

Go-Anywhere Shade Fits Receiver Hitch

“Our new tailgate canopy for pickups, SUV’s and vans mounts to any standard receiver hitch and provides shade over a 7 by 12-ft. area. Works great at farmer’s markets, outdoor vending stands, tailgate parties, or lunch in the field,” says Kevin Connot, Genesis Enterprises LLC, Allen, Neb.

The canopy has a frame made of round tubing and a fabric top that attaches with grommets and bungee tie-downs. Outrigger-type supports provide additional stability.

The canopy is held in place by the weight of the vehicle so you don’t need stakes or sandbags. The vehicle’s tailgate can be positioned up or down and the vehicle can be moved while the canopy is attached.

“It goes up fast - you can put it up in only

5 to 10 min. while standing on the ground,” says Connot. “Its compact design makes storage easy as it breaks down into a small package.”

Sells for \$299 plus S&H. An optional extension tube allows more shaded area outside the footprint of the vehicle.

Other optional items include windstorm poles for additional stability (\$45 plus S&H) and a carrying and storage bag (\$21 plus S&H).

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Tailgate canopy has a fabric top that attaches to a frame made from round tubing. It provides shade over a 7 by 12-ft. area.

Handheld Remote For Electric-Controlled Spray Booms

“It lets you operate your sprayer’s boom control valves from the ground by simply pushing a button on a handheld remote. It saves time because you can inspect the boom tips right from the ground without having to return to the cab,” says DeWayne Jones, Warren, Ind., about his new MOJO Spray Remote Control.

The MOJO is a radio frequency remote control unit that’s designed to work with electric spray boom control valves. A 4-channel remote allows individual control of up to four separate boom control ball or solenoid-type valves. The system works with most control systems and spray monitors.

Jones says he came up with the idea because he thought there had to be a better way to make inspection more efficient.

“As a habit, I always do a walk-around

inspection of the sprayer before starting a new field. I had to turn on the sprayer control valves, dismount the tractor and walk around one end of the boom to check each nozzle along its entire length. If I had a plugged nozzle or other problem, I’d have to walk around the boom to shut down the system, then return to clean the tip and start all over again. It resulted in a lot of wasted time, spray solution and a dead spot in my field from the concentrated amount of spray in one spot.

“Using the handheld remote unit, I can inspect an entire 60-ft., 3-section boom while using less than 1-gal. of spray solution. I dismount the sprayer, walk around the boom and push the button for the boom section that I want to inspect. The valve turns on and I can check all nozzles for proper operation. When I push the button again the section



“It lets you inspect sprayer boom tips right from the ground without having to return to the cab,” says DeWayne Jones about his handheld MOJO Spray Remote Control.

shuts off. I’m free to move to the next section or repair any problems it may have had. I can also quickly verify any repairs made without losing time to return to the controls on the tractor.”

Sells for \$74.95 plus S&H. A version called

the Mojo Max sells for \$120.95 plus S&H.

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Lawn Mower Blade Tools

Whether it’s cleaning, sharpening or balancing of rotary lawn mower blades, Magna-Matic Corp. makes high-performance tools for the job. Blade service tools for individuals and professionals are what this Waldo, Wis. company specializes in.

“We manufacture the only rotary mower blade sharpener in the industry to boast a 60-sec. or less sharpening time,” says co-owner Gerd Bauer II. “Our MAG-8000 Universal Mower Blade Sharpener is ideal for a lawn mower dealership or sharpening shop. It’s amazingly fast and has the ability to sharpen both curved-edge mulching blades and conventional mower blades. It does this while maintaining the industry standard blade edge angle of 30° (or an angle of your choice).”

Bauer and his brother Erik, operate the 3rd generation family-owned company. Founder A.J. Karrels (their grandfather) was a Ferguson tractor dealer in the 40’s and 50’s.

The Mag-9000 Blade Sharpener is used on commercial mowers with straight, flat blades – the type that landscapers and lawn care professionals use.

The MAG-12000 Blade Cleaner is the first tool of its kind to be able to clean conventional (flat or straight) rotary lawn mower blades in 60 seconds or less. It’ll be available in April, 2010 at a price of \$1,195, plus S&H.

The Mag-8000 Blade Sharpener sells for \$1,120, plus S&H; Mag-9000 Sharpener sells for \$630; and the MAG-1000 Blade Balancer sells for \$198.

Magna-Matic also manufactures carbon-monoxide exhaust systems for outdoor power equipment use, and other precision balancers for various blades and hub products (eg. snowmobile clutch balancers, etc.).



Mower blade sharpener works fast and can sharpen both curved-edge mulching blades and conventional mower blades.



MAG-1000 Blade Balancer sells for \$198.

The company also recently began a division that makes firearm cleaning and maintenance tools.

They offer factory-direct online sales at <http://www.magna-matic-direct.com/>

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Dirt falls through holes drilled into sides and bottom of rotating drum.

“Sod Sifter” Separates Dirt From Grass

Richard Schattka’s “sod sifter” is designed to separate dirt from dug-up sections of sod.

It’s powered by a 1/2-in. electric drill that rotates a large metal drum set at an angle with the closed end down. Four lengths of 2-in. aluminum angle iron riveted to the inside of the drum knock dirt away from the sod as the drum rotates. The dirt falls through 9/16-in. dia. holes drilled into the sides and bottom of the drum, then goes down a pair of metal V-shaped chutes and into a wheelbarrow.

The finely screened dirt works great as garden material. The leftover sod is dumped out and hauled away.

Schattka says the unit eliminates a lot of work, and the finely screened dirt works great

as a seedbed in gardens and for planting flowers around trees.

“I got the idea because I wanted an easier way to handle the sod,” he says. “In the past I would cut out sod in a 5-ft. diameter around a tree or garden, and then get down on my hands and knees to shake the dirt off the roots. Now I just shovel the sod into the drum.”

The drill fits inside a metal bracket that’s attached to the unit’s frame. The drum sets on three small plastic wheels, which are powered by the drive unit off a self-propelled lawn mower.

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