



Heavy duty shrink-wrap plastic works great to protect combines, tractors and other equipment, says Bill Knoff.

## He "Shrink Wrapped" His Combine And Left It Outside

When storage space got tight and he had trouble finding a spot for his New Holland combine, Bill Knoff, Nashotah, Wis., decided to "shrink wrap" it in plastic and leave it outside.

"The plastic is easier to put on than canvas and it costs less. The same idea could be used on tractors and other equipment. It would even work on bale stacks," says Knoff.

Knoff bought the heavy duty shrink-wrap plastic from a boat dealer in Milwaukee who uses it to protect boats in storage. It cost \$150 for enough plastic to cover the combine.

He first unbolted the muffler and laid it on top of the engine compartment, then put some plastic over the mirrors and other sharp edges. Then he ran an adhesive-coated nylon rope around the bottom of the combine, about 3 ft. off the ground. When he put the plastic over the combine he tucked the bottom part under the rope.

Knoff and the boat dealer then used a propane torch - mounted on a long wand - to shrink the plastic. They started at the bottom and worked their way up.

"When we get ready to use the combine again, we'll just cut off the plastic and throw it away," says Knoff.

"I considered using tarps to cover the combine but they're expensive, and if they tear in the wind you've got a problem. The only way the shrink wrap will tear is if a tree falls on it. The plastic gets so tight that it's almost like a trampoline over the grain tank. It has held up under 80 mph winds and 30 inches of snow with no problems. The sun's heat does come through the plastic so I left a window open on the cab to keep it from getting too hot."

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Two-wheeled "Hay Caddy" attaches permanently to rotary disc mowers, converting them to pull-type.

## Caddy Converts 3-Pt. Rotary Disc Mowers To Pull-Type

Hitching a heavy 3-pt. rotary disc mower to a tractor isn't an easy job. This new "Hay Caddy" attaches permanently to most popular brands of rotary disc mowers, converting them to pull-type so all you have to do is hook them up to the tractor drawbar.

The 2-wheel caddy rides on 11L by 15 ribbed implement tires. It includes a pto shaft

extension, adjustable jack stand, and hydraulic hoses.

Sells for about \$2,250.

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Boldebuck mounted his pull-type log splitter on a Ford car axle and fitted it with a single wheel up front that's used for steering.

## He Drives Self-Propelled Log Splitter Into The Woods

Until a couple of years ago, Tom Boldebuck used a shop-built pull-type log splitter to split six cords of wood he burns during a typical heating season.

It worked great but wasn't very maneuverable when pulled behind his Allis Chalmers WD.

So the Seward, Neb., farmer decided to "self-propel" the splitter so he could drive it into the woods on its own.

He bought an industrial sweeper from a factory for \$55 and used the electric-start, 2-cyl. Wisconsin engine to power the splitter, which mounts on a Ford car axle and has a single steering wheel up front. The sweeper also provided three hydraulic pumps to drive the splitter and a hydraulic motor that powers a 4-speed transmission that drives the car axle.

"I mounted the seat, gas tank and steering

box on the left side, while the hydraulic pumps and engine were mounted on the right side. I modified the hood off the sweeper to cover the engine and pumps. I took the rear swivel drive wheel off the sweeper and mounted it on front of the splitter beam to steer.

A green and yellow Deere-colored paint job completed the project.

"I can tow it behind my pickup by putting the splitter into neutral. When I get to the woods I just unhook to drive up to big logs and split them on the spot. It draws a lot of attention whenever I take it out."

Out-of-pocket expense was less than \$250, including the sweeper and paint.

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Boldebuck mounted an electric-start, 2-cyl. Wisconsin engine off an industrial sweeper on right side of rig, and the seat, gas tank, and steering box on left side.

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