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STRIPPED-DOWN DEERE 40 WITHOUT WHEELS MAKES COMPACT PTO POWER UNIT

Pickup-Mounted Tractor Powers Towed Equipment



"Lets me use my pickup in place of a 50 to 60 hp. tractor," says Allan Cihar, Mosinee, Wis., who powers towed equipment behind his Ford F-250 with a stripped-down 1950's Deere 40 tractor that mounts in the box.

Cihar wanted to use his pickup to pull a dry fertilizer spreader and also to tow silage wagons between the field and silos. He first equipped the pickup with a built-in hydraulic-powered pto but it didn't have enough power and would slow down when the pickup engine slowed on turns so it wouldn't do a good consistent job when spreading in the field. He already owned a Deere 40MT and knew it had the pto power to run the equipment but didn't have enough power to pull the big wagons.

He decided to look for a tractor he could strip down to a basic power unit, and found one for \$425 at a sale. The tractor was beat up because it had been heavily used in the woods but the engine appeared to be in good shape. He then stripped off the front and rear axles and mounted the body of the tractor on a pair of large angle irons running the length of the frame. A single bolt anchors the tractor to the pickup bed.

"It works great because once I set the engine
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Cihar stripped the front and rear axles off a Deere 40 tractor and mounted it in back of his Ford pickup, using the pto shaft to power towed equipment. Makes travel quicker between farm and fields and works better than a truck-powered hydraulic pto because the tractor pto runs at a constant speed.

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