



Ardbeg Distilling of Scotland commissioned rebuilding a 1959 Massey tractor into a hot rod to celebrate 200 years of distilling scotch whiskey.

His '59 Massey Is A Hot Rod

Paul Burham built a customized, supercharged, incredibly loud and amazingly fast Massey tractor for the most unlikely client. Ardbeg Distilling on the Isle of Islay off Scotland commissioned the tractor to promote the 200th anniversary of their single malt scotch whiskey, which has been in commercial production since 1815. Burham, the owner of Burham Autos in the U.K., has been building iconic hot rods since 1981.

A spokesperson for Ardbeg says the company chose a custom tractor because tractors played an important role in producing and harvesting grains in the company's early years. Plus, they wanted something unusual to celebrate 200 years of brewing the same Scotch.

The tractor is a classic 1959 Massey Ferguson 35, which Burham stripped down

and completely rebuilt. He fitted it with a 546-hp., 8.2-liter, supercharged V-8 engine. It produces 604 lb./ft. of torque. Weighing 4,000 lbs., the tractor has rear wheels that are 4 1/2 ft. tall.

The Ardbeg branding was incorporated into the overall style for colors and details. Burnham sprayed the tractor with Ardbeg Green paint accented with gold, stunning metalwork and hand detailing.

Ardbeg used the tractor to promote its stellar Scotch whiskey around the world. It toured several countries, including the U.S. A promotional video showed the tractor racing against an open-wheeled race car (www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYDAHfay2CU).

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One-of-a-kind Farmall was modified and has been fully restored.

Historic San Diego Zoo Farmall Cub

Ruby Valen of Camp Verde, Ariz., has possession of a one-of-a-kind Farmall Cub. "It was specially made for the San Diego Zoo," he says. "Because of its sloped and hilly terrain, they solicited the Farmall company to build them a specialized maintenance tractor."

Farmall delivered a modified 1953 Cub. Valen explains, "They redid the front end to bring the tractor down to a mere 36 in. height, then widened the rear wheels and added special brackets, belts, and pulleys to take the power from the pto over the rear axle. Under the tractor is a hydraulic 4-ft. sickle bar operated by a drive shaft and more brackets, belts and pulleys." Likewise, wheel weights were added on all four wheels, and a unique gear shift was added to operate a 2-speed differential inside the rear axle.

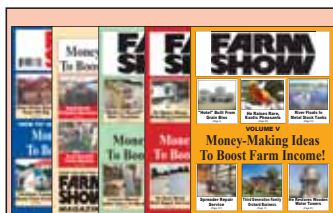
Now, Valen is looking to pass on his piece of history. "The engine has been



Cub was modified to 36-in. high and widened at the factory.

professionally rebuilt (new pistons, etc.), and the tractor has been fully restored," he says. "I'm 93 years old and have gone through two heart attacks. I think it's time to find a new owner."

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