



“V” Cutter allows you to cut trees and then haul them away thanks to its grapple arms.



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## “V” Cutter With Grapple Clears Land Fast

Cutting and clearing a pasture full of cedars or other invasive trees is fast and easy with the V Cutter fitted with grapple arms. It eliminates the need to have a second rig to haul away cut trees and brush.

“People really like being able to do two things at once,” says Vince Tesinsky, VT Fabrication. “Clearing the field while you cut makes it easy to get all the trees. As thick as cedars tend to grow, if you don’t clear them

away as you cut, it’s hard to see where the next tree is.”

The V Cutter uses two fixed blades of 5/8-in. carbon steel. The 2-ft. long, 6-in. per side shears can cut multiple trees at once or a single tree up to 8 in. in diameter. The heavy-duty tubular steel frame keeps weight at just 500 lbs.

The two-pin, quick-hitch system fits most skid steer loaders. Grapple pivot points on

the 32-in. grapple arms are machined and greasable.

Cuts are made at ground or below ground level. “I can shear 15, 6-in. diameter trees per minute,” says Tesinsky. “It really works as fast as you can drive around. Just center on the tree or trees and drive forward.”

Tesinsky points out that the fixed design with safe, non-moving blades eliminates hy-

draulic cycle time with each cut. Blades are reversible and replaceable.

The V Cutter with hydraulic grapple sells for \$3,995. Without the grapple, the V Cutter is priced at \$2,700.

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## One-Pass Heavy Duty Planters

Planting a wildlife plot doesn’t need to take several weekends of work. Just one pass with a new generation of seeders, even in tall grass, is all it takes.

Seven years ago the Strickland Brothers of Spring Hope, N.C., added Greenscape Conservation Seeders to their line of agricultural equipment.

“Our Greenscape seeder is ground-driven so there are no complications from hydraulics,” says Dale Strickland, who owns Belco Resources with his brother, Terry. “There are no rows; it plants in a solid pattern.”

They use military-quality AR-500 steel in the front and rear roller spikes, which dig 3 to 4 in. deep, to prepare the seedbed. About 40 percent of customers use the Greenscape for wildlife plots, but it also works well for overseeding pastures, roadside wildflower seeding, erosion seeding, and landscaping.

Greenscape model 600-2 is 5 ft. wide and requires a tractor with at least 30 hp. It sells for \$8,234. Greenscape model 840-2 is 7 ft.

wide, requires 50 hp or more to pull it, and costs \$11,590.

The Collari Soil Reconditioner and Residue Burier also does one-pass landscape renovation and seeding, with the additional capability of burying rocks and debris. The Italian equipment is based on technology developed to bury debris after WWII, explains Janelle Butler, owner of Butler Equipment, the distributor for Collari in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Butler uses the equipment on her Dyersburg, Tenn., farm for wildlife plots, planting conservation strips.

“It’s a versatile machine,” she says. “It does in one pass the same job that requires nine or 10 trips with conventional equipment.” Collari offers about 20 different models from 31 to 119 in. wide in standard to super duty models to work in everything from vineyards and greenhouses to fields and golf courses. The standard model tills 4 to 6 in. deep, Butler says, while the heavy duty models till 8 to 10 in. deep to bury small rocks, roots and



Greenscape seeder (left) and Collari seeder (right) are used for wildlife plots but also work great for overseeding pastures, roadside wildflower seeding, and erosion seeding.

saplings and cover them with pulverized soil.

“The secret to the Till & Seed is the separator grill that places debris on the bottom and allows fine soil to fall through,” Butler says. The Till & Seed has a 4-speed gearbox and a pto with four friction disks. It also has an adjustable leveling bonnet and hydraulic depth control.

Collari models weigh 900 to 4,000 lbs. and require 35 to 250 hp tractors to pull them. Prices range from \$9,000 to \$24,000. They

can be equipped to plant everything from tiny grass seed to soybeans and corn.

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## Mini Baler Fitted With Storage Chute

This Italian-built mini baler has an add-on feature we’ve never seen before: A chute that collects and holds up to seven bales.

It was designed for baling up vineyard and orchard prunings so growers can get the bales out of the narrow alleys between vines or trees. The bale holder attaches to the back part of the baler and extends up and over the top of the machine. The bales are ejected onto a lift that’s activated when the baler’s main door opens. Once the chute is full, bales can be unloaded together in a neat row.

The uniformly sized bales are so compact they can be sliced using a chainsaw. The bales can be used later as fuel in special boilers, or cut and burned in fireplaces.



Bale holder attaches to back part of baler and extends up and over top of machine. It collects and holds up to seven bales.

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## Simple Venturi Pipe Keeps Home Cool

There’s an 8-in. dia. black stove pipe sticking out of the back of Roy Gottfried’s home in Tampa, Florida. It looks like it should lead to a stove inside the house. But it’s actually designed to cool the home, acting with a venturi pipe at the top that draws warm air out of the home and pulls cool air up from under the house.

The sun keeps the black pipe very warm. As hot air rises, it passes through the narrowing pipe at the top, and then expands quickly as it exits, creating a strong upward draft. Meanwhile, cool air under the house is pulled through an 8-in. dia. opening in the floor and into the house.

“It saves money because the air conditioner doesn’t have to operate as often, and it also brings in fresh air that’s better to breathe,” says Gottfried. “During cool weather I install a cap on the pipe.”

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Black stove pipe is designed to cool the home. A venturi pipe at the top draws warm air out of home and cool air up from under the house.