



Hinged tool has 2 handles, both fitted with rows of interlapping teeth that form a “jaw” over wire. Operator pushes top half of tool down through bottom half to crimp the wire, then raises it back up to release wire. Wire Tight takes up 6 in. of slack with every “bite”, which is why it works without breaking your old wire.

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The Wire Tight is 17-in. long, it weighs in at only 3 pounds.

The operator spreads the 2 halves apart so the 2 sets of teeth form a “jaw” over the wire. He pushes the top half of the tool down through the bottom half to bend, not crimp or kink the wire so later breaks are avoided. It works fast – you can tighten a fence line in minutes”. See video at www.radiatorgenie.com.

The Wire Tight sells for \$39.99 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Micki Rychecky (ph 303- 915-9092; micki@cowcreekranchhouse.com; www.radiatorgenie.com)

Reader Inquiry No. 06

Where To Get Parts For Maytag And Many Other Small Engines

Growing up in a small Iowa town, Zach Northway loved to tinker with gas-burning engines that powered days-gone-by equipment, including Maytag washing machines. “One thing led to another and eventually I became sort of an expert on Maytag engines,” Northway says. “I learned how to diagnose problems, get them running, and even make parts for them that I couldn’t find at swap meets. Twelve years later my hobby has turned into a good business that’s now shipping nearly 1,500 parts a week.”

Northway’s Flywheel Supply Company is known far and wide as the go-to place for Maytag engine parts and other brands including Briggs, Deere, Stover, Fairbanks, International and Hercules. The company’s 116-page parts catalog has thousands of listings.

Northway maintains a large inventory of common parts that he sources from swap meets, buys at auctions, and removes from old engines too worn or rusted to repair.

More important, his state-of-the art CNC machine shop produces many hundreds of outdated parts for Maytag and other engines. Owners from around the world are customers.

Northway says his company grew because people realized he knew what he was talking about when they asked about the engines and the parts he carried. That early success gained more momentum when he opened a parts store on E-bay and began posting simple how-to repair videos on You Tube and his website. Now his shop has 20 different machines and tools ranging from a 100-ton stamping press to a 20,000-lb. milling machine with full 4th-axis capability for both indexing and simultaneous milling. He has two fulltime employees plus two part time CNC programmers and extra parts loaders and finishers as needed.

Northway is only 32 years old. “I’m a youngster compared to many guys who collect and work on Maytag engines. There



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were more than 3 million built from 1914 to 1952, so there are a lot of them still out there.”

Northway buys many Maytag and other brand engines a year, often 50 or more at a time from a single auction. “I have some that are valuable, but none in that high-priced range,” he adds.

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