

## “Discbine Doctor” Sells Parts, Rebuilt Machines

“The name Discbine Doctor is easy for people to remember when they need good used parts or a used machine,” says “Doctor” Mark Beiler, Ronks, Penn. “Since I started the business in 2010 we’ve sold parts in most U.S. hay-producing states as well as in Canada and Australia.”

Beiler says his used parts inventory comes from old machines that he buys at auctions or acquires from dealers as salvage. “We stock new and used parts such as wear plates, wear shoes, cutter bar parts and blades for most major makes and models,” Beiler says. “We have several different roll replacement options, including aftermarket steel rolls and rubber roll recovering. We also sell drivelines, pto shafts and constant velocity shafts.”

In addition to its parts business, Discbine Doctor reconditions and sells about 20 to 25 used discbines annually. Says Beiler, “We thoroughly clean and lubricate every machine and replace parts that may be a problem

for the new owner. Our goal is to sell used machines in the best condition possible.”

Beiler had no intention of starting a repair or parts business when he bought a 10-year-old Deere 1460 for his own farm in 2003. He repaired it, realized the machine was too large for his operation, then sold it and did the same with 2 other machines. “Feed prices were high and milk prices were low, so the work became a good source of extra income,” Beiler says. “Early on I worked mostly on local machines, but word-of-mouth, and ads on TractorHouse.com have given us great exposure.” Now he has 2 fulltime mechanics and his 3 sons help pack and ship parts during the busy summer months. The shop also does welding and repairs on other farm equipment for local farmers.

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This discbine, reconditioned by Discbine Doctor, looks brand new. The company reconditions and sells 20 to 25 used discbines annually.



Used discbines awaiting repair and reconditioning at the company’s headquarters.

## Drip-Proof Your Grease Gun

This new grease gun cap collects grease that drips from your grease gun and also acts as a priming bulb and dust cover.

It’s designed to fit battery-powered grease guns as well as manually pumped guns. It’s custom molded from heavy-duty, mold-resistant nitrone rubber and slides over the barrel of the grease gun.

You can use the cap to prime the grease gun by pressing against the bottom of it to move the grease up into the cone. When you want to change the cartridge, just remove the Gundo and wipe it out and then put it back.

One advantage is that it fits snugly to

collect drips when you’re working with the grease gun or when it’s being stored. It also protects contaminants from getting into the grease if you accidentally drop the gun in dirt.

Available in 2 sizes. The magnum fits grease guns with a 14-oz. cartridge and the mini fits guns with a 3-oz. cartridge. Both models sell on the company website for \$9.95 including S&H. It’s also available on eBay and at www.locknlube.com.

It comes in 5 different colors - red, blue, yellow, green and orange. The different colors can be used to identify the grade of grease in the grease gun.



Grease gun cap slides over barrel of grease gun and collects grease drips. It also acts as a priming bulb and dust cover.

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Gene Williams mounted a grinder, drill press, and vise on a 4-wheeled cart fitted with caster wheels, making it easy to move them in and out of his garage.

## Shop Tools Mount On Wheeled Cart

Moving big shop tools in and out of his garage is an easy job for Gene Williams, since he mounted them on a 4-wheel cart fitted with caster wheels.

The cart carries a vise, drill press, and grinder. He moves it with a metal pull handle attached to one end.

“I’m semi retired and we recently moved to a smaller place. As a result, I went from a big workshop to a 2-car attached garage,” says Williams. “I didn’t want to give up all my tools and didn’t want the drill cuttings and grindings falling on the garage floor to track into our house. I roll the cart out to the edge of our driveway to do my work and use air to blow any debris toward the yard.”

He already had a metal framed cart with locking caster wheels. He mounted an oak pallet on top of the cart and added a 1/2-in. thick steel plate on top of the pallet, to which he lag-bolted the tools.

“I didn’t need to use such a heavy steel plate, but it was what I already had and it makes a heavy, solid base,” says Williams. “I drilled holes in the plate and lag-bolted through them to the pallet. I mounted the drill press on a 2-in. thick wooden block so that it sets up higher and I can drill longer pieces.”

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## Suspension Experts Can Custom-Build Coil, Leaf Springs

“We diagnose problems fast, give people a fair estimate, and get the work done quick, because truckers need to get back on the road as soon as possible,” says Norma Vaughn of Kankakee Spring and Alignment. The Illinois business that she, her brother, and 2 sisters have owned since 2002 has been meeting that goal for 75 years.

Vaughn says, “We work on trucks big or small and have seen them all.” One of their busiest pieces of equipment is the Bee Line Laser Computerized Alignment System. It can handle any make of car and truck up to 16 tons per axle. “Proper alignment can save 2 percent on fuel costs, add thousands of miles to the life of tires, and greatly improve handling on any vehicle.”

The company also replaces coils, hangers, shackles, and broken springs. They align

axles on big rigs, press drive shafts, make custom U-bolts, and do “all of the tough stuff that many others avoid,” Vaughn says. One of their employees has 45 years experience and can expertly custom-make leaf and coil springs.

Kankakee can repair or rebuild the suspension for any vehicle, from a small car to commercial-grade trucks, tractor-trailers, and farm equipment. They sell a wide range of suspension parts, helper spring kits, and complete air suspension kits. Vaughn says they also have springs for obsolete vehicles that customers might be restoring.

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## How To Pull Wire Through A 400-Ft. Pipe

“I had to pull 3 wires through 400 ft. of 1 1/4-in. dia. underground black plastic pipe. To get it done, I tried an unusual method,” says Roy Ringler, Goshen, Ind.

“I tied a knot in a plastic shopping bag so it would fit into the end of the pipe and tied 400 ft. of string to the bag. Then I went to

the other end with a shop vac and sucked the bag and string through. Then I tied the 3 strands of wire to the string and pulled them through. The idea worked great.”

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