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The biomass combustion system is operated with a Säätötuli C110 control box with Unitronics automation. Connected to the furnace’s own thermostat, it will control the burner between heating and idle modes to maintain the furnace at the desired temperature. The control box is CSA certified.

Fuel is fed into a hopper located at the rear of the furnace. In this case, the customer has a Säätötuli Kaks2 feeding bottom and he built a hopper of about 5 cubic meters on top. The hopper is easy to load with the front loader of a tractor. It needs to be filled once or twice a week vs. twice a day before the retrofit.
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### Säätötuli STRONG

The Säätötuli Strong is a biomass burner with a compact hopper. It can use pellets or energy woodchips as fuel. Strong is available with different outputs from 136 485 BTU/hr up to 272 921 BTU/hr and with 2 hopper sizes: 420 and 920 liters.

The Säätötuli Strong can be easily mounted in any heating device. It is on wheels, making it easy to move from one place to another. It can for example be used to heat a home during wintertime, and then installed on a maple syrup evaporator during the sugar season.

The burner can be inserted in the heating device’s firechamber by the loading door, or by a specially made hole. The most important is to have enough room inside the firechamber for the flame to develop fully and that the chimney has a good draft.

The Säätötuli Strong comes with a Säätötuli C110 control panel with 2-line digital display. The easy-to-use scrolling software is available in English and French.

The C110 can be controlled by a boiler thermostat or with an on/idle switch, depending on the type of heating device it is connected to.

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<th>Strong 920</th>
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<td>Hopper size</td>
<td>420 liters 110 gallons 14.8 cu. ft.</td>
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The burner installed on the Strong is made with cast iron and steel with a fixed or mobile combustion grid depending on the model.

The bottom of the auger is fitted with one or two mixing plates and the auger. An auger extension is always provided to be fitted between hopper and burner. The hopper is watertight.
To ensure a constant heat output even with lowly screened fuels, a round counter-blade is installed at the entry of the tube. If a chunk of wood is too big to go inside the tube, the auger will press it against that blade and cut it.

Burners from 40 to 120kW are cast-iron and steel burners with a fixed or mobile burning grid. Burners from 150 to 500kW are cast-iron and ceramic with mobile grids.

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**Säätötuli Metri2 and Kaks2**

The Säätötuli Metri2 and Kaks2 feeding bottoms can be used to make a biomass hopper with a great size. They can be sold with or without steel walls and lid. In many cases our customers prefer to manufacture themselves the hopper on top, making it bigger. The Kaks2 and Metri2 can hold up to 8 feet (2.5 meter) of height of woodchips.

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