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QUICK-TACH VINYL COVERS CUSTOM-MADE TO FIT ANY COMBINE

"Custom Fit" Hopper Covers For Combines

"Our combine hopper covers fit rain-tight. They're custom-made for each model," says manufacturer Joe Looney, West Memphis, Ark., about his quick-tach hopper covers.

Made from heavy 18 oz. coated vinyl, the covers attach to the combine with bolts that stick through grommet holes along the edges. Wing nuts tighten down over the grommets. A fiberglass "bow" attaches to the front and rear of the hopper forming a curved rain-shedding "roof". During harvest the cover can be rolled back out of the way or left on to completely cover the hopper.

"As far as I know, these are the first custom-fit flexible covers ever made for combines," says Looney, who formed a business with his father Joe. "Farmers are amazed at how well they work. When rain threatens, you can keep on combining without worrying whether you'll finish another

round. It works much better than using plastic tarps, which can easily get blown off or torn because they don't fit tight. We have the hopper specifications for every combine model dating back to the mid 1970's. We can make covers for older models if you give us the dimensions."

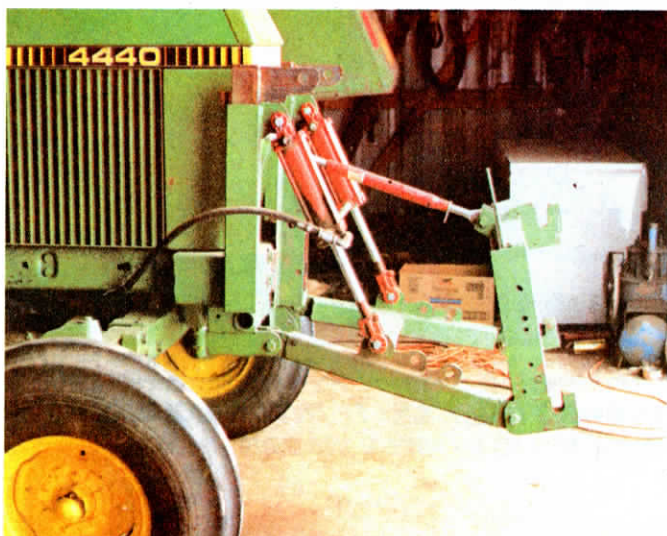
Covers for most combine models sell for \$189. Covers for Deere 9400, 9500, and 9600 series combines require less material and sell for \$175. Prices include fiberglass bow and all hardware.

Looney also offers covers to protect the entire combine and header for storage, as well as to protect auger wagons.

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Joe Looney also makes custom tarps to cover an entire combine and header.



Hitch bolts to tractor at 6 points. Lift cylinders can be anchored at different points to change lift capacity.

DESIGNED FOR HEAVY-DUTY USE

He Built His Own Front 3-Pt. Hitch

"I use my front-mount 3-pt. hitch to shave ridges while I plant, to spray herbicides, and to support a soybean rider. It works great," says Lyndon Hass, George, Iowa, who built the hitch 3 years ago and mounted it on his Deere 4440 tractor.

The Class II 3-pt. hitch is raised and lowered by a pair of 4 by 12 hydraulic cylinders.

"Most commercial front 3-pt. hitches are designed for light-duty use, but I designed my hitch for heavy-duty work," says Hass. "I use the hitch to push my 4-row Hiniker ridge shaving attachment while I plant with my Deere 7000 Max Emerge pull-type planter. The ridge shaving attachment was designed to be mounted on a planter, but I didn't want to mount it there because the planter already carries herbicide, fertilizer, and seed. Adding 2,000 lbs. of ridge shaving units would have been too much. Also, the spring-loaded ridge shaving units push down on the soil and up on the planter which results in less precise control of seed depth and placement. They work better on a 3-pt. planter, but I didn't want to spend the money

for one. Front-mounting the ridge shavers lets me keep the planter I already own and increases visibility so I can do a better job."

The hitch also supports a 4-man soybean rider and a 3-pt. sprayer that he uses to spot-spray weeds. Last year he tried using the hitch to push a 4-row Buffalo rigid cultivator, moving its 3-pt. hitch from the front to the rear. However, in hard soil the cultivator tended to roll to the side and plow out plants. "I need to use a cultivator that I can mount closer to the front wheels for better control," says Hass.

The hitch is built from steel tubing and bolted to the tractor at 6 points. Hass welded several eyelets to the hitch frame so he can adjust load lifting capacity and implement configurations. "The one thing I'd change would be to use slightly longer hydraulic cylinders for greater range when raising and lowering the hitch," says Hass.

He spent \$150 to build the hitch.

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Hass built the hitch to carry ridge-shaving units while pulling rear-mounted planter.