

1 **Re: Page B-68, Replace Champion Grader V-9797, \$404,400**

2 Q. What is the normal expected life of a Champion Grader of this type?

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5 A. The life expectancy of a grader is 18 to 20 years in normal use. This grader
6 is used in severe conditions which reduces the life expectancy substantially.

7 This unit is used to grade roads, for snow clearing on winding dirt roads and
8 is used to maintain the tops of dykes and dams. Normal use for a grader is
9 general road maintenance and snow clearing on paved roads during winter.

10 The many and varied uses required of the machine are more akin to heavy
11 construction than general road maintenance duties experienced by the

12 average grader. The manufacturer's representative (Strongoco in Moncton
13 NB) has indicated that typical grader annual maintenance costs are \$8,000.

14 The average annual maintenance cost for V9797 is \$15,000 per year.