



Ford 5000 restoration

The Ford 5000 tractor was a general purpose unit built at the Ford Tractor plant at Highland Park, Michigan, USA from 1965 to 1976. Many of these units were sold in South Africa.

Sandstone does not undertake many restorations outside of its own collection but recently a Ford 5000 arrived at Sandstone from a local tractor enthusiast and collector for a restoration. The unit was in very poor condition and required a lot of work from our staff in the Sandstone Modern Workshop.

The unit required a complete overhaul of the brakes, steering box, front axle with new wheel bearings required and some major machining of the hubs which were severely worn. New kingpins were necessary and new tyres were fitted all round.

The radiator was thoroughly cleaned and all the engine and gearbox lubricants changed. A new gear lever was required for the gearbox.

The whole unit was resprayed and new decals {amazingly still available!} were fitted to make the 5000 look like new again. The Sandstone team that undertook the restoration were Deon Muller for all the mechanical work, David Mpolo for the bodywork and Janki Palmer for both mechanical and body work input.

Our gallery show the tractor after completion and the sad and sorry state as it arrived at Sandstone. Well done to the Sandstone team for a great job in bringing the 5000 back to near new condition, we know the owner will be very pleased with the result.

You can see the full specifications of the Ford 5000 on TractorData on the following link.

<https://www.tractordata.com/farm-tractors/000/2/6/266-ford-5000.html>



The Ford 5000 as it arrived at Sandstone.



The Ford 5000 stripped down in the Sandstone workshop



The Ford 5000, complete with its new paintwork and decals, awaits its new battery and air cleaner fitment and then a test drive.