



Military surplus Unimogs, built by Mercedes Benz, are available from C&C Equipment. Model shown is equipped with a material handler with forks.

Hard To Find Surplus Military Unimogs

Military surplus Unimogs, built by Mercedes Benz, are hard to find, and when they show up, they usually go fast. That's not surprising considering they cost \$110,000 new in 1989 and 1990 and sell for a fraction of that when sold as surplus.

"I bought 13 of them in a group this spring, and I only have one left," says Clinton Chitwood, C&C Equipment, LLC. "None of them had more than three or four thousand miles on them, and many of them had been rebuilt from 2002 to 2004. Some only had a few miles on them and had been sitting for several years."

Unimogs are go anywhere, do anything truck-tractors that can be equipped with heavy-duty backhoes and front-end loaders. Chitwood says removal of attachments is fast and easy.

"Pull 2 bolts and 4 hoses, and you can remove the front-end loader in about 5 min.," he says. "The backhoe takes about 15 min. Without them, the Unimog makes a pretty cool truck."

Chitwood's remaining Unimog is priced at only \$14,000, but the others averaged in the low \$20,000 range. The remaining Unimog has some rust, which is why it's priced lower.

Rust or no rust, the military surplus Unimogs have a lot to offer. Besides their standard off-road features and 40 to 50 mph on-road speeds, these models come with quick-tach hydraulic couplers. A side toolbox holds a hydraulic-powered chainsaw, jackhammer, rotary hammer drill and impact wrench. In addition, all have been put through Chitwood's shop and repainted.

Chitwood says other models occasionally available include a material handler with forks on the front and a knuckle boom on the rear.

"They have a pretty neat chassis and can do about anything," says Chitwood. "I've sold some to farmers and others to folks who just like military surplus vehicles."

Chitwood emphasizes that while the military has several thousand Unimogs still in service or storage, there is no way of knowing when they will be offered for sale. Readers interested in purchasing a Unimog through him should ask to be put on a waiting list.

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Monkeyrack attaches to a standard 2-in. receiver hitch to hold ladders up to 20 ft. tall (left). Bottom of ladder rests on ground.

Ladder Holder Fits Receiver Hitch

Like many good ideas, the Monkeyrack is so simple you'll wonder why you didn't think of it yourself.

Monkeyrack is a ladder stabilizer that attaches to a standard 2-in. receiver hitch to hold a class 1A extension ladder. It lets the bottom of the ladder rest on the ground and supports up to 20 ft. of freestanding ladder

height. Made in Florida, the Monkeyrack is made of 3/16-in. powder-coated steel. Sells for \$579. Weighs 55 lbs. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Monkeyrack Products LLC, Bradenton, Fla. 34212 (ph 941 747-8697; monkeyrackjack@gmail.com).

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"We sell spraying equipment so we know that some of the generic foam markers really struggle to produce a quality foam," explains Phil Fuchs, Hiawatha Valley Farm Store. "We developed a device that agitates the soap and water one more time, just before it drops to the ground. Then we added the heavy-duty dauber at the end."

Fuchs has been selling the units locally for about four years. He says customers have been well satisfied.

"The foam mark is much more visible, and the dauber holds up much better," he says. "We offer a money back guarantee if customers aren't satisfied."



Replacement drop nozzles for foam markers add extra aeration to produce higher quality foam.

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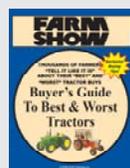
"All we need to know is the line diameter at the end of the boom, and we match it," he says. "We can adjust for everything from 1/4-in. to 1-in. lines."

Foam Marker Enhancers are available for \$99.95 plus shipping.

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