

# Kit Makes It Easy To Convert Ford To V-8 Power

"We had tremendous response to your original article from readers all over North America who want more power in their Ford N-Series tractors," says Don Knasel, who developed a kit that makes it a snap to install V-8 flathead engines in place of the original 4-cylinder. Don came up with the do-it-yourself kit after converting 26 Ford 8N tractors himself.

"Most anybody capable of changing oil or spark plugs can switch engines with the kit in about 8 to 10 hours," says Knasel. "It can be used to convert any N-Series Ford tractor."

Knasel calls his kit the Awesome Henry V-8 Ford Conversion Kit in honor of Henry Ford. He figures Ford would appreciate its simplicity and ease. Each kit is handcrafted and bears its own metal nameplate and registration number. The kit itself costs \$1095 and contains all the hardware needed to connect the V-8 engine and clutch assembly to the 8N transmission and frame.

"Just disassemble and remove the stock 4-banger, bolt in the conversion kit and slide the flathead V-8 into place," says Knasel. "No special tools are needed. The conversion kit uses the clutch, pressure plate and flywheel found on the flathead V-8. We haven't even had to adjust the clutch; they just slide in."



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Optional items not included in the kit is a smaller 4 3/4 gal. fuel tank available for \$145. It's needed to make room for the carburetor on the flathead. Available is a new header type manifold that drops out of both sides. With brackets and bolts, at \$225. A tank conversion needed to change the 8N radiator to a V-8 is \$125.

"A lot of guys will use their own tanks or manifolds, so we don't include them in the conversion kit," notes Knasel.

Before retiring from the collision and used car business, Knasel and his son Dave had

collected around 100 mostly N-Series tractors. He is now down to 25 that he is keeping for his collection and another 10-12 he may convert to flatheads.

"It's a question of do you want to overhaul a 4-cylinder that may be a little tired or replace it with a V-8," says Knasel, "Nothing sounds better than those little flatheads."

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## Money Does Grow On Trees: A New Cash Crop

We've all heard about the slow process of growing trees as a cash crop; however Empress Splendor™ hardwood trees give the fastest and greatest returns.

According to Wendy Burton, Founder and CEO of World Tree Technologies, Empress Splendor™ Trees grow to timber size in as little as 7 to 10 years. The wood is strong, lightweight and prized by musical instrument makers, cabinet makers and used for windows, doors, spindles, crown molding and trim. The wood has minimal warping, splitting, cracking and does not rot and is insect resistant.

Our parents and grandparents planted trees to enhance the beauty of their homes or to provide a windbreak for other crops. This is no longer the only reason to plant trees; new fast growing species now make it viable to plant trees as cash crops. The Empress Splendor™ is getting a lot of press and inquiries these days from ranchers, crop, dairy, hobby and retired farmers, and many others who have started to delve into the world of hardwood tree plantation based timber. According to Burton, by planting 300 trees per acre, you can produce a minimum of 30,000 board feet of lumber at an aver-



This stand of 8-year-old Empress Trees is a perfect example of how big the trees can grow if properly managed under ideal conditions, says Burton.

age price of \$3 to \$14 a board foot. Empress Splendor™ Trees regenerate from the stump up to 7 times after each harvest, therefore a farmer only needs to replant every 50 years. Ideal growing zones are 6 to 11.

World Tree Technologies and the Empress Splendor™ Tree present a unique opportunity for growers in the new "Green World" and we believe moving towards a plantation based timber can stop the destruction of old growth forests and supply the world with a natural renewable resource. Farmers are going to be able to put cash back into their hands and wealth can be restored to those individuals investing in a sustainable and environmentally responsible product that works for everyone.



"I planted this tree 14 months ago and it is already 25 ft. tall. Unbelievable growth!" says a customer in Neptune, Fla., who originally heard of the trees through FARM SHOW.

Burton says she and her staff will educate and support customers in learning how to take advantage of the amazing opportunities that exist. She encourages readers to call World Tree Technologies and ask the questions that will make the difference for what matters and is important to them. "We look forward to creating a profitable and positive experience for our customers."

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