Quick Guide to the Different Types of Skid Steer Grapples



The world of skid steer loader attachments is vast, with dozens of different makes and models to choose from depending on your application. Even a broader classification, like skid steer grapples, has several unique models

designed to handle slightly different jobs. Here is our quick guide to the different types of skid steer grapples and the functions they bring to your operation.

Log Grapple Bucket Attachment

One of the first grapple bucket products to mention is the log grapple. Built with longer tines, wear-resistant teeth, and serrated edges, these attachments effectively dig into thick tree trunks and bark. This allows you to pick up sections of a tree trunk up to several feet in length and transport them wherever needed. Log grapple bucket attachments are perfect for nurseries and forestry. They also come in handy during the land clearing process for construction projects.

Root Rake Grapple Bucket Attachment

If you're clearing a section of land with a lot of trees, the root rake grapple is also a product you should have on hand. This attachment behaves like a rake, dislodging roots and large debris from the ground. Its smaller base tines are especially useful for this purpose, as they help prevent material blockages while you work. It also possesses a powerful top clamp to close over debris and allow you to pick it up. Root rake grapples are ideal for transporting and loading larger quantities of land debris, as they can manage larger clumps of material at a time and minimize tangling.

Heavy Duty Grapple Bucket Attachment

Heavy duty grapple bucket attachments are intended for much more demanding applications, such as those in construction and larger landscaping jobs. This product possesses two separate top clamps, allowing it to hold even incredibly large or uneven loads within its grasp. The open area in the center leaves extra space for uneven material piles and makes it possible to keep a tight hold on each bundle for transport.

Vertical Root Rake Grapple Attachment

Another important attachment to mention in this guide to the different types of skid steer grapples is the vertical root rake. This version includes a bottom bar designed to provide space for backfilling as you scoop items out of the earth. They also have larger tines to make it easier to lift and transport larger loads at once. These products are also great for applications including forestry, land clearing, and demolition.

Rock Rake Grapple Bucket Attachment

Rock rake grapple buckets, on the other hand, can effectively separate dirt and rocks from other types of materials. As such, they're perfect for moving these troublesome obstructions during construction. This attachment has two grapple forks that work independently, making for more diversity during operation. They also make grabbing large rocks and other uneven loads more secure.

For more information on skid steer grapple bucket attachments, reach out to McLaren Industries. We carry each of these models to accommodate our customers' diverse applications. Contact us here or give us a call at 800-836-0040 to purchase a skid steer grapple of your very own.