

Very sensitive to temperature changes and needs carburetor adjustment whenever the weather gets colder or warmer. The idle speed screw is placed where sawdust affects its closing so it needs to be continuously cleaned off."

Jim Risley, Denver City, Tex.: "This pickup is my first 4-WD. We'll never buy another farm pickup without it. I use the 4-WD daily and fuel mileage has been great," says Jim, pleased with his 1985 ½-ton Chevy diesel."

William C. Hester, Waukegan, Iowa: "I saw the Fish carburetor in one of your earlier issues. I got one and had it put on my 1974 Dodge Slant 6. I've driven 10,000 miles with it. Works fair, getting 23 to 24 mph when going 60 mph. I get 26½ mpg at 50 mph. The car does start harder, though. I've installed a 1500 watt water heater and a hand throttle to have it run at fast idle to warm up. The intake manifold sets the carburetor too far from the engine so a lean mix will puddle. A straight line intake manifold will work okay but I haven't found one for this 225 engine. Carburetor pulls good and runs great on the road."

William Duriavich, West Chicago, Ill.: "Haven't had to take it back yet. Everything works the way it should," says William, pleased with his 1985 Mitsubishi 4-WD pickup.

Roger Light, Hartland, Minn.: "My best and worst product is a 1984 Chevrolet ½-ton, 4-WD pickup with a 6.2 diesel engine and 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission. The transmission is a very poor quality item and is very unreliable. I've had a few small problems with the engine but nothing serious. However, the transmission didn't shift correctly. It shifted rough and was constantly shifting in and out of overdrive. The good part is my dealer. They fixed the transmission and ordered a shift valve out of parts that eliminated the constant shift from third to fourth. Otherwise, I like the truck real well. Gets good mileage and is a very good starter in cold weather."

Walter Comstock Jr., Pittsburg, Kan.: "I purchased a Super Atom fence charger Model No-4K from Communication Products Co. It does exactly what the company says it will do — that it'll charge fence wires nailed to dry wood posts. I've found that even in wet weather, it still carries a charge without completely shorting out."

"I have my permanent pastures cross fenced with five wires, with the middle wire insulated and hot. If bulls on opposite sides start fighting, I just hook up a jumper wire to electrify all five wires and that puts a stop to the problem."

Earl Wieman, Arlington, Minn.: In 1984-85 I planted 15 bu. of Magnum alfalfa from Dairyland Seed. Some was seeded alone and some with oats. I got a wonderful stand on all of it but, within 3 to 4 months, it would all die. The company tested the soil and found nothing wrong. Both years I had a different brand of alfalfa beside it and had a wonderful crop. The Dairyland dealer said he thinks it isn't suited for our heavy soil. I'm not

out only 15 bu. of seed but also two years of hay and expense of seeding and plowing it up again."

As "best buys", Earl says. "My Deutz 6806 tractor is the most trouble-free and cheapest tractor to run that I've ever owned. It's a pleasure to run winter or summer. All of my Makita tools, including a 7¼-in. circular saw, ¾-in. hammer drill, sander and 4-in. grinder are best buys. They're made to work and last."

Leon H. Eichelkraut, New Glarus, Wis.: The engine, power train and loader were good but the tractor had no traction whatsoever," says Leon, disappointed with his 1983 Allis Chalmers 6060 with a 460 loader. "It was like being on glare ice or having cement blocks tied to the front wheels. The bucket on the loader was a flimsy piece of tin. Holes wore in the bottom in six months use."

"My best buy was a 1984 Same Mercury 85 tractor equipped with a heavy-duty Miller loader. Its front wheel drive makes it easy to get around in all conditions. This tractor takes ice and lots of snow in stride. Has 1000 hrs. on it and has worked as expected. Our 1977 Massey Ferguson 275 tractor is another best buy. Excellent dealer service."

Orlin Diesen, Wannaska, Minn.: He's disappointed with his Vermeer 605 G baler. "It wouldn't bale dry hay or long timothy hay. Pulled twice as hard as the same size Hesston."

"In three years my 'best buy' Hesston 1500 baler has never been down for more than normal maintenance, and to put on pickup teeth and replace the belts."

"Another good buy is our 1980 Chevrolet Citation. We bought it with 80,000 miles on it. It has now 140,000 miles on it and all we've spent is about \$275 for repairs."

Bill Morrill, Sherwood, Mich.: "White tractors have given good service but this disk is junk. Can't use it

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without breaking gang axles," says Bill, unhappy with a 1984 White 271 disk.

He's happy however with his 1985 Dodge W-150 4-WD pickup. "After a year's use we still haven't had a single problem. It goes in all kinds of weather and bad conditions. Also has a roomy, quiet cab."

Joe Renner, Sidney, Ohio: "My 1978 White 508 5-16's plow does an excellent job of plowing and trails behind the tractor very well. My 1978 John Deere 4240 tractor has plenty of power, has a quiet cab and is one of our best starting tractors," says Joe, who adds this negative note: "Our 1979 Deere 110 disk is one of the worst leveling of any I've ever seen.

The frame was made too light and it won't dig in."

Ronald Wemhoff, Pilger, Neb.: "He nominates his Hiniker Spray Commander as "best buy". "The servo valve didn't work at first but the dealer gave good service. We used it on our disc for incorporation. Up and down the hills, it stayed within 1 to 2% of accurate application. Also used it for post emergence. Covered about 1,400 acres with no trouble."

"Another good buy was my Deere 4420 combine purchased in 1983. Has good capacity, plenty of power and is cheap to run. Put 975 acres through it in 1985."

Eldon Rumppe, Cashton, Wis.: "My John Deere 1219 mower/conditioner with non-clog guards is one of the best mower/conditioners I've ever owned. I can mow anywhere I want to without plugging. Great for finishing up a strip with just a foot left to cut. No plugging at operating speeds."

Brian Dahmen, Pierz, Minn.: His 489 New Holland haybine and 327 John Deere baler top his "best buy" list. "The haybine is excellent with its floating head. We have several granite chunks sticking out of the ground but it floats right over them. The baler is unstoppable."

Joseph Tymoc, Box 01477, Boyne Falls, Mich.: "Does anyone know how to put a manual transmission in a 1963 Ford 6000 tractor?" asks Joseph, who says the tractor — which he bought used — is his "worst buy". "The Select-O-Speed transmission has a centrifugal clutch that continually has problems, rattling and then falling apart. When I mentioned the problem to my dealer he threw up his arms and said he doesn't work on that particular model anymore because of all the problems. On later models Ford offered an optional manual clutch for the tractor and I'd like to find a way to install one on this tractor. Can anyone help?"

Dave Pollard, Mantua, Ohio: "I'm not happy with my Dickey-John grain moisture tester. It's been erratic and less reliable than my \$85 Skuttle MT-2. Now, the display 'window' has completely blacked out. I don't feel I got over \$200 worth of reliable use out of it," says Dave. "My 1967 Ford 5000 tractor is my all-time best buy. Even though it's a gas model, it's very easy on fuel, and has been totally reliable. Until 1985 this has been my only tractor and I've never had any problems with it. It will start in any weather and has often been the only vehicle that would start at —20°F. It's easy handling, nimble and has plenty of power."

Leo White, Wagoner, Okl.: "In heavy fertilized fescue and rye grass I was able to cut as fast as 9 mph," says Leo, happy with his 1985 Vicon CM 240 disc mower. "Cuts clean and fast, doesn't clog and is easy to corner. It's also easy to service and maintenance is low."

T.J. Fulford, Jones, Ala.: "The transmission on my 1982 GMC ¾-ton diesel pickup went out after just 12,000 miles. It's in the shop now for the fourth time with 69,000 miles. The engine's never had a wrench on it. Each time it's in the shop it costs

me \$600 to \$700 and it's in for 3 to 7 weeks."

Glen Carman, Riverdale, Neb.: "My best buy is a Black & Decker cut-off saw. It's handier and faster for cutting angle iron and pipe than an electric hacksaw. Very compact and portable."

Kenneth Sayre, Edgerton, Wis.: "It starts easily, mows almost anything and cuts grass evenly. It will mow small willows up to 3 ft. tall," says Ken, happy with his John Deere 68 riding lawn mower.

Hubert Hegtveldt, Mabel, Minn.: A 5100 White corn planter and an 1091 Hesston mower/conditioner top his "best buy" list. "The planter not only counts the seeds accurately, it's also

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easy to adjust for seed depth. The mower/conditioner has been a trouble-free machine for the past three years. We're well satisfied."

Duane Haas, Ottertail, Minn.: "FARM SHOW is read cover to cover here. Especially like the stories about big trucks turned into ag tractors."

Herbert Gliege, Glenburn, N. Dak.: "Our only purchase within the last 12 months has been a 1986 Buick La Sabre. So far we're pleased with it. Started well on cold mornings last winter without any heating device. Has a lively motor, handles nice and we think it'll be good on gas mileage."

E.J. Suchan, Bottineau, N. Dak.: "My worst buy was a 1983 150 6-cyl. Ford Ranger pickup with overdrive. The front oil seals were replaced twice, the torque converter replaced because of a factory defect and the overdrive had a loud whining noise that never went away. I wrote to Ford Motor Co. three times but never got an answer. The local dealer was very good at trying to fix it. He made me a good deal on a 1985 Ford 302 with fuel injection, custom cab and overdrive. I like it very much and haven't had any troubles yet."

Daryl Cress, Fredonia, Kan.: "I'd like to nominate our 1985 Chevy S-10 pickup as a best buy. This is our second one and the best yet. The 2.5 liter fuel-injection engine has plenty of power for light loads and great performance. The fuel injected engine is simple and easy to serve with a limited amount of smog control. The workmanship and quality of materials is good. The only problem we've had was a rattle in the clutch which was fixed soon after we purchased it."

George Sears, Atkinson, Ill.: "Transmission has a good range of speeds for tillage and chopping forage. Tractor has very good traction and power. Puts very little compact

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