

# Grain Bin Moving Business Just Keeps “Picking Up”

A service that didn't even exist 30 years ago has developed into a business that has definitely had an impact on today's agriculture.

In 1985, Mark Bruellman of Rolfe, Iowa started moving bins and buildings after purchasing some equipment from his neighbor, Roger Montag, the builder. See FARM SHOW Volume 11, No. 3. He has continued to build and purchase additional equipment to meet the demand over the years. His arsenal of movers now consists of 3 tipover 18 ft. movers, 3 movers to carry bins upright from 15 ft. up to 42 ft. dia. along with a few building movers capable of up to about 50,000 lbs. The most commonly used bin mover can raise up a bin with a roof height of up to 38 ft.; which is about the height requirement to move a 42 by 9 ring bin. This machine weighs 9 tons and is pulled by a semi tractor. Bins moved upright can be moved in one piece, split once or twice. The lower the peak height in transport, the higher the price.

Almost all the bins Mark & his crew do are split down as it's still usually cheaper than having wires taken down. It's difficult to pin down an exact time to meet the utility co., as these speedy movers average 550 miles travel per week while moving 8 bins per

week during the peak summer season.

Bruellman also built a pull-type crane that he uses to shrink down 18 ft. bins and can haul 2 at a time on a trailer for long distance moves.

In the 26 years in this business, Mark and his crew have moved 3,180 bins and 250 buildings a total of 28,000 miles with a total storage capacity of 25,800 bu.

With an average crew size of 6, from the time they pull up to a 30' bin, split it down, move it 8 miles, re-erect it using new bolts, center and anchor the bin, 4 hrs have elapsed.

As the decal on his truck states, maybe the biggest, surely the best"- the #1 goal is to be the best mover at any price. Evidently his reputation has spread as Bruellman has moved bins in Ia, Il, Mn, SD, Mo, Ne, Mich, Wis., Ind., Ohio, Ky., & even Texas.

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**Bruellman and crew pull a 36-ft. dia., 31-ft. high bin over a bridge (left). Top dryer bins are movable, too (below).**



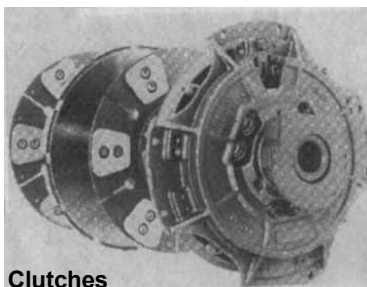
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Tribco has patents on Clutchtex® and Braketex®, the only 100% Kevlar-fibered composite friction materials. “Kevlar composite delivers higher torque and smoother operation and virtually eliminates brake, transmission and clutch plate wear after it's installed.”

Dan Dolence from Grey Eagle, Minn. had a problem with his IH 450 and Super H tractors. “No one would use them,” he says, since



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the old brake lining made them dangerous to operate. Now, he says everyone uses the tractors “with ease” and that “it's too good to be true.” John Daly's IH Super M's Braketex® asbestos-free plates have also worked well on his 1650 acres in Cato, N.Y. for several seasons.

Gleason, Wisconsin repair shop Land Farm Equipment has installed dozens of Tribco brake and clutch plates in many different applications over the last 15 years. Their customers get smoother operating clutches and benefit with more than three times the wear life of the friction as well as the metal discs, drums and flywheels.

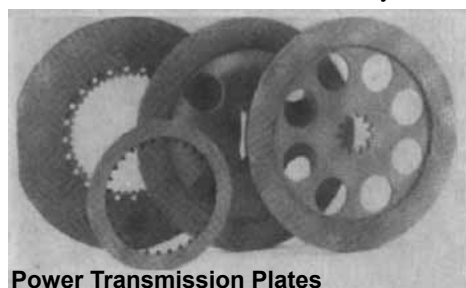
Tribco dealer, Duane Nielson of Allied Precision Products, Pocahontas, Iowa

(712-335-4250) has had particularly good results over many years with Clutchtex® lined plates on Deere 4020 tractors and front-end loaders in the many places he has used the products.

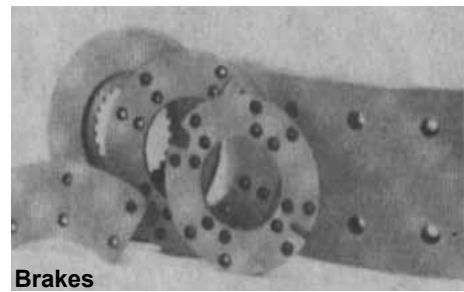
Clutches, power transmission plates, and brakes are available for all off-highway and agricultural equipment. Wet brake and transmissions plates are also available.

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