



The "SweepEx" can be mounted on a skid loader and used to remove debris anywhere.

Heavy-Duty Sweeper Moves Everything From Dirt To Rocks

There are no moving parts to wear out on this new heavy duty sweeper that mounts on a tractor 3-pt. hitch or skid steer loader.

The "SweepEx" consists of a steel frame fitted with rows of 12-in. long, replaceable poly brushes that slide into tracks that run the full width of the frame. When the front row of bristles starts to wear out, they can be unbolted, slid out of the frame, and rotated to the back.

"It offers a powerful sweeping action at a fraction of the price of a powered sweeper," says the company. Works great for cleaning out barns and feedlots and is ideal for all cleanup applications including dirt, leaves, debris, light snow, sludge, mud, standing water, wood chips, steel shavings, etc.

Two models are available – the Pro series and the Mega series. The Pro series has 8 rows of brushes and the Mega series 11. Both models are available with 48, 60, 72, or 90-in. frames. The Mega series is available with 9 or 18-in. long wings that bolt onto each side.

Optional accessories include a heavy duty magnet, a dust mop for picking up fine materials on polished floors, debris containment ends, hydraulic angle kit, debris and leaf pusher, and an edge marker kit that clearly defines the broom edge.

Prices range from \$600 to \$1,900. In addition to tractors and skid steer loaders, the brushes can be fitted to forklifts, pickup plow mounting brackets, etc., and even ATV's.



Unit's 12-in. long, replaceable poly brushes are tough enough to withstand use on gravel driveways.



Heavy-duty Mega series model has 11 rows of brushes and can even be used to move small rocks with no problem.

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New Technology For Your Farm

You'll soon be able to receive local weather maps, forecasts, commodity prices and agricultural news virtually anywhere thanks to a new information service offered by JH Tech, Champaign, Ill.. It was shown to the public for the first time at the recent Ohio Farm Science Review show near London, Ohio.

The service, called "Handtool Software" uses a Palm hand-held computer and a data-capable cell phone. The phone and computer are connected using a cradle that can be installed in any pickup, tractor or any machine equipped with a cab. When you press a button, the computer dials a toll-free number and retrieves the latest information on commodity prices, weather, your field records, etc. The transfer takes only moments, so cell phone time is minimized.

The system can be tied into the VantagePoint information service, which will allow you to make changes on field records

right in the field.

"You'll be able to get the latest local weather radar map for your area, as well as market information, right in your pickup. You'll also be able to keep better records because you won't have to make notes on a pad in the field and then go home and spend hours typing into a computer," says Jeff Hall. "You'll be able to retrieve your plan for a field and record field operations as they happen with simple touch and choose menus on the computer screen to automatically transfer the data to your VantagePoint account."

The kit components will sell for about \$400. The monthly service fee will be about \$15 a month.

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Trailer-mounted unit has a 1,000-lb. hammer that's raised by a long hydraulic cylinder. A separate cylinder is used to tilt the mast forward at an angle for transport.

Big Post Pounder Drives Posts Up To 17 Ft. Tall

"This trailer-mounted post pounder has a hammer that weighs 1,000 lbs. and can reach posts up to 17 ft. high," says Larry Laczko, Pilger, Sask.

A long hydraulic cylinder attaches to a steel cable, which raises the hammer. It free-falls onto the post once it reaches the top.

The machine runs off either tractor hydraulics or optional, self-contained hydraulic power units.

"It's built heavy for big jobs and is the safest and most durable pounder on the market," says Laczko. "It hooks up to any size tractor in just minutes. Works great for pounding very tall posts for elk or deer. To keep deer contained, you need fences that are 10 ft. high. Even bison owners like it. They don't need real tall posts but they do need very strong fences, and they like this rig's pounding ability.

"The angle of the mast can be adjusted 20 in. from side to side on hills. By using an optional telescoping hitch, the mast can also be moved forward or backward. Also optional are an adjustable axle and stabilizing pads for rough terrain. When you push a hydraulic lever down, the axle lifts up, allowing the operator to side shift the entire rig 10 ft. at a time. A separate hydraulic cylinder is used to tilt the mast forward at an angle for transport position."

Sells for \$6,995 (U.S.)

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Hydraulic cylinder attaches to a steel cable which raises the hammer. Hammer free-falls onto the post once it reaches the top.

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Service uses a Palm hand-held computer and a data capable cell phone. They're installed using a cradle that can be installed in any machine equipped with a cab.