

Where To Get Spreader Chains And Paddles

More than 30 years ago Hank Van Bochove started Excel Machine & has been making manure spreader parts for about 10 years on his Inwood, Iowa farm. By experimenting with different metals he was able to develop paddles and chains that are stronger and last much longer than the OEM parts. Today, he and his sons Brad and Justin, grandson Tyler, and 3 other employees are a big supplier of paddles and pintle chains to customers across the country.

“We started out small and soon the word spread that we made excellent replacement parts. We were also able to offer huge cost savings so the business just grew from there,” says Brad. “Now we manufacture and stock many of the common paddles that fit several types of spreaders on the market.” The family-owned business, known as Excel Manufacturing, will also custom-manufacture paddles to whatever specifications a customer wants.

“We make our paddles from high carbon

steel,” says Brad. “They’re thicker and wider than the original and OEM upgrades, so they last longer. Our paddles are more resistant to abrasive material like sand and gravel and corrosive manure than ones you’d buy from a spreader dealer.”

Excel’s chains fit manure spreaders, silage wagons and an assortment of drive idler sprockets for apron chains. Because they buy large quantities of chain they’re able to save farmers about 40 percent on the cost of a new pintle apron chain compared to ones bought from a dealer.

The company’s website is designed in a way that customers can easily order the chain or paddles they need online. The make and model of the spreader along with the chain type, bed length, center-to-center width and links between flights provides Excel with the information they need to fill the chain order. Paddle orders are filled in the same manner when the make and model of spreader are provided. Excel also takes



Hank Van Bochove and his sons are a big supplier of heavy-duty paddles and pintle chains for manure spreaders.

orders by phone if a customer doesn’t have internet access.

“We try to fill every order within one day and can ship it for next day arrival if a customer needs it fast,” Brad adds.

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“Exclerator” Secures Big Loads

New from Excel Machine & Manufacturing is the “Exclerator” system for holding big loads of bales in place on flatbed trailers.

A pivoting arm on each side of the trailer is fitted with 5 steel cables that raise up to stabilize big loads. Takes less than a minute to secure a load versus 20 min. or more with straps. Can be run from the cab of the truck with a hand-held remote.

Go to www.farmshow.com to see a video of the Exclerator in action.

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Any large flatbed trailer can be fitted with the Exclerator bale system that quickly secures loads with steel cables on both sides of trailer.

Rubber Bale Feeder Cover

Buck Wild Innovations of Readyville, Tenn., recently introduced a new lightweight, low-cost cover that bolts onto any round bale feeder.

The 9-ft. dia. cover is made from 3/16-in. thick, extremely durable, UV-stabilized extruded rubber that attaches to 6 galvanized metal support bars which bolt onto the hay ring’s top rung. The cover droops down between the support bars.

“Most covered feeders are large, bulky, and heavy units that are expensive and difficult to move around. Our cover weighs just 65 lbs. and goes on the ring you already have,” says Adams. “The rubber material is soft enough that a tall animal won’t get

hurt if it quickly raises its head. As a result, the cover can be mounted down low where it can do a better job of protecting hay from wind-blown rain. Also, the cover is light enough that you can still lift and roll the ring by hand, move it with a loader-mounted spear, or easily move it with our bale and ring mover.”

The cover sells for \$299 plus S&H.

The company also offers specially designed, heavy duty camouflage material that lets you quickly convert a covered hay ring into a covered hunting blind, by wrapping the material around the ring’s sides.

“It works great to go turkey or deer hunting,” says Adams.



Rubber cover is attached to 6 galvanized metal support bars that bolt onto hay ring’s top rung.

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