

# Schaffer Loader Vs Skid Steer

## 10 Reasons to buy a Schaffer Loader over a Skid Steer!

1. Schaffer loaders are also very **versatile** e.g. Pallet forks, bucket, post hole digger, sweeper, mower, trencher etc.
2. Skid Steers dig up grass, sand and even asphalt. **Schaffer's articulated steering creates minimal damage to the ground.**
3. Skid Steers **wear out tires fast on hard surfaces** making downtime and maintenance costly. **Articulated steering does not damage tires, reducing maintenance costs.** When Skid Steers grip on solid surfaces it can be very hard on the driver's neck.
4. Skid Steers do not have much reach so it is harder to load trucks as you have to drive around each side to load it. **Schaffers can load trailers from one side as they reach onto the opposite side saving time, diesel and in urban areas you don't have to venture onto the road.**
5. You need experience before you get a good result with Skid Steers. Driving a **Schaffer is simple because you have a steering wheel and a joystick for the loading arm.**
6. With Skid Steers you must climb in and out of a cage over the bucket and have limited visibility. On a **Schaffer loader you can enter either side and sit on top giving you a better view** of the total work area, making it safer.
7. Skid Steers have short wheelbases. This transfers all the bumps into the seat just like a short wheelbase four wheel drive making it hard on your back. **Schaffer's long wheelbase, oscillating articulation joint and suspension seat gives a smoother ride** improving OH&S. This means you aren't so tired at the end of the day.
8. The short wheelbase of Skid Steers makes them unstable. The dump height, reach and lifting capacity has to be limited in Skid Steers or they will turn over. **Schaffer loaders have their weight further back allowing them to lift heavier loads higher and reach out further more safely.**
9. Skid Steers spin out easily in sandy and wet conditions. **Schaffer loaders are four wheel drive and being oscillated will keep more wheels on the ground** for greater traction in rough terrain. **Steering is also much easier in wet or muddy conditions as you do not slide about like skid steers.**
10. Skid Steers bottom out easier in muddy conditions. **Schaffer has more ground clearance, so you can go through deeper ruts.** The extra ground clearance also provides **easier maintenance.**