



You won't have to worry about starting fires with this handy torch holder.

C-Clamp Torch Holder

With a C-clamp and a little welding, Pete Krusch of Cambridge, Vt., made a safe holder for welding and cutting torches.

"I made it so that I have a place to temporarily hold a lit torch while aligning or adjusting pieces to be welded," Krusch explains.

He cut off two small pieces of 1/2-in. ID pipe and welded them to a 6-in. piece of flat iron, which is welded to a C-clamp. Larger 3/4-in. pipe also works for larger torches, he adds.

The length of the flat iron keeps the lit torch at a safe distance from whatever the holder is clamped to. With pipes going in two directions the holder can be clamped on a vertical or horizontal surface.

It has come in handy for many applications, Krusch says. Just use common sense where you clamp it.

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Baler pickup with bent, rusted steel bands.



Pickup fitted with new Tobin poly bands.



In addition to longer wear, hay feeds more smoothly after bands are installed, says manufacturer George Zimmerman.



Poly Pickup Bands Boost Baler Performance

After a custom baler complained to George Zimmerman about rocks and other objects continually bending the metal pickup bands on his big square baler, George and his wife, Faith, developed their new heavy-duty poly pickup bands.

The Zimmermans had been manufacturing traffic cones and other safety products out of various plastics since 2005. The poly pickup bands are their first ag product. The bands are catching on fast with farm equipment dealers across the country who have been signing up to handle them.

"Our goal in developing these was to eliminate the problem of bending and wearing. These bands are made heavy and will withstand impacts without damage. If pickup teeth do rub against the bands, they will not wear through nearly as quickly as steel bands. In addition, hay feeds through

much more smoothly and easily," says Zimmerman.

The 1/2-in. thick bands have a 1/4-in. support ring on the inside to strengthen and maintain shape. Longer bolts (included) are required to attach the poly bands. Zimmerman notes that you can replace them one or two at a time as steel bands wear, or do them all at once.

They fit most models of Case IH, New Holland, and Hesston big square balers. They are now available to fit Deere round balers.

Check out a video of the poly bands being installed at www.farmshow.com.

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