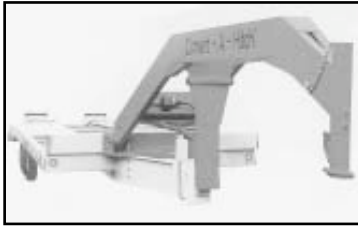


# Easy Way To Convert A Pintle Hitch Into Gooseneck

"Convert A Hitch" lets you easily convert a trailer with a pintle hitch into a fifth wheel gooseneck that you can pull with any 3/4 or 1-ton pickup.

The unit comes with a mounting plate that bolts onto the front part of the trailer frame. The hitch is hinged to the mounting plate by two 1 1/2-in. dia. steel pins. Another 1 1/2-in. dia. pin is secured to the pintle hitch. To convert from a fifth wheel trailer back to the pintle hitch, you simply remove the three pins and use a front-end loader to lift the hitch off.

"It eliminates the need to own a second trailer, and can be transferred to different trailers," says Robert Meurer, Wisconsin Metal Fab, Chippewa Falls, Wis. "It's designed to pull any 17,500 GVW trailer with a 4,500-lb. hitch weight. The hitch's weight is transferred between the axles so it handles



**"Convert-A-Hitch" bolts onto front part of trailer frame.**

safe and has good maneuverability. There's no loss of steering or handling of the tow vehicle."

Sells for about \$1,700.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Wisconsin Metal Fab, 1875 Olson drive, Box 27, Chippewa Falls, Wis. 54729 (ph 715 720-1794; fax 715 720-1797; Website: www.wisconsinmetalfab.com).



Rear-mounted ramp system fits into pickup receiver hitch. No need to remove tailgate.

## Pickup Ramp Hauls Two ATV's At A Time

You can easily load and carry two ATV's at a time with a pickup using this new rear-mounted ramp from E-Z Hauler, Cokato, Minn.

"It eliminates the need to haul a second ATV on a trailer," says inventor C.J. Welte.

The new ramp system consists of a 56 by 65-in. steel platform that fits into a pickup receiver hitch (Class III or IV). Two self-contained steel ramps run from the ground up to the platform. You drive the first ATV onto the pickup bed and secure it. Then drive the second ATV onto the platform and secure it. The ramps slide under the platform.

"It eliminates the hassle of using a trailer and is a lot safer to use than conventional

ramps," says Welte. "The ramps are positively held in place directly to the platform so there's no chance of them falling out from under you. Another advantage is that it lets you carry an ATV even if your pickup has a topper on it. There's no need to remove the tailgate.

"I've used the unit on both 1/2-ton and 3/4-ton pickups to carry two ATV's more than 6,000 miles."

Sells for \$500.

Contact: FARMS SHOW Followup, E-Z Hauler, 22488 County Road 3 N.W., Cokato, Minn. 55321 (ph 320 286-5853 or 320 250-7087).

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ATV conversion tracks provide about 4 in. of extra clearance, yet actually lower the center of gravity, making your ATV more stable.

## Track Conversion Kit For ATV's

A company that's well known for its rubber track conversions of pickups and other vehicles recently introduced tracks designed for 4-wheeler ATV's.

Matracks of Karlstad, Minn., says its ATV conversion kit features a patented linkage system and a new shape-changing suspension. Each track weighs about 100 lbs. Installation takes only about 45 minutes and requires very little, if any modification (some models require mud flaps to be trimmed). You bolt an adapter plate on in place of the wheels, then bolt the tracks onto the plate.

The tracks provide about 4 in. of extra clearance, yet actually lower the center of

gravity, making your ATV more stable. The tracks make the ATV slightly wider than when it's equipped with wheels.

A company spokesman told FARM SHOW that the tracks gear the ATV's speed down by about one third.

The company is making a limited number of units at the present time. The pre-production price is \$3,998.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Matracks, 202 Cleveland Ave. E., Karlstad, Minn. 56732 (ph 218 436-7000; fax 218 436-7500; E-mail: cthompson@matracks.com; Website: www.matracks.com).

## Kit Converts ATV Into Snowmobile

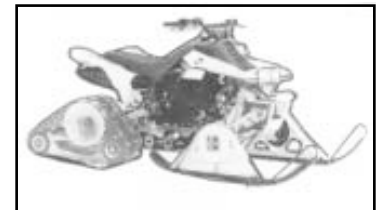
You can convert any ATV into a tracked snowmobile with a new conversion kit from Arctic Trax, Loon Lake, Wash.

Kits are available for both 2-WD and 4-WD machines. The 2-WD kit puts tracks on back and skis up front. The 4-WD kit puts tracks on all four wheels.

The 26-in. long, 12-in. wide tracks are made from high density rubber and mount on a lightweight aluminum alloy chassis. They're designed to simply bolt on in place of the wheels.

"It's amazing how much traction and versatility they add to your ATV," says Doyle Knight. "As far as I know, it's the only kit for ATV's that lets you mount tracks all the way around. With tracks on all four wheels, you won't get stuck. I've tested the tracks and skis for many years. With four tracks on my Kawasaki 4-wheeler I can drive in snow as high as the gas tank with no problem. Another advantage is that if you ever do get stuck, you can simply back up and then go forward again. You can't back up with a snowmobile.

"The kits will fit any ATV, even the Kawasaki Mule. Everything you need comes fully assembled, ready to bolt on and go. It takes only about 30 minutes to install the



A 2-WD conversion kit puts tracks on back and skis up front. The 4-WD kit puts tracks on all four wheels.

complete package.

"The bottom part of the tracks is supported by a 'slider bar' that results in a smooth ride and puts downpressure on the belt for maximum traction in snow. However, if you're going to run the machine a lot in mud and want to reduce wear on the slider bar, you can remove it and install a set of bogie wheels."

The kit for 2-WD models, which includes two skis and two tracks, sells for \$2,395 plus S&H; the one for 4-WD models, which includes two skis and four tracks, sells for \$4,495 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Arctic Trax, Inc., Box 685, Loon Lake, Wash. 99148 (ph 509 233-8247).

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