

Hard-To-Find Parts For Older Model Pickups

If you've got an older model pickup that you still use or would like to restore, here are several companies that specialize in replacement parts. Many older parts are no longer available from the original manufacturers so some of these companies make their own parts - often with better specs than the originals.

All the companies listed below have catalogs of available parts.

Obsolete Chevrolet Parts Co.

P.O. Box 68
Nashville, Ga. 31639
ph 800 248-8785
Website: www.obschevy.com
Specializes primarily in Chevy trucks 1929 to 1972, but has parts for some newer models as well. Three catalogs available for \$3.00 apiece: 1929-59; 1960-72; and 1973 and up. Catalogs available on-line at no charge.

LMC Truck Parts

P.O. Box 14991
Lenexa, Kan. 66285
ph 800 222-5664
All Chevrolet trucks 1947 to 1987.
Three catalogs available at no charge: 1947-1959; 1960-1972; and 1973-1987.

Cheyenne Pickup Parts

Box 959
Noble, Okla. 73068
ph 405 872-3399
Website: www.cheyennepickup.com
Parts and accessories for full-size Chevy pickups from 1960-1987 and full-size Chevy Blazers and Suburbans from 1969-1991. Catalog \$4.00.

KC Obsolete Parts Inc.

3343 N. 61st
Kansas City, Kan. 66104
ph 913 334-9479
Specializes in Ford truck parts 1948 to 1972. Catalog \$2.00.

Dodge Connection

P.O. Box 149
Moorefield, W. Va. 26836
ph 304-538-2666
Website: www.dodgeconnection.com
Specializing in 1972-1980 Dodge truck parts. Free catalog.

American Classic Truck Parts

P.O. Box 409
Aubrey, Texas 76227
ph 940 365-9786
Website: www.americanclassic.com
Parts for 1936 to 1972 Chevy and GMC pickups.

Dennis Carpenter

P.O. Box 26398
Charlotte, N.C. 28221
ph 704 786-8139
Website: www.dennis-carpenter.com
Ford pickups 1932 to 1986, 1966 to 1979 Broncos, and 1961 to 1967 Econoline vans. Also Ford cars and tractors. Full range of catalogs available.

LeBaron Bonney Co.

P.O. Box 6
Amesbury, Mass. 01913
ph 800 221-5408
Website: www.lebaronbonney.com
Upholstery and supplies for 1928 to 1954 Ford and Chevy pickups. Free catalog.

Steel Rubber

6180 Highway 150 East
Denver, N.C. 28037
ph 800 544-8665
Website: www.steelrubber.com
GM trucks.

Obsolete Ford Parts Company

P.O. Box 787
Nashville, Ga. 311639
ph 912 686-2470
Website: www.obsoleteford.com
Ford pickups 1948 to 1979 and 1966 to 1977 Broncos.



Lloyd Armstrong, Sunderland, Ontario: "Here's an idea I came up with when we needed to pour a lot of concrete in our barn and cow yard. I built a dump chute that feeds directly into our tractor-mounted 1/3-yard cement mixer. I put the correct amount of cement in with a pail and then use a skid steer to dump in one bucket full of 3/4-in.

crushed gravel. Then you just add water, mix, and drive the tractor to wherever you need to dump. The dump chute simply mounts on a frame made out of metal pipe. Makes do-it-yourself concrete work quick and easy at a price that's about 1/3 the cost of commercial ready mix."

No-Mess "Barrel Buddy" Drains Used Oil Fast

Anyone who has tried to pour used oil into a barrel using an ordinary funnel knows that it's a slow and messy process. You pour a little oil into the funnel and then wait to let it drain, then have to repeat the process several times.

Randy Duden, Gifford, Ill., came up with a solution. He made a large capacity, square steel box with a screen on top and a 1-in. drain at the bottom, which is flat. The box is designed to mount on top of any 30 or 50-gal. drum. Duden simply places used oil filters, or an upside-down bucket, etc., on top of the screen and lets the oil drain into the barrel.

"It allows me to drain oil into the drum quickly and without making a mess. It also makes it easy to flush all the oil out of filters," says Duden. "The box is made from 12-ga. steel and holds about four gallons. The screen catches any drain plugs or other foreign objects."

The "Barrel Buddy" is now on the market. Sells for under \$70 plus S&H.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, The Spreader, Inc., Hwy. 136, Box 189, Gifford,



"Barrel Buddy" consists of a steel box with screen on top and drain at bottom. It mounts on top of any 30 or 50-gal. drum.

Ill. 61847 (ph 800 428-9046 or 217 568-7219; fax 7619).

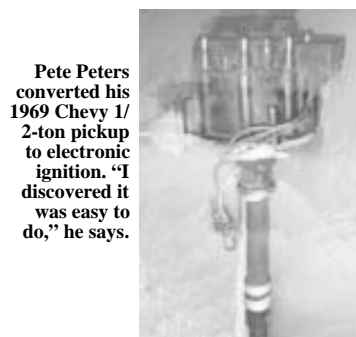
Convert Older GM Vehicles To Electronic Ignition

It's easy to change an older model GM vehicle (pre 1973) to electronic ignition, eliminating the need to change points and rotor, says Pete Peters, Osler, Sask.

"Once you convert to electronic, they start and run better," says Peters, who made the conversion on a 1969 Chevy half-ton with a 350 engine. "I was tired of replacing points and looked into making a conversion. I discovered it was easy to do."

First, remove the old distributor and coil and then replace them with an electronic distributor from a 1974 or newer vehicle. Electronic distributors have the coil mounted on the distributor cap. Run a 12-ga. wire from the distributor to a fuse box terminal, which is live only when the ignition switch is turned on.

Adjust the spark plug gap to .045, remove the old spark plug wires and replace them with new high-energy wires. You'll also have



to readjust the timing.

"This change will work on any older car, half-ton, or grain truck with a 305 or 350 engine," says Peters.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Pete Peters, Box 166, Osler, Sask. S0K 3A0 Canada (ph 306 239-2045).



Jim Spaid cut a large door into one side of 3,000-bu. bin and uses it as a shop and storage area.

Grain Bin Converted To Farm Shop

An Iowa farmer put an abandoned grain bin back into productive use by converting it into a farm shop and storage area.

Jim Spaid started with a 3,000-bu. bin. A section of railroad track supports an overhead hoist. A stairway that runs to an upper level storage area is pulled down as needed by a rope. An underground line brings

compressed air from another building to the grain bin shop.

He cut a large door into one side and hung lots of storage hooks around the outside walls.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Jim Spaid, 16141 290th St., Radcliffe, Iowa 50230 (ph 515 864-2431).