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*Shaping the Land*

A green tractor with a yellow hard hat on top is pulling a blue and yellow offset disc plough through a field. The tractor is on the right side of the frame, and the plough is on the left. The field is brown and appears to be recently ploughed. In the background, there are trees and a yellow diagonal shape on the left side of the image.

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## **#1 – Not considering delivery time frames**

When planning to purchase an Offset Disc, delivery is a crucial factor. It's essential to plan ahead as delivery time frames can vary greatly. Sometimes, the exact size and model needed may be in stock and ready to go, but often that's not the case.

The production process involves ordering steel, cutting, fabrication, powder coating, and assembly, which can be lengthy. Additionally, the production schedule may be full, meaning your order might not be first in line. Even once completed, freight can take time.

It's recommended to allow a minimum of four months for production and delivery. Ideally, if you've finished autumn cultivation and need a new unit, start the process then. This allows ample time for the purchasing process and ensures it's ready for spring cultivation.



## **#2 – Choosing a Spacing that doesn't match with the task at hand**

The ground you'll be working on affects the disc spacing size you need. Consider the disc spacing size best for your application. For instance, larger spacing provides better trash clearance, suitable for heavy brush or ex-forestry ground, while smaller spacing offers a finer finish for pasture settings.

Consider your application type and future needs. If unsure, consult a product specialist to understand the options, benefits, and drawbacks.

Remember when choosing spacing that one size doesn't fit all. Large 13" spacings for example whilst ideally suited to ex-forestry and tough going will not be ideal for a seed ready finish. You want to make sure your spacing is suited to the tasks your planning to perform with your Offset Disc.

### #3 – Forgetting to check if your Tractor will be able to handle the disc & the weight



Matching your Offset Disc correctly to your tractor size is vital for maximum output and efficiency. This decision should consider your current and future tractor horsepower. If the disc is too heavy for the tractor, it will work harder, drawing more horsepower. If too light, it may not achieve desired travel speeds.

When it comes to Hp requirements for an offset disc there are a few factors to consider, and all these factors play a part in selecting the right offset disc for your cultivation, so it is important to consider them all.

### #4 – Not considering transport requirements including gateways



Ensure the Offset Disc fits through your gateways and can be transported safely. Even if you have experience with offsets, a new manufacturer might have different disc spacing, making the implement wider.

Most offset discs have similar working and transport widths (unless folding configuration), but it's always good to check. Consider the clearance for gateways and legal road transport. Also, think about your other operators' experience levels.

### #5 – Matching your Offset with existing equipment



Remember if you plan to tow something behind your Offset Disc to think about the width. Many offsets come with a Tow Hitch at the rear of the main frame, ideal for towing rollers, harrows, or leveling bars which can be a great advantage in the field.

Be sure to inform the supplier about your towing plans. This helps match your horsepower needs and make any necessary modifications for seamless operation. Ensure the working width of your disc and the implement you're towing match. If there's a slight size mismatch, the finishing implement should be slightly larger to avoid reworking areas.

## Next Steps

At Delmade, we've helped many Offset Disc owners choose a machine that matches their needs. Our experienced team knows all the common traps and pitfalls Offset Disc buyers can fall into and will make sure that you don't make any of these mistakes. To ensure you get the right Offset Disc for your needs, matched perfectly to your tractor and application, talk to us today, and let us guide you to a decision you'll be very happy with for years to come.

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