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In January of 2006 we looked at Sukut Constructions 657B scrapers, quantity of seven. They wanted \$110,000.00 each; we did not buy them at that time. In December of 2006 657B's that were in far better condition went for as low as \$31,000.00. The highest at \$49,000.00, that is a loss in value of over 50%. They are all tier zero engines.

These machines before June of 2006 were few and far between, then all of a sudden in December of 2006 there are twenty four of them in the auction in California. The same goes for D9L and D10N push cats. These are only used to push load scrapers. You seldom see two in one auction, yet in December 2006 there were a total of fourteen. All tier zero engines.

The value of these machines dropped drastically. We have put some comparisons together to show the drop in prices. The closer we get to the finalizing the off road rule, we see prices dropping significantly.

The housing market has slowed in the past few months and you may want to say that prices have dropped because of this. In my forty years experience in the heavy construction business I have seen two major recessions and companies do not dump equipment at the beginning of a turndown, especially if they know there is small interest in their equipment and that they will lose 50 - 70% of it's value.