

“Mower Tilt” On The Market

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When FARM SHOW first profiled Arthur Wright’s Mower Tilt (Vol. 32, No. 6), all he had was a prototype. Since then, the retired West Virginia coal miner has lined up a company to make and market the device.

“I struck a deal with Ohio Steel, and they have lined up distribution through Northern Tool and a couple of other major national chains,” says Wright.

He encourages other FARM SHOW readers with product ideas to pursue marketing them. “No matter what age you are, if you have a good idea, pursue it,” he says. “I did, and it’s paying off for me. It has been wonderful for me and my family.”

Wright sent me one of his units to try. It works great!

Now called the Ohio Steel Mower Tilt, it gives easy and safe access to the underside of a mower deck on the lawn or in the shop.

The Tilt consists of a 10 in. long by 4-in. wide powder coated steel plate. You secure the plate to the lawn with a 12-in. cork screw stake inserted through a hole in the plate, and slip the mower handle down and under the curled end of the plate. A quick release pin on a lanyard slips through two holes in the curl to lock the mower into place.

My U-bar lawn mower handle is a fold over style with a crossbar midway. Securing the crossbar instead of the end of the handle gave me even more access to the under deck.

If you prefer working in the shop, the plate comes with two holes predrilled for 1/4-in. screws. Simply mount the plate to an open wall and secure the mower to the plate with the open under deck facing out for maintenance or storage.

Suggested retail price on the Mower Tilt is \$14.99, but it is widely available for \$12.99



Mower tilt provides safe and easy access to underside of mower without tipping the mower on its side. Mower handle slips under a steel plate (right) secured to lawn with a cork screw stake.

at various websites including Northern Tool & Equipment.

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“Wheel Holder” Makes Painting Wheels Easy

“I needed a way to paint car wheels so I made my own wheel holder. I just set the wheel in and clamp it down, and then I can turn the wheel in any direction without marking the paint,” says Loren Smith, Spring Valley, Minn.

The wheel holder mounts on a tripod and is made out of 2-in. dia. pipe that rides inside a short length of 2-1/2 in. dia. pipe, which allows the wheel holder to rotate. An adjustable crossbar on top of a rectangular metal frame is used to hold the wheel tight. It’ll hold wheels from 8 to 16 in. dia.

“It works great for painting wire spoke wheels,” says Smith. “I used to restore cars and painted a lot of Ford Model A wheels

with wire spokes. I can clamp the center of the wheel and turn it in any direction I need to get the proper angle for painting the spokes. The only part that touches the paint at all is in the center, where the wheel is clamped on.

“A pair of short metal pegs extend up from each lower corner of the frame and go up against the inside of the wheel, while the crossbar clamps down on top of the wheel. A slot and wing nut on both sides of the frame are used to raise or lower the unit according to the size of the wheel.”

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Turbocharge Kits For Kubota RTV’s, Deere Gators

People always want more power from their equipment, especially at higher elevations. In the case of Kubota RTV’s and Deere Gators, the potential is there, suggests Ted Meyer, Stone’s Farm Service (SFS). Gaining extra power on a Deere Gator or Kubota RTV is as easy as installing an SFS turbo kit.

“We do a lot of tractor pulling, and the majority of the teams use Kubota RTV’s as work vehicles because they’re so durable and well built,” says Meyer. “The two complaints is that they need more power and that they stop too aggressively when you back off the foot throttle.”

With extensive experience putting turbochargers on 4020 Deere tractors and 6.9-liter diesel pickups, Meyer and the SFS team de-

veloped a turbo kit for the RTV’s and later for Gators as well. They also developed a “coast valve” for the Kubota RTV 900 and 1100. It bypasses or modulates the hydrostatic pressure during deceleration.

“Performance wise, the turbos deliver up to a 50 percent or better gain depending on what elevation you are at and how the injection pump is adjusted,” says Meyer. “The coast valve lets you shift much more easily between ranges.”

Meyer says installation is straightforward and simple with both turbos and coast valve.

“The turbo installation instructions include how to adjust the injection pump and information on adjusting the transmission as well,” says Meyer. “The bolt-on turbos can be



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installed in a couple of hours. The coast valve can be installed in 30 min. or less.”

Both turbo kits are listed at \$1,998. Coast valves are listed at \$139.99.

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Sanding Blocks Made Of Solid Grit

“Unlike sandpaper, they’ll never run out of sanding power,” says Dolores Richardson, Klingspor Abrasives, Hickory, N.C. about new Sandflex sanding blocks.

The rubberized abrasive blocks contain silicon carbide grit all the way through. Each block measures 3 in. long by 2 in. wide by 5/8 in. thick. There are 3 different grades. You just use it like a rubber eraser.

“As the block wears down it won’t dull or lose its scrubbing power because you’re always exposing more grit,” says Richardson.

Sandflex blocks can be used in water or oil. “They’re not as abrasive when wet so

they work great to clean stainless steel sinks, or to clean the bottoms of pots and pans. It’ll work on anything with rust or tarnish including scissors and barbecue grills,” says Richardson.

Sandflex blocks, either fine, medium or coarse, sell for \$3.95 apiece plus S&H. A 3-pack of 1 fine, 1 medium, and 1 coarse sells for \$9.95 plus S&H.

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