Hammer or Hornet

Category	Hammer	Hornet
Driving Speed		X
Driving Mechanism	Drop weight	Jack hammer (rapid fire)
Hardest Hitting [1]	X	
Post size	T-post, 8" round, 7"x9" RR Tie	T-post, 7" round (T7), T-post, 8" round & RR Tie (T8)
Operation learning curve		Shorter
Ease in driving to a finite depth [2]		X
Quieter	X	
Hydraulic flow requirement	12-30 GPM	10-30 GPM
Hydraulic pressure requirement	1,500 PSI	2,000 PSI
Weights	1,045 lb. / 1,245 lb. Loaded	1,565 lb. / 2,045 lb. loaded T7
		1,770 lb. / 2,250 lb. loaded T8
Ease of maintenance	X	
Mounting options	Skid-Steer / Tractor Loader	Skid-Steer / Backhoe & Excavator [3]
Wear and tear on vehicle	Much less wear and tear on the vehicle and vehicle hydraulics	

[1] **We drove a 8" x 8' round post to 5' depth where the Hornet stopped. Hammer drove it down another 1.5'**

[2] **Hornet is better for steel pipe for fine depth control**

[3] **Hornets are NOT to be mounted on Tractor Loaders**

Should I purchase a Hammer or a Hornet?

Question #1- What type of vehicle will you use?

Answer #1- Skid-Steer

Reponse: Either Model will function well on skid-steers, see Question #2

Answer #2- Tractor front-end loader

Response: Hammer. Hornet is not approved to mount on tractor loaders

Answer #3- Excavator/ Backhoe
Response: Hornet. Hammer does not have excavator or backhoe mounts

Question #2- Do you drive posts everyday or is it an occasional task for you?

Answer #4- Occasionally
Response: Hammer, but see Question #3

Answer #5- Everyday
Response: Hornet, see Answer #9

Question #3- What types of posts are you driving?

Answer #6- Steel pipe
Response: Hornet for fine tune depth, Hammer if price conscience

Answer #7- Wood posts
Response: Either model, see Question #4

Question #4- What type of soil are you driving into?

Answer #8- Fraturable rock, concrete
Response: Hornet with Rock Spike for wood posts, not needed for pipe

Answer #9- Hard clays, rocky soil
Response: Hornet, Hammer will continue to drive when Hornet stops. Hornet is better for steel pipe

Answer #10- Softer soils
Response: Hornet is ideal for precise depth control, but Hammer works also