

Russell Payne, Ina, Ill.: “My 2019 Echo 58-volt cordless string trimmer has a lot of power and eats up grass and weeds. The battery is supposed to last up to an hour, which might happen in very light material. However, in heavier material it’ll last only about 20 min. It does a lot of work in that 20 min., though.”

Jim Thompson, Bucklin, Mo.: Jim likes his 1999 Massey Ferguson 1250 diesel compact tractor, which he bought used. “Works great for mowing grass, moving dirt, and spreading grass seed and fertilizer. It’s dependable and economical. The only problem is the radiator screen tends to clog up, which causes the engine to badly overheat.”



Caleb Riebe, Texas: “My best buy is FARM SHOW, especially the USB drive of all previous issues. It’s very useful when I need to find a specific idea. You can print out any page from any issue.”



“My Adidas Ultraboost 20 tennis shoes are very tough shoes that have endured a lot but are still in great shape. They’re better than any tennis shoes I’ve ever had.”

Robert Fisher, Burlington, W.Va.: “My worst buy is my Ryobi lithium hybrid 18-volt cordless or AC-powered leaf blower. I only used it to blow leaves away from garage doors but the power toggle switch stopped working for the battery side. It still worked for the AC side. I contacted Ryobi at their 800 phone number and was told the only replacement parts they offer are the plastic blower chute and snout. I had to make a repair myself, wiring the AC side to the battery side so I can only use the blower with the battery.”

Don Errett, Cullman, Ala.: “I bought a 1962 Deere 2010 gas tractor in 2003. It always starts and runs good. I’ve bush hogged heavy brush with it year after year with no problems.”

“In 2020 I bought a new 5220 Branson 55-hp. with a BL200 loader. This is a 4-WD diesel with a 4-cyl. Cummins. So far it’s a ‘best buy’ tractor.”

Cindy Lounsbury, St. Maries, Idaho: “I bought a GrowSpan high tunnel greenhouse kit from FarmTek. I paid a lot of money for this 14-ft. high, 30-ft. wide, 45-ft. long Gothic-roofed high tunnel. When placing the order I was assured that it could withstand winds up to 55 mph and up to 4 ft. of snow. That first winter a foot of snow fell and the greenhouse collapsed. When I contacted the company they said snow is an ‘act of God’ and so is not covered. She then said my structure was non-engineered and not made for wind or snow loads. If I wanted a structure that would stand up to severe

weather, I would need to buy an engineered structure at 4 times what I already paid. And she offered 50 percent off replacement cost. I’m currently \$20,000 in the hole from this purchase.”



James Edstam, Olympia, Wash.: “A Stihl FS 91 brush cutter is my best buy. I use it on my tree farm with an Archer Australia cutting blade (amazon.com) to clear competing blackberries, cascara, invasive holly, vine maple, and salmon berries from around my Douglas fir seedlings. Because we have no rocks in the soil, I even use it to dig down about 2 in. into the ground to make a clear 3-ft. circle around the seedling. In 4 hrs. I can clear half an acre of brush. It’s well-balanced thanks to the shoulder strap and easy to control with the handlebars. I hit a stump and broke the driveshaft, but I still had 3 mos. left on the 2-year warranty and they repaired it at no cost.”

“On the down side, I find the string trimmer attachment to be as fussy as any string trimmer. But I don’t use it much.”



Bernice Keutzer, Arlington, Ill.: “We really like the Hay Hut bale feeder we bought a year ago (www.hayhuts.com; ph 386 871-8839). It’s meant for horses but we have a few cattle in the pasture and they use it as well. Even our bull has not managed to destroy it. The hay stays dry since it’s enclosed and there’s not nearly as much waste as in a ring feeder. It’s made of high-density poly so it won’t rust. It held up to extreme cold last winter without cracking.”

Carolyn B. Strawser, McAlisterville, Penn.: “My husband bought a Deere riding mower at Lowes 2 years ago. The first year the belts broke 3 times. Last year the starter went out. We had a repairman come out and he said it needed a little spring in the motor

Superzilla Penetrates, Cleans And Lubricates

By Dee Goerge, Contributing Editor

When I saw the TV ad for Superzilla, it sounded too good to be true - a plant-based product that is a penetrating oil, cleaner and lubricant. After testing it on a few projects, I have to admit it does all three, and unlike petroleum-based products it doesn’t have a strong odor so it can be used indoors.

As promised, it loosened rusty threads on a stuck pipe connection by just spraying from the bottom. After letting it set about 20 min., the oil worked its way up the threads to remove the rust, and it loosened with a wrench.

Background information on the Superzilla website indicates the Michigan company owner developed the product for people after a soldier told him how military cleaners ate the skin off his hands and had ingredients that can result in liver/kidney damage.

The inventor of Superzilla doesn’t list the ingredients on the product or online, but says the USDA Certified Biobased product is non-hazardous. He used it for more than 6 years to remove buildup on fuel injectors, carburetors and carbon from the top of engines. And it cleans out catalytic converters so they pass emission testing.

It’s also a great cleaner for household items. I was impressed with how easily it cleaned my stainless steel refrigerator without streaking - better than the cleaner I bought for stainless steel. I removed adhesive residue left from tape and cleaned gas grill racks. I also let it soak in for about 10 min. on a greasy area of an old cupboard door and it cleaned it nicely.

The website tells how to remove things such as tree sap, wine, ink, marker, nail polish and oil paints from brushes. One video shows how it removes spray paint off a pickup.

As a lubricant it frees stuck locks, and



Superzilla is a plant-based penetrating oil, cleaner and lubricant, and also a great cleaner for household items, says Dee Goerge.

makes sliding doors and bike chains work better.

The one thing it shouldn’t be used for is cleaning guns. The company developed Gunzilla for that purpose.

The \$20 (plus \$6 shipping) I spent for the aerosol can and an 8-oz. bottle was well worth it - one for the shop and one for the house. Many other sizes and options are available online. Not a lot of directions came with the order, but under “Using Superzilla” the website has a page of directions for many uses, plus there are videos.

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that would cost \$300 to repair. These tractors are made cheap, built especially for Lowes. Stay away from them.”

Dale Stutzman, Kelona, Iowa.: Dale likes his 2000 John Deere 990 utility tractor. “It’s been maintenance free. Other than replacing the battery and cables, my only complaint is the filter can be hard to change.”

Carroll Aldredge, Mt. Airy, N.C.: “I like my Jonsered linetrimmer/brush cutter. I just finished my 4th season with no problems. It starts on the first or second pull, and the harness takes the load off my arms. The two hand grab-bar with built-in throttle control is perfectly balanced. Sometimes I run it all day, stopping only for fuel or to replace line.”

Russell S. Smith, Waco, Texas: “My 2019 Dodge Ram 1500 with the 3.6l V-6 is a wonderful truck. It rides and handles great and will run with the big dogs on the highway. I love it and so does my lady friend. We are almost 80 years old and don’t want to ride in anything but my Dodge.

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“My best advice when it comes to equipment is to take really good care of everything from the start. That’s why my go-to tractor is still a 70-year-old Ford 8N.”

Steve Lam, Springville, Iowa: “We own a 1989 Troy-Bilt Junior rototiller equipped with a 5 hp. Tecumseh engine. We use it hard in our garden, yet all we’ve replaced was a seal in the gearbox and also the carburetor. This rototiller is super easy to handle and easy on fuel.”

Gary Marsh, Lawrence, Kan.: A 2007 Toyota Tundra pickup equipped with a 5.7-liter engine rates as Gary’s “best buy”. “It replaced my Ford F-150 and performs as advertised with good fuel efficiency, power and reliability. I use it mostly to pull heavy farm trailers.”

Thomas Elsernd, Rising Sun, Ind.: Thomas likes his 2017 Cub Cadet ZT-500 60-in. zero-turn mower. “I mow about 5 acres of uneven yard with a lot of trees to mow around. This machine runs great with no repairs to date.”

James Weaver, Weavers Compact Tractors, Shippensburg, Penn.: “James is impressed with his Kubota L-series tractor. It’s simple, rugged and well-built, with very little plastic. The O1 series is a basic tractor that gives years of dependable service. We sell used tractors and parts so we know tractors.”

Robert Pripps, Park Falls, Wis.: “I am very happy with my Black and Decker Matrix 20V drill driver and impact kit. I am impressed with the power it has at such a reasonable price. It performs as well as the more expensive brands. The charger works well and is fast and compact.

On the negative side, my DeWalt 20V battery charger adapter kit is hard to use.