

He Built His Own "FARM SHOW Truck-Tor"

When Reg Crigger of Dryden, Ontario read a FARM SHOW story about a guy who put a tractor rear-end on the back of a truck, he decided he'd like one, too.

So he married a 1986 extended cab Ford F-150 1/2-ton pickup with the back end of a 1950 W-6 International farm tractor that had a seized motor.

The pickup's motor is hooked to the tractor's transmission through a #80 roller chain drive.

The truck-tor has both the truck's automatic transmission and the five speed tractor transmission, yet its top speed is about 40 mph. "That's about all the truck-tor can handle," he says.

"I leave the tractor transmission in fifth gear most of the time and let the automatic in the truck adjust the speed," he says. "I can manually change the tractor transmission to

a lower gear for a lot more power."

Crigger uses the original front power brakes and installed an implement lever for the rear wheels that he can lock in any position or use as an emergency brake.

On back, there's a wrecker boom, pto and receiver hitch. "The wrecker boom was an afterthought," he says. "I can take that off with four bolts."

Crigger uses the winch as a log skidder, tapping into the tractor's belt pulley.

"We've also driven it in some parades and get a lot of laughs as watchers think it's just an old half-ton coming down the street and then notice the large rear wheels and fenders," he says.

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Back end of rig is equipped with a wrecker boom, pto and receiver hitch.



Joe Konecny used an old 3-ft. dia., 10-ft. long propane tank to make his lawn roller. "The rounded ends don't scuff the lawn when I turn," he points out.

Propane Tank Makes Nifty Lawn Roller

When Joe Konecny, of Pemberville, Ohio, saw a small rounded-end lawn roller, he got the idea for a way to make a bigger one.

His brother, who works for a propane company, found him an old 10-ft. long rounded tank that's 3 ft. in dia. It weighs about 500 lbs. empty.

"The tank had been empty for years, but, to be on the safe side, I totally filled it with water before doing any welding," he says. "I made a roller stand to set it in and rotated it as I welded."

Full of water, Konecny guesses the tank weighs about two tons.

A friend made spindles for each end with a bearing that slides over them that attaches to a frame made from scrap pipe, he says. A clevis hitch hooks it to the tractor.

He keeps the tank about 1/4 full of water. "Its rounded ends don't scuff the lawn when I turn," he says.

The entire project, including tank, cost him about \$130.

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A friend made spindles for each end of tank. Bearings on tow bars slip over them.

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Machine unwinds bale directly over pickup reel of any small square baler. Here, a 4-ft. wide, 5-ft. dia. bale weighing about 800 lbs. is being unwound into a Deere 336.

"Unwinder" Turns Big Bales Into Small Ones

You can convert big round bales into small square bales with this new bale "unwinder" from The St. George Company, Paris, Ontario.

The Altec 160 bale unwinder is made in France. It can handle bales up to 4 ft. wide and 6 ft. in diameter that weigh up to 2,200 lbs. The St. George Company imports the machines and modifies them so they'll unwind bales directly over the pickup reel of any small square baler. They added four steel legs to the machine and also added an on-off switch on one side of the machine. The legs put the bale 4 ft. off the ground where it's high enough to unwind into the baler's pickup reel. A manual control is used to set the speed at which the bale unwinds.

The bale unwinder is hydraulically operated from the same tractor that's used to pto-drive the baler. The finished small square bales can be carried away by a bale elevator for stacking or loading.

"Round balers do a much faster job in the field and require less labor. This machine lets you make small bales when you have more time," says Peter Quail. "It can be used with hay, straw, or silage bales. It doesn't break

up the hay but instead gently unwinds it. The legs are needed only if the baler's pickup reel is more than 2 ft. off the ground. And when you're done using the unwinder to make small square bales, you can remove the legs and use it as a normal bale unwinder to deliver feed into bunks or onto pasture ground."

An optional loader is available for the unwinder that lets you load bales into the machine without a tractor loader. It can also be equipped with spinners on back, allowing you to use the machine to spread straw out up to 22 ft.

The unwinder sells for \$5,741 (U.S.) F.O.B. Paris, Ontario.

The company says it plans to soon introduce a bale unwinder for big 4 by 4 by 8 square bales that can also be used to make small square bales. It will also be able to handle round bales.

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