

# Somero® HoseHog™ Reduces Laborers Needed To Pull Hose for Alaska Professional Construction

*“With a pair of HoseHog machines, it doesn’t matter if there are 50 feet or 300 feet of hose to pull, I still only need three crew members on the line,” said Jesse Olson, owner of Alaska Professional Construction (APC). APC’s projects have included every phase of commercial concrete construction in Alaska, Washington and Oregon.*



Jesse Olson

Olson used the HoseHogs for the first time on a project at the Anchorage Convention Center that placed a limit on the number of laborers that could be used. The HoseHog equipment made the difference for him by reducing the number of crew members needed to haul slick-line from six or eight to only three. Since that first project, Olson has used the HoseHog machines on other jobs and seen a difference in his productivity and in his crew.

*“The attitude of my crew has really changed,” said Olson. “At first they eyed the HoseHog suspiciously and wondered if it would do the job. But once we broke the line out, their opinions changed—and they really love the pans!”*

The Somero HoseHog, usually sold in pairs, comes with specially designed pans that attach beneath the hose couplings to allow easy pulling over chaired-up rebar, or on-grade. *“The pans are great especially for post-tension deck where we have to drag hose by hand. Whenever the HoseHog isn’t in use, everyone wants to know where the pans are—they work really well,” said Olson.*

The standard high-flotation tires are another feature of the HoseHog, adding traction to the power and control it provides to pull hose and place concrete faster. Powered by a 13 HP engine, the self-propelled machine is designed to pick-up and easily move 4-inch or 5-inch slick line hose around a pour site. Using the Somero placing system of two machines, the HoseHog can increase productivity by 20-30%.



Since buying the HoseHog pair, Olsen has also purchased the Somero PowerRake® and the CopperHead® Laser Screed® to increase the quality and types of jobs his company can complete. *“Somero has good support and good products, so it made sense to buy the newer equipment,” said Olson, who also has an older S-240 Laser Screed. “We will be buying another PowerRake and CopperHead this spring just for the jobs in Alaska.”*

The HoseHog is an ideal companion to the small line products designed by Somero Enterprises to save the concrete contractor time and money with:

- Reduced need for labor
- More energy for other tasks
- Increased production
- Reduced job-site injuries

For more information on the Somero HoseHog™ call (906) 482-7252 or visit [www.somero.com](http://www.somero.com).



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