance and servicing too. The new actuator has only two moving parts and is triple sealed, effectively eliminating the need for any daily maintenance routine.

Overall, we give the new tilt couplers from Doherty full marks for versatility, manoeuvrability and safety. Well done guys.

If you would like to find out more about the Snaplock+ Tilt coupler or any other of their great products

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