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SUMMARY

- The BV4160 frame and machine structure is capable of handling any weight of crop including wet silage where the 504R Signature standard base model is limited to dry hay with an optional silage kit available. The BV4160 variable chamber has 3 large driven formation rollers and 5 belts, and the 504R Signature only has one small drive roller with 6 belts. The BV4160 Intelligent Density System allows the operator to customize three bale zones for size and density from the tractor operator station. The 504R Signature has a standard manual through hydraulic relief valve density system.

PRODUCTIVITY

- The BV4160 bale chamber has increased capacity to handle all types of crops including wet silage. The BV4160 chamber design ensures positive bale starting, formation, and shape.

RELIABILITY

- The BV4160 is capable of handling all forage types including silage in its standard base configuration.

OPERATOR EXPERIENCE

- The BV4160 with Intelligent Density System allows the operator to customize the bale size and density to their specific needs.

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- The BV4160 has the front mounted PowerBind net system with capacity to store 2 additional rolls of net wrap. When compared to the 504R Signature, the BV4160 net system is advantageous because the PowerBind system is front mounted and the 504R Signature is rear mounted with a capacity to only store 1 additional roll of net wrap.
- The PowerBind system is very close to the bale chamber and the net only moves a short distance. The net in the 504R Signature has to travel down tailgate belts and into the bale chamber.
- The BV4160 has a full-width net braking system that ensures tight net placement and the 504R Signature has a very small brake.

PRODUCTIVITY

- The BV4160 has a full width net brake compared to a small brake shoe system on the 504R Signature. The full width net brake ensures a positive start and tight net placement with any type of net.
- In the BV4160, the net is injected closer to the bale and results in quicker wrapping time.

RELIABILITY

- The simple design of the PowerBind system eliminates the possibility of net damage and adjustments.

OPERATOR EXPERIENCE

- The front mounted, easily loaded PowerBind system can be seen and monitored by the operator from the tractor seat.

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- The BV4160 pickup is 79" wide flare to flare with 112 curved tines compared to 68.5" and 60 straight tines on the 504R Signature baler pickup. The BV4160 comes standard with hydraulic lift and the standard base 504R Signature has a manual lift. The BV4160 has an adjustable hitch compared to the 504R Signature hitch which is not adjustable.

PRODUCTIVITY

- The BV4160 pickup has more width and curved tines compared to the 504R Signature pickup thus able to handle wider windrows and reduce crop loss even in light conditions.

RELIABILITY

- The heavy-duty BV4160 pickup with dual wheels and suspension allows it to follow the ground contour without damage.

OPERATOR EXPERIENCE

- The standard hydraulic lift on the BV4160 allows the operator to stay in the cab instead of having to stop and dismount tractor to lift or lower the pickup like on the 504R Signature with the manual pickup.

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- The BV4160 drive mechanism is heavy-duty with #100H (1.25" pitch) drive chains and high quality, large drive and idler rollers. The major drives and adjustments are located outside the chassis. The 504R Signature has #80H (1.00" pitch) main drive chain with small drives and idler rollers.

PRODUCTIVITY

- The BV4160 heavy-duty drives enable to handle any type of crop including heavy silage baling applications.

RELIABILITY

- The BV4160 heavy-duty drives and centrally located grease banks give longevity to the baler.

OPERATOR EXPERIENCE

- The BV4160 heavy-duty drive mechanism results in less downtime, maintenance, replacement parts, and operating costs.

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The Kubota BV4160 comes standard with numerous PRO features such as a variable chamber with Intelligent Density System, high capacity, heavy-duty 79" pickup with hydraulic pickup, PowerBind net system, and a heavy-duty drive mechanism which makes the BV4160 silage ready.

The standard 504R Signature base model has a less robust drive mechanism and pickup while being limited to dry hay. Also, it has a rear mounted net system that is difficult to monitor and manual pickup lift that are not as operator friendly when compared to the BV4160.

In conclusion, the standard Kubota BV4160 is silage ready and has more key features and benefits compared to the Vermeer 504R Signature baler.