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Chapter 6, where the conclusion and recommendations are explained, will be our last chapter.



Figure 3.9 Small straw baler with a PTO driven, rectangular prism shape, high pressure, tied with a rope, pulled by tractor

3.3.1. Working Principles

The general features of PTO driven, rectangular prism shaped, high pressure, small straw balers tied with a rope and pulled by tractor or combine harvester can be listed as follows:

- Today, square balers are more preferred than other balers. Because it is easier to transport and stack the bales made by the machines and to load them on the transport vehicle (tractor, truck, etc.).
- Bale length is between 50-110 cm and height is between 30-60 cm in these machines that make small rectangular prism bales. Bale weights vary between 25-50 kg.
- The densities of the bale vary according to the harvested product (depending on its dry matter). For example, 200 kg/m³ for dry straw is around 400 kg/m³ for silage.
- In order to operate these machines, at least 60 HP tractor power is needed. The bales are tied in at least two places.

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