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and built to last.

“Milwaukee M18 battery impacts are also strong and last long.”

Alex M., Coeur d’Alene, Idaho: “Like so many others, I’ve had great results with **J-B Weld** original steel reinforced epoxy with metals, wood and hard plastic. I apply a clamp if possible and put the glued object near a mild heat source for several hours to accelerate the cure.

“So, I was extremely disappointed that **J-B Weld FiberWeld Permanent Repair Cast** (an epoxy-saturated fiberglass tape single-use kit) totally failed to seal the leak from a short hairline split in 1-in. pvc garden irrigation pipe. The pipe surface was clean, dry, and lightly sanded. All instructions were carefully followed, and the pipe cured overnight. Water under minimal pressure immediately leaked from both ends of the wrap. There was absolutely no adhesion of epoxy to the pvc.”

Bernard Simonar, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.: “My best buy is a 40-volt **Worx** weed eater I bought a long time ago. I’m over 90 years old and I think it will outlast me. I’ve never drained the batteries.”

Kenneth Schwark, Emerson, Manitoba: “I bought a **DeWalt** 20-volt brushless blower (Model DCBL720P1) on Amazon. It quit working after using it eight times. The kicker was that it would have cost \$60 to return it to the company. More proof it pays to buy local.”



Colby Wells, Phillipsburg, Kans.: “My best buy is a **Tree Buster** flush-cut tree saw that I bought in 2021 (ph 785-263-6224). I bought this saw as a backup when my tree shear broke down. I spent a few hours cutting cedar trees to get a feel for the saw and then moved on to a customer’s pasture full of locust trees ranging in size from saplings to 4-in. dia. The Tree Buster cut every tree I used it on cleanly and flush to the ground. It has now become my primary brush-clearing saw. Very happy with this purchase.”

Tom Albers, Grinnell, Kan.: “I have used **SealLube** several times with great success (www.seallube.com; ph 800-434-9192). I put it in my tractor’s leaking hydraulic system, and it worked perfectly. A neighbor put it into a truck hoist, and it stopped the leak. They don’t recommend using it in a brake system, so I haven’t done that. Great product.”

Buddy Klumpp, Ponca City, Okla.: “I bought a **Maytag** washer and dryer set 2 years ago. They worked great for 2 years but now they won’t start half the time. I know other people that have them and they work great. I guess I got a lemon.”

Jack Brehm, Pioneer, Ohio: “My 1966 **Deere** 3020 is a joy. I like the narrow front. It starts easily and is easy on fuel. I use it to mow, rake and bale.

“In 2020, I bought a **Hobart** stick welder at Rural King. I only did 1 lb. of small rod and melted the circuit board. Rural King wouldn’t refund, repair or replace it. I couldn’t get ahold of Hobart - their phone service is bad.”

Landmark Farms, Inc., Ord, Neb.: “We like our **Salford** Valmar 8711 dry fertilizer spreader with 72-ft. booms. The spread is very even. A moderate wind (20 mph) isn’t a problem. It’s very accurate, came out even on 315 acres (on-board scale). It’s stainless steel for corrosion protection, has 18.4 R48 tires for flotation, and can be used to sidedress. It

also has a micronutrient box.”

Dale Myers, Bel Air, Md.: “My **Kubota** Grand L3240 has a front-end loader, 6-ft. belly mower, and a 3-pt. log splitter that runs off the tractor hydraulics. I bought it before I retired and wanted one tractor to serve my needs. I got it before emissions arrived on the scene, and I’ve had no trouble with it.

“I bought my 2018 **DR** tow-behind trimmer to trim around fence posts. It doesn’t work. I’ve noticed they don’t sell this model anymore, and that’s a good thing.”

Walt Z., Hamburg, Penn.: “Our built-to-order **US Small Farm Equipment Co.** D-10T potato harvester works as designed and lets us harvest potatoes with two people.”

Cary Essert, New Castle, Ind.: “I bought a **Silver Bullet** hose, and it leaked within a year. I thought it might have been a lemon, so I bought another. Lo and behold, it also leaked within a year. Enough said.”

Dale Rivinius, Lemon, S.D.: “We’ve owned and operated a tilling and mowing service for over 20 years. We run **Deere** 425 tractors (a 1991 with 4,000 hrs. and a 2001 with 4,200 hrs.) that have both been repowered with Kohler engines. These are the best garden tractors that Deere ever built. Other than general maintenance, we’ve had very little trouble with them, and they’re still going strong.

“My wife owns and operates a 2004 **Exmark** Lazer Z HP zero-turn mower with a 20-hp. Kohler Command engine with almost 4,000 hrs. and have had almost no trouble or repairs on it. This is a well-built mower. It has the original engine, has never been overhauled, and still operates like new. I’ve replaced one belt and one bearing.

“We also own two 48-in. **Walker** front-mount deck mowers with the Grass Handling System (GHS). These are excellent mowers for versatility and handling, especially in tight areas, such as mowing around cemetery tombstones, trees, etc. They’re expensive but very well worth it if you want a beautiful job when you’re finished. The electric hopper dump is a wonderful feature.

“We use a 1996 **Dodge** Ram 1500 4x4 as our ‘workhorse’ in the business. This has been the best pickup that I’ve ever owned. It has 260,000 miles on it and has had few repairs other than a new transmission at 202,000 miles and replaced two U-joints in the front axles.”



John Marquardt, Wittenberg, Wis.: “I’ve had good luck with **MotorKote** Hyper Lubricant engine additive (www.motorkote.com; ph 888-771-5656). I use 1 oz. per quart of oil. I’ve found I get better fuel economy and engine life.”

John wasn’t as lucky with his **Husky** chainsaw. “It leaked bar oil from day one. The dealer didn’t fix it.”

Stephen Kozerowitz, Huntley, Ill.: “My **Greenworks** 80-volt battery-powered chainsaw is equal to similar-sized gas saws with less noise and no gas issues. It’s easy to recharge and ready to go all the time. The

Auto Lift Best Buy

Richard Schaefer of Dunnellon, Fla: He invested in an auto lift (model NTO-10A) from **National Auto Tools** in 2017 and says it has paid off big time.

“I bought one to work on my cars and farm equipment,” Schaefer says. “It’s worked perfectly.”

There was one minor problem when he first bought the lift and prepared to set it up in his barn. The relay had a stripped screw hole on it.

“I called National Auto Tools and, with no questions asked, they threw another one in the mail to me,” he says. “The customer service was great.”

National Auto Tool has several types of lifts in different sizes and shapes. The model Schaefer bought was a two-post lift that handles up to 10,000 lbs.

“I mentioned to my wife the other day I was glad I bought it when I did,” he says. “I paid \$1,750 for it, and the lift now retails for \$3,450, which includes free shipping to the lower 48 states.”

The lift wasn’t difficult to install, but Schaefer was worried it might be too heavy for his shop foundation.

“It only required a 4-in. foundation, and I had that already,” Schaefer says. “I had a couple of friends come over, and we installed it in my barn. The hardest part was drilling holes in the cement.”

He’s hoisted all of his cars on the lift successfully. “I have a Dodge Ram that weighs almost 9,000 lbs., plus other cars, a tractor, a Deere Gator, and a zero-turn mower that’s been up there too,” he says.

“I rigged up a couple of boards for the mower that I can put across the lift,” he says. “That way, I can roll the mower up onto it.”



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Schaefer says having his own lift and the ability to work on his vehicles has saved him a lot of time and money.

“If I didn’t have it, I’d have to take them in to get work done, and I’m also getting too old to crawl under vehicles,” he says with a laugh.

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There’s an overhead bar for cables and hoses to keep the floor clear under the vehicle. It also includes a power unit/motor and floor mounting hardware.

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best part is no more rope pulling.”

Johnnie Hoyer, Watseka, Ill.: Johnnie’s best buy is a 2020 **Ford** F-150 4x4 SuperCrew with 10-speed automatic and 3.5 EcoBoost engine. “This truck consistently gets over 20 mpg. It rides and handles well and is very roomy.”

Matthew W. Stewart, Huachuca City, Ariz.: “My **Harbor Freight** 301-piece mechanics tool kit is the perfect kit to fit in my truck’s cross bed toolbox. I attend many tractor and engine shows and needed a comprehensive tool kit to fix any mechanical problem that might crop up.

“We bought our built-in **GE** combination oven/microwave (Model JT3800SH7SS) to replace our old unit that failed after 16 years. Six months after the 1-year warranty expired, the microwave failed. The service tech knew the part numbers by heart. The internal parts were all labeled ‘Made in China.’ GE charges full retail for inferior, foreign-made appliances.”



Danny Sainovich, Industry, Penn.: “I like a low-cut shoe from **Zeba** (www.zebashoes.com; ph 201-815-8852). They have several styles that are easy for old people to put on without bending over.”

Keith Sperlich, Parkston, S.D.: “My 2018 **DR** PRO MAX34 walk behind brush mower is my worst buy turned best buy when I fixed what DR did wrong. The drive belt for the axle was simply too short and would never

stop. I finally replaced it with a longer belt, and now it’s done right. It will mow about anything with the side discharge and 20 hp.”

Luke Heinle, Buchanan, N.D.: “I like my **DeWalt** 20-volt cordless string trimmer because you don’t need to mix fuel and pull start it. You just put in a battery and go. Now my wife doesn’t have to hassle me to get the weed eater running.”

Luke isn’t pleased with his **DeWalt** 20-volt cordless shop vac. “This vacuum has virtually no suction. It’s basically worthless.”



Eldon Hemberger, Conway Springs, Kan.: “FARM SHOW featured the **Bead Bazoorka** from **Gaither Tool Co.** in Vol. 46, No. 4 (www.gaithertool.com; ph 800-452-5010). I bought one, and it works very well. I highly recommend it if you change a lot of tires.”

Keegan Gillian, Jeffersonville, Vt.: “It’s a very powerful and dependable tractor,” says Keegan about his **Ford** 8000.

He isn’t happy with his 2020 **Kubota** RTV 900. “I bought it brand new. After 3 months, it lost all power. I went to the dealer five times. They were unable to fix the problem. The dealer and Kubota refused to stand behind their product—very disappointing.”

Robert Wolf, Oconto Falls, Wis.: “My **Worx** 10-in. chainsaw/pole saw works great