

Silverado 3/4-ton 4-WD pickup equipped with a 400 cu. in. engine. It has 406,000 miles on it. "I still use this pickup all the time. I've always used Mobil 1 oil in it, and the engine has never been overhauled."

Robert Rigamonti, Nixon, Texas: Robert has had problems with his **Mahindra 2565** tractor. "It has a defective fuel tank and cap, and I've had to replace the tank 3 times in just 248 hrs. of use. It also has a poor vent system which causes the fuel tank to crack, due to too much pressure. There should have been a manufacturer's recall because it could be a fire hazard."

Dan Pickenpaugh, Elizabeth, Colo.: "My 2017 **Worx** drill/driver works great and has batteries that last a long time (www.worx.com; ph 800-343-9353).

"My **Eastwood 175 Mig** welder works okay as long as the steel is perfectly clean before I start welding (www.eastwood.com; ph 855 279-0505).

"I own a 1996 **Deere 3375** skid loader with only about 1,400 hrs. on it. However, at about 600 hrs. the drive motor had to be replaced, and at about 1,300 hrs. a belt broke. Also, the hydraulic pump went bad."

Jerry Miley, Mendenhall, Miss.: "We've owned 3 **Mahindra** tractors over the years. No problems except that the engine on our newest model froze up, but the company promptly replaced it. Good service."

Alan Klar, Plymouth, Minn.: "Our 2016 **Deere 4066R** compact tractor is easy to drive, has a short turning radius, good hydraulics, and a comfortable ride.

"Our **Deere 755, 855, and 955** are great little tractors. We've put thousands of hours on them with only a few minor problems."

Gale Bosche, Walnut Creek, Calif.: "After years of fooling around with twist-on wire nuts, last year I stumbled onto **Wago** wall-nuts at Ace Hardware (www.wago.com; ph 800 346-7245). They're a push-pull type like the connectors used on wall outlets and switches, and they accept both solid and rigid-stranded wire. They're the only wall nuts I've found that work well with stranded wire, and they have a definite secure feel once the wire is inserted. A probe hole lets you test the connection."



Carl Kuhns, Mulkeytown, Ill.: "We like how our **Salford Aerway CCT AW300** vertical tillage tool does a good job of reducing soil compaction. It allows the soil to dry quicker in the spring, while still holding much more moisture than conventionally worked ground during the summer when the crop needs it most. Also, when using it on ground where we've spread litter it allows rain water to carry the nutrients down into the soil profile instead of running off. The company promptly takes care of any issues."

Bruce Noel, Leslie, Mich.: "I find that when used properly, **Liberty** herbicide controls weeds that glyphosate doesn't. It

works well in a 'systems approach' to control glyphosate-resistant weeds."

Jim Hudson, Mattoon, Ill.: "It's built rugged and never fails to start," says Jim about his 2015 **Scag Liberty Z** zero-turn mower equipped with a 22 hp. Kohler engine and 48-in. deck. "We had some minor problems with contact switches. It has about 1,000 hrs. on it, and I've only replaced the blades twice."

Phil Carter, New Era, Mich.: "I'm a believer in **Deere** tractors. In 2014 I bought a used 5525 with a self-leveling loader, and I've used it to dig out large rocks and to move about 500 yards of sand to backfill our home's basement. We bought a 5100E 4-WD tractor last year and it has already proven its worth. We use it with an air blast sprayer on our apple trees and find that it turns much shorter than the 5525. We also use it with a Boss 9-ft. 2-in. V-plow and it's almost unstoppable for moving snow. The Boss comes with brackets that make it easy to hook up to Deere tractors. Boss and Deere dealers are both great to work with and have promptly corrected any minor problems.

"I've owned **Massey Ferguson** tractors for about 40 years, but I don't think their new ones are as good. Their utility tractors under 100 hp. are made in third world countries and lack the quality Massey Ferguson was known for."

Chuck Hollar, Boone, N.C.: "The **Kubota 3240** tractor I bought from my brother has awesome hydraulics and an exceptional hydrostatic drive system. The engine is easy to maintain, and the owner's manual is very helpful. It's easy to hook up various implements to move dirt or gravel, and it's also easy to get on or off either side of the tractor."

Joe Macha, Plainview, Texas: "We bought a used 1997 **Toyota 4Runner** with about 87,000 miles, and now it has about 260,000 miles with very few problems.

"Our 1993 **Deere 4760** tractor, which we bought used, now has more than 14,000 hrs. on it. It's reliable, and easy to operate and service. I wish Deere would make affordable and simple tractors like this one again."

Cory Setcoski, McMillan, Mich.: He likes his **IWOM XT** hunting suit (www.iwomouterwear.com; ph 814 272-5422). It's a one-piece full body hunting suit designed to keep a hunter warm in any condition from 40 degrees above to 40 degrees below.



"This hunting suit holds all my body heat inside so I stay warm no matter how cold it is outside, how hard the wind blows, or how wet the weather," says Setcoski. "I don't know how I ever hunted without it. It's a bit pricey but worth it."

Butch Beck, Hope, Ark.: "Our two 2012 **Ashley** pellet stoves are dependable (www.ashleyhearthproducts.com; ph 423 837-2100). We use about 40 lbs. of wood pellets on the coldest days. If we ever have a problem with the ignitor, we just place a handful of pellets in the fire pot and then use a propane torch to get them glowing."

Shane Klosterman, Dwight, N. Dak.:

Latch Step Helps Reach Truck Roof Easily

Tired of stretching to reach a roof rack? The iStep available online can make the task easier. It's an aluminum alloy mini-step that hooks on to any U-shaped door latch on a car or truck. Just shy of 4 in. wide and 6 in. long, the device is an easy step up from the vehicle doorway. When not in use, the hook folds back into the step for storage.

When FARM SHOW heard about the iStep, it seemed worth investing the \$19.99 asking price, plus \$4.95 shipping.

After promising delivery within 7 to 14 working days, the iStep showed up 6 weeks later, shipped direct from a factory in China.

The good news is that the iStep appears to work as promised. The bad news is that we paid more than we could have, but not as much as we should have. It turns out the one we bought is a China knock-off of the original Moki Door Step from Rightline Gear.

In fact, the various cheaper doorsteps - sold at Walmart for \$9.99, for example - are illegal knockoffs of the Moki. Developers Alyssa and Zack Brown of Connecticut created the device to help them transport kayaks, bikes and snowboards. This past January, the Browns went on ABC's Shark Tank, hoping to get a \$150,000 investment. Instead, they sold all rights that night for \$3 million.

"We are the North American distributor of the Moki Door Step," says Liz Wyatt, Rightline Gear. "It is the only one that meets U.S. testing and regulations. It's made from aircraft aluminum and is powder-coated to protect the finish of it and the car latch."

At 8.75 in. long, the Moki is also the only doorstep big enough for 2 feet to stand on. It has a 400-lb. weight capacity. The company added rubber bumpers to the step, eliminated the folding hook to make it more secure



iStep fits into door latch so you can step up to reach your vehicle's roof.



in place and added divots for rain to pass through.

"The knockoffs started appearing early on," adds Wyatt. "Our lawyers and Shark Tank's lawyers are working to stop them, but with online markets like Amazon, it is difficult."

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Shane's happy with his **Kubota B2601** utility loader tractor. "It's easy on fuel and starts right up even at 25 degrees below zero, as long as I plug the heater in for an hour or so. I really like the loader.

"My only complaint is the foldable ROPS is too tall. Also, the locations of the 3-pt. hydraulic lift lever and 4-WD lever should be reversed. I grew up with older tractors so the order they're in now is unnatural to me."

He's disappointed with his 2016 **Ford F-150 XL** pickup equipped with a 3.5-liter engine. "This pickup has impressive towing ability and fuel efficiency, but too many bells and whistles. The ride is rougher than any of my '80's or '90's Fords. The automatic windows have a mind of their own, and there isn't a switch to turn off the passenger air bag. As a result, I have to buckle the passenger seat belt whenever my big German Shepherd dog rides with me or else the air bag sensor will make a constant dinging sound as I'm driving. The CD player has too many functions, and the cloth seats get stained too easily. Even water will stain them.

"I removed all 3 air dams under the pickup because they were in the way to change the oil. However, their absence actually improved the pickup's fuel efficiency. I've been a Ford man for 20 years but can't wait to sell this pickup. Too many annoying problems."

William Fischer, Fremont, Wis.: "I like bandsaw blades made by **Cook's Saw Mfg.** They last a long time and are reasonably priced. It's a good company to do business with (www.cookssaw.com; ph 800-473-4804)."

Gerald L. Austin, Fairbanks, Alaska:

Gerald's disappointed with his **Franklin Sensors ProSensor 710** professional stud finder. "I paid \$44.99 for it. I used it to check walls, and the indicators on it would come on no matter where I moved the stud finder. If I moved it where I knew there were studs, the sensor might or might not tell me a stud was there. I even created a 'test wall' but still got unreliable readings. I exchanged it for a new model but it didn't work any better, so I returned it and got my money back."

Paul Herr, Gorin, Mo.: "About 1 1/2 years ago I bought a used 2004 **Swinger 2000 AG** articulated, 4-WD wheel loader with a 2,000-lb. lift rating. It works great for moving dirt, gravel, logs, snow, and so forth. Only a couple of problems - a poor electrical connection, which I bypassed with jumper wire, and an engine problem that was solved by cleaning the pre-filter screen. I wish the transmission had a high and low range, but we're still pleased with this very useful machine."

Gregory P. Janak, Hallettsville, Texas: "Back in 1968 my dad and I bought a **Deere 4020** tractor equipped with a power shift transmission, and it's still going strong with no major problems. Since then we bought a new **Deere 6150** and while it's a nice tractor and has more power, it's still not a 4020. It doesn't weigh as much as the 4020 so I added more than 1,000 lbs. per wheel, and it could still use more."

Thomas Fargen, Plain, Wis.: "My 2015 **Stihl** electric chainsaw is much safer to operate than a gas-powered saw, and the

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