#### Money-Saving Repairs & Maintenance Shortcuts

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### **Garage Lift Adds Handy Storage**

creates extra storage space in your garage for your "stuff" and your vehicles, says Greg Smith, owner of the Indianapolis company.

In his previous business, he sold thousands of car and truck above-ground lifts. In retirement, he noticed that people were parking expensive cars in the driveway because their garages were filled with "other stuff." Smith designed and patented a singlecolumn storage lift to solve the problem.

"The Vantage storage lift is anchored to the concrete floor just like a two post above ground lift," Smith says, noting concrete floors should be at least 3 1/2 in. thick.

There are two column heights and four platform sizes available. The platforms easily raise and lower 1,500 lbs. and the motorized lift is a much safer and easier option than manually carrying things up and down a

"The turned single-column design allows the storage lift to be mounted in just about any garage location," Smith says. A garage ceiling height of only 8 ft. has plenty of available overhead storage space.

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The steel component parts of the Vantage storage lift are powder coated. The motor and cable pulley system are factory assembled to the column. Customers need to provide their

Powerline's Vantage motorized storage lift own decking material (plywood is the most popular). Smith says installation is fairly simple and takes two able-bodied people about 4 hrs. to install.

The servo motor operates on 110V or 220V with no modifications. The 220V raises and lowers twice as fast as 110V. The electric motor and cable pulley system is more userfriendly than a hydraulic lifting system, and the wireless remote operates the lift from

Prices range from \$3,800 to \$5,400, plus freight costs in Indianapolis, Ind. The lifts are also available for customer pickup. Smith welcomes inquiries from potential dealers interested in having multiple units drop shipped.

For FARM SHOW readers, Smith is offering 10 lifts at a special marketing promotion of 40 percent off the website pricing. Customers pay all freight costs and agree to provide videos/photos of the installed lift.

Smith notes that by Spring 2024, a 12-ft. column platform storage should be available.

"It's perfect for farmers and ranchers with overhead mezzanine storage in their outbuildings," he says.

Smith notes that the Powerline website has videos and pictures to help customers understand how the lift creates additional garage floor space out of cubic air space.

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# How To Keep Tall Vehicles Snow-Free

Angel-Guard Products has developed the Mobile RoofBrum, a unique tool for cleaning snow from even the tallest commercial and agricultural equipment.

The RoofBrum comes with a three-piece, 12-ft. long adjustable handle. A 60-degree bend attachment helps reach and remove snow from high platforms while standing securely on the ground.

The oversized head is non-abrasive and made from durable cross-linked polyethylene foam, strong enough to remove even wet snow and ice.

Angel-Guard's promotional material states, "The lightweight and easy-to-maneuver broom eliminates the need to climb ladders, a major safety hazard. You can clear snow from your vehicle while standing safely on the ground. It's perfect for a variety of vehicles, including box trucks, cargo vans, travel trailers, and school buses. The RoofBrum also makes it easy to comply with the law since, in many states, it's illegal to drive with snow on the roof of a vehicle.

The RoofBrum sells for \$89 from their Massachusetts warehouse via UPS Ground.



RoofBrum makes it easy to clear snow from vehicles while staying on the ground.

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## This Wrench Gets Into Tight Spaces

The newest offering from Texas-based Pipe Vise is the Micro 5, a self-adjusting wrench for small nuts and bolts found in tight spaces.

The Micro 5 is 6 in. long and weighs just over 1/4 lb. The spring-loaded jaw offers several wrench sizes from 5/16 in. to 3/4 in. It has a polished chrome finish, and the handle is contoured for comfort.

The Micro 5 sells for \$55 on the company website with free shipping in the U.S.

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Self-adjusting wrench has a spring-loaded jaw for tight spaces.



McLaen mounted LED lights to his skid steer to improve all-around visibility.

### Easy 4-Way Skid Steer LED Lights

You can never have too much light when moving snow with a skid steer at night, but too bright a light can blind others working around you. Dale McLaen solved the problem by attaching LED lights to the front, rear, and sides of his older Bobcat.

They're incredibly bright without being blinding," says McLaen. "They take very little power to operate, and the side lights let you see all around the machine.

McLaen went online when looking for supplemental lights. He found Auxbeam 58067 (ph 701-678-5232).

brand 18W front and rear lights at \$25 per pair. For the side lights, he chose Aukmak Rock Light brand 9W lights. They came in a set of four for \$28. All were found on

"They're all weatherproof and only took about 4 hrs. to mount and wire in," says McLaen. "The large increase in visibility was worth the small cost."

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### Two-Post Car Lift Saves Garage Space

Tool Warehouse Inc. sells two-post vehicle lifts that allow space-efficient storage in small garages and make it easier to get underneath them for at-home mechanic work. These lifts can eliminate the daily "vehicle shuffle" by preventing cars from parking each other in.

While four-post lifts are more common, two-post lifts are gaining traction. They're mounted into the floor and use metal arms to support the weight of each vehicle. The primary drawback is that fewer supports mean less room for error when using them. The lifts only work if you correctly identify the right lifting points, which vary between vehicles. In other words, they require more precision to use. Two-post car lifts also need a sturdy floor for installation - usually at least 4 to 5 in. thick. A car lift installer can check first to ensure the concrete is thick enough to handle the lift's weight.

Four-post lifts, in contrast, require less precision, as all four vehicle wheels are supported by a post of the lift platform. However, they give less access to the vehicle's underside and consequently won't work as well for at-home repairs. They also weigh significantly more and can be a challenge to install.

The TWI Proline Service Storage two-post lift supports up to 6,000 lbs. with a lifting height of 85 in. It's a standard two-post chain-over cylinder operation built with a solid platform for easy parking. The handheld



Two-post lifts save space but need a sturdy concrete floor of 4 to 5 in. thick for

pendant control allows users to raise and lower the lift, and safety latches come with electronic limit switches. It's powered by 220v or 2.2 hp. and has chain equalization for superior stability. Overall dimensions are 130 7/8 in. high, 104 in. wide, and 2,700 lbs. You can purchase the lift from the company website for \$4,999.99. Note that you might need to upgrade your garage to handle the TWI lift's 220V motor. Four-post lifts are also available, starting at \$6,399.

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