Dump Trailer Comparisons

The Stepp SPHD-3.0 is a 3 cubic yard, 4 ton capacity dump style hot box. The SPHD has the lowest profile hopper on the market and comes standard with an oil jacketed heating system. The oil jacketed heating system gives the operator the smoothest, most efficient heating system available on the market. Coupled with the stability of our hoist system, this makes the Stepp SPHD the clear choice for years of dependability and durability while still making the unit operator friendly. Below is the differences between Stepp and our competition

Stepp	Falcon
Hopper	Hopper
Oil jacketed with submerged 5" flue with Stainless steel replace- able flue liner to prevent flue burnout. 85 Gallons of heat trans- fer oil. Oil last longer and retains heat longer.	Air Jacketed , With bottom fired oil jacketed as option. 30 gallon oil jacket. Fast heat up fast cool down. Has ceramic wool firing chamber.
67" high hopper Height	External expansion tank on oil jacketed.
Internal expansion tank for oil jacket.	Angled Hopper floor. Higher profile
Lowest hopper height on the market. Burner exhaust dumps on top of the mix to prevent asphalt bridging.	Higher hopper loading height, Harder to load with large loaders Insulated with Rock wool. Does not offer great heat retention.
Formed steel construction for superior strength	Capped and channel construction. 16 gauge outer insulation jacket. (lighter Duty)
Hopper floor shall be flat when the hoist is down to achieve the lowest overall hopper height for driver visibility of operators at the rear of the unit.	
Longer, lower profile to load easier with a skid loader or large front end loader.	
The oil jacket shall have 2" of $1\frac{1}{2}$ # density high temperature	
Burner	Burner
Unit shall include a 12 volt Beckett diesel burner. Shall include electronic spark ignition and blower and flame out protection. Burner to be fired into a 5" flue with stainless steel liner.	Burner fires into a ceramic lined burner chamber only using th exhaust heat to heat the hopper. Units using an external stack will be unacceptable due to the heat loss out of the stack and not being environmentally friendly or efficient. Fuel Tank mounted on the hopper and tilts with the hopper. This mounting location does not provide any protection in the case
Burner exhaust gasses will be recycled and exhausted on the top of the material to prevent bridging and capture the most efficiencies of the burner system. The burner gases will then be exhausted through the top covers of the units.	
Fuel tank shall be mounted in the front of the trailer on a bolt in cross-member.	of an accident.
Burner shall have a safety tilt switch to disable burner when unit is raised.	Falcon sells a recycler option that includes an additional burner that fires into the middle of the hopper. Hot boxes do not re-
Stepp Builds Hot boxes to keep mix warm, and reclaim asphalt. We build recyclers that recycle. The process is very different and I suggest that you read the reclaim vs recycle publication. Our completion is marketing there hot boxes as recyclers and many customers have fallen into the marketing ploy and have purchased the hot box as a recycler but many have also looked for a better alternative such as the SRM or SMM.	quire additional burners to heat or reclaim. The burner that comes std in most hotboxes is down fired to a very low output adding an additional burner does nothing more than add cost and maintenance to the machine. Falcon sales people have told me that they do this to write other manufactures out of the spec's. Designing a hopper that distributes the heat is all that is required to heat or reclaim asphalt.

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Hoist	Hoist
 Hopper shall have a heavy duty truck type, hydraulic scissor hoist, single cylinder for dumping material. Hoist to be mounted to a sub frame that is bolted to frame rails of the trailer. Dual cylinder, non-scissor hoist shall not be acceptable. Uses truck hoist with truck hinge pivot. Weight distribution with the hopper design allows you to dump unit with out being hooked up to the truck hitch or the need of down riggers. Center of gravity is the center of the tandem axles for superior stability. Can travel with the box and hoist in the up position Dumps to 52° Easy cleanout from the ground at the end of the night without going on top of the trailer frame. Hoist shall be powered by a 12Volt electric over hydraulic pump. Hoist to be mounted to a bolt on sub frame. Hoist shall be rated to lift 12,000# and include a safety prop. Power unit shall be located under the hopper attached to the bolt on sub frame. 	 2 hydraulic cylinders that tip the hopper. They use the same hopper as their non-dump style. Cylinder mounts below the hopper frame. Requires drop leg outriggers to hoist the hopper. Lifts weight off of the rear truck tire with out outriggers. The center of gravity is behind the rear axle. Dumps to 40° Hoist must be down and outriggers down to dump, can't move truck with hoist in the up position. Top heavy. Have to step on frame to clean out box
Trailer Shall be A-frame style constructed of 2"x 6"x 3/16" high strength rectangular steel tubing reinforced at all stress points. All trailer wiring and fuel lines to be routed internally in the frame where feasible and to exit the frame rail to the electric components. We use cable where ever we can and all connections are sol- dered connections. We also use sealed junction boxes and ter- minal strips with labels The 3.0 cy trailer shall be equipped with 7000# leaf spring tan- dem axle, unit shall have ST235/80/R16 load range E radial tires, heavy duty replaceable 12 gauge steel fenders, pintle hitch, ad- justable from 19" to 34" and adjustable screw jack. The trailer shall have 2- one piece bolt on heavy duty shackle trailer tracks straight 200% heavier than the completion. constructed of ¼" steel. The 7000# axles shall have a oil bath hub on each hub. All Options are bolt options and optional equipment can be add- ed at a later date.	Trailer Wiring on the out side of hopper and frame in loom. Very little protection from hot asphalt or weather and corrosion. The standard tire is a 8x14.5 Ply tire . Very uncommon tire to get replaced. They have the radial as an upcharge. Greasable hub (cheaper) not the oil bath hub. Light duty Welded on axle shackle 6 pieces . Ours is a solid one piece, one piece always tracks straight.

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Top doors are angled to shed water and have a 4" to 2" taper from the center of the unit to outside of the hopper.

Handles are located on the front of the hopper and are locking in the up and down positions. Handles retract to the up and down positions, and have gas assist shocks for ease of use and

Falcon

Top Doors

Capped and angle iron doors.

Pipe handles with bike grips on them.

Pins to lock doors open and closed. Pinch points.