

All-Season Windshield Protector

"It works better than anything on the market and eliminates the need for hooks, magnets and bungee cords," says Galen Crozier, Amana, Iowa, about his new all-season windshield cover for pickups and SUV's.

The patented one-piece cover is made from heavy-duty 1000 Denier Cordura fabric and is designed to cover the windshield and front side door windows. The side wings have pockets that slide over the doors' window frames and are locked in place when the doors are shut. A 6-in. flap on front covers the windshield wiper blades.

It's designed to fit any full-size pickup or SUV including Chevy, Dodge, Ford, Toyota, Honda, and GMC brands.

"It fits onto the doors like a mitten to keep

snow and ice off in the winter and the heat out in the summer. It also adds some privacy if your vehicle is parked in public," says Crozier. "Fishermen like the protection when they park at a public boat landing. Firemen enjoy the snow and ice protection and ease of removal when they get a call and don't have time to scrape a windshield.

"It works better than windshield covers that use hooks because they're a pain to use and only cover the windshield. They're also made from a cheap fabric that can easily rip, and blow off in heavy winds. The wind can make my windshield cover flap around a bit, but it won't blow it off because the vehicle's doors hold the cover in place."

The windshield cover comes in camouflage



Windshield protector's side wings have pockets that slide over the doors' window frames and are locked in place when the doors are shut.

or black and gold for University of Iowa fans.

Sells for \$70 plus S&H.

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Swinging gates hang on posts anchored in concrete-filled tractor tires. The Hunekes use the portable posts to divide a large pen on their dairy farm.

Portable Gateposts Can Be Easily Moved

Marc and Micah Huneke can easily put gates where they need them, thanks to their portable gatepost design. The swinging gates hang on posts anchored in concrete-filled tractor tires.

"We set wood or steel gateposts in old tractor tires and then fill them with concrete," explains Marc Huneke. "They work great for mounting swinging gates because they're very heavy and stable. We need a decent size skid steer to move them."

The Huneke's used post pairs so they could leave room between them for a "people pass". It's an idea they also work into fence lines whenever they can.

"It saves time, and you're not climbing over gates all the time," says Marc.

The portable posts save time as well. The Huneke's use them to divide a large pen on their dairy farm. The posts allow them to size the division as needed.

"We liked the portable post pairs so well that we made an extra set of each," says Marc. "We also made a couple of single post units. One is set in concrete in a single tire, and the other is in concrete in an old lick tub."

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Self-Propelled Fencing Rig Still Going Strong After 12 Years

Twelve years ago FARM SHOW ran a story about a hydraulic post driver built from a self-propelled combine (Vol. 24, Issue 5) by the Hall family of Butterfield, Minn. We visited the Hall farm in July 2012 to check on the well-used fencing machine.

"We've used that fencing rig to pound in 5,000 to 6,000 posts a year since 1999," says Dan. And his four mechanically-minded sons built the machine from an old Case 600 combine. In 12 years Dan figures he and his sons have put up more than 250 miles of high-tensile fence with the machine. The original chassis, blade, crane, pounding mechanism and hydraulics are still intact and work great. Dan explains that a few improvements have been made to make the rig more user friendly.

"Six years ago we put in a different 4-cylinder Case motor and IH hydrostatic drive system from a 403 combine," Dan says. "Now we're able to control the ground speed a lot easier without stopping to shift gears or

changing engine rpm's." They also replaced the back axle with a stronger setup from an old 4400 Deere combine. A new steel canopy over the control station protects the operator as posts are lifted into the driving mechanism. It also shields the operator from the sun and from low-hanging branches if they're working on wooded pastures. Painted red to match the rest of the machine, the canopy looks like original equipment.

Dan says when they built the machine they had no idea how well it would perform and how long it would last. "Aside from replacing maybe 3 hoses over the years and updating the engine and drive system, the cost to operate it has been really insignificant," Dan says. "We can run it all day on 8 gal. of gas, way less than a tractor and loader or a skid steer would require. I don't think there's another piece of machinery around that has the payback this one has provided."

In addition to pulling and pounding posts,



Mark Schecterson used an old bed sheet and some woven wire fencing to cover his Kubota loader tractor. The canopy measures 3 ft. square and mounts on tractor's rollbar.

"Bedsheet" Tractor Canopy

If you're looking for a low-cost summertime tractor shade, you might want to consider this inexpensive way of making your own, says Mark Schecterson of Heron, Mont. He used an old bed sheet and some woven wire fencing to cover his 2009 Kubota B3200 HSD 4-WD loader tractor.

The canopy measures 3 ft. square and mounts on the tractor's rollbar.

"It's basically a bed sheet over a piece of 2-in. sq. fence panel. It works great and keeps me shaded from the hot sun," says Schecterson. "It was my wife Dyan's idea to use fence wire to make a frame to support the sheet. We constructed it together."

He cut the wire down to 4 ft. wide by 5 ft. long and wrapped it around the back of the

rollbar, then rolled up the bottom edges of the wire on both sides to give the wire some rigidity. He tied the wire onto the rollbar and then bent it forward about 3 ft. over the driver's seat. He laid the sheet over the top of the wire, tying the front part into the wire and tying the back part to the rollbar.

"It looks a little like grandma's pantaloons but it does the job," says Schecterson. "Putting the bend in the roll of wire gives the metal enough rigidity to support the sheet. However, it's not really solid so I have to be careful when working in the woods."

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Photo of Hall fence machine taken 12 years ago, soon after it was built. Photo below shows machine as it looks today.

the machine has a blade that levels ground under a new fence line, a platform to carry posts, brackets to hold wire spools, a tensioning device, and a hoist.

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