

DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR HANDICAPPED

New Car Built For Wheelchair Drivers

"It's the first car built specifically for wheelchair drivers," says Robert Appley, vice president of the FAM-CAR Corporation, manufacturer of the new FAM-CAR for the handicapped.

FAM-CAR is built around the frame of an Oldsmobile Toronado. Use of a car body, rather than a van, gives the FAM-CAR a lower frame for easier access in a wheelchair and much larger windows for better viewing, according to Appley. "And," he adds, "a Toronado has a ride no van can match. For many wheel-chair drivers, such as those with multiple sclerosis, that's important."

The FAM-CAR is completely accessible to those with limited dexterity. A driver needs only the use of both hands to enter the car, lock the wheel chair in place and drive.

And, unlike most such vehicles, the FAM-CAR is not a converted car — it's totally built over, from the frame up, into a vehicle tailored specifically for the handicapped.

Appley cites these advantages of the FAM-CAR over existing "converted" forms of transportation:

- Features a ramp rather than a typical elevator, which sometimes requires assistance for use.

- Rides as smooth as a car. This is important since the wheel-chair bound person remains in the chair, which isn't as soft riding as regular seat cushions.

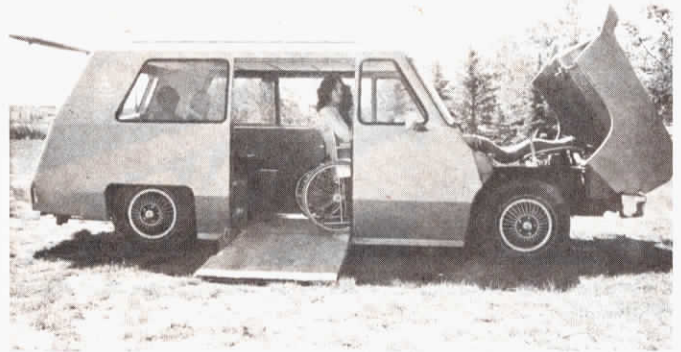
- FAM-CAR has excellent visibility. Features oversized windshield that lets chair-bound driver, who sits higher than normal drivers, see easily.

- Caters to persons with a wide variety of upper limb impairments. For example, the brakes can be applied easily with just a touch from one finger — no matter how fast the car is traveling, Appley explains.

The FAM-CAR is not just for the handicapped. There are regular seats in the back and a seat can be installed on either the driver's or passenger side.

The first FAM-CAR prototype was built around the Toronado because of its front-wheel drive (no hump down the car's middle). However, Appley, who did most of the actual building on the car, says any mid-size front-wheel drive would work equally well. And, something less than 400 cu. in. would get better gas mileage, he notes.

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The FAM car, designed for people with a variety of upper limb disabilities, is the first car available for wheel chair driving, according to manufacturer.

New Lift Gate For Wheelchair-Bound Drivers

Being confined to a wheelchair doesn't always have to mean dependence on somebody else for driving a vehicle.

Crow River Industries, Wayzata, Minn., has introduced the Vangater wheelchair lift that can be installed on vans, buses, motorhomes or even boats. It enables the wheelchair-bound driver to get into his vehicle, drive to his destination, and get out again — without help from anybody else.

The lift can be mounted for a sliding or swing door of a van. After the driver is in place, the platform folds neatly out of the way.

Various options are available for the more severely handicapped, including hand controls, adjustable power seat, wheelchair tie downs, and dashboard controls.

Another popular feature is an outside automatic door opener housed inside a weatherproof enclosure. The wheelchair-bound driver just pushes a button on the outside to slide open the door, unfold the platform, and lower it into loading position.

The lift can be bought separate or installed. Cost of the semi-automatic



Wheelchair lift enables the driver to get into his vehicle, drive to his destination and get out again without assistance.

model without installation is \$1,695; installed \$1,895. The fully automatic model is \$2,155 without installation; \$2,385 installed.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Crow River Industries, Skyway Plaza Office Bldg., Suite 1, 1415 E. Wayzata Blvd., Wayzata, Minn. 55391 (ph 612 475-2786, or 800 328-3632).

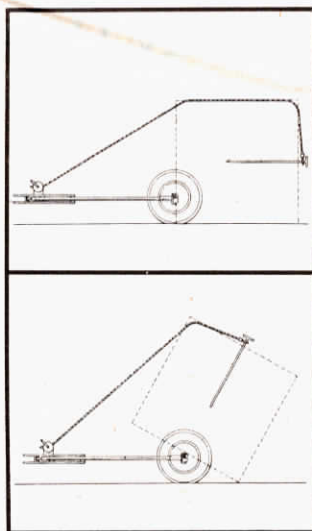
Simplicity Key To Round Bale Cart

"After seeing all the complicated big bale movers on the market, most people can hardly believe the simplicity and ease of our cart," says Bob Smith, sales representative for Gilmore & Tatge, manufacturer of a new round bale cart that sells for just \$260.

The cart consists simply of a triangular frame trailer, enough cable to reach over a bale, and a 4-ft. spike. Pulling it behind your pickup or tractor, you simply back up to a bale in the field and run the spike up over the top. Stick the spike into the bale's center and crank up the cable until the bale rests on the cart.

"The 6-ft. wide rear axle is only 12 to 14 in. above ground level, so bales up to 2,000 lbs. load easily," explains Smith. "It's perfect for the smaller farmer who wants the advantages of big bales but can't justify the cost of other, more expensive bale handling machinery. You can buy the bale cart without wheels for additional savings."

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Gilmore & Tatge Mfg. Co., Clay Center, Kan. 67432 (ph 913 632-2151).



To use, you just position bale mover against bale (above) so spike can be inserted into bale. Bale then moves onto trailer as you wind winch to retract the cable. By locking winch drum, bale is ready for transport.



Bale mover lifts, loads and transports round bales up to 2,000 lbs.