



Wetbike goes 30 mph, operates in shallow water and, at full throttle, is as maneuverable as a motorcycle.

CAB-UNDER TRUCK HAS 15% MORE CARGO SPACE

Previewing The Truck Of Tomorrow

It's the most striking change in truck design in 40 years. It's the new "Cab-Under" truck.

This completely new kind of truck from the Strick Corp., Fort Washington, Pa., has the entire transportation industry talking. The Cab-Under utilizes maximum space for the load. Compared to a conventional truck, it offers an extra 600 cu. ft. of cargo space.

The truck box projects forward over the cab to the full legal limit of length. The driver sits in the low-slung cab in a "sports car" driving position.

A driver has to get used to the low position, but the company maintains that the Cab-Under provides safety to the driver and good visibility ahead and to the sides. For rain and snow conditions, when visibility is an added problem, the Cab-Under has a windshield wiper system that clears almost 100 percent of the glass.

The Cab-Under has the standard specifications of most trucks on the road today. The prototype is powered by a Cummins diesel engine, has a Fuller transmission and Spicer clutch, Rockwell suspension system, air brakes and anti-skid system. It can be built as a tractor and semi-trailer or truck and full trailer model. With the container removed, the engine is easy to work on.

The Cab-Under, according to the Strick Corporation, meets all the safety standards of the U.S. Department of Transportation. A small fleet of Cab-Under trucks has been contracted for lease by Red Ball Motor

Freight of Dallas, Texas, but this use had not received approval by the teamster union as this issue went to press.

Price tag on the Cab-Under will be about 10% higher than on the conventional truck, but should be more than offset by the 15% greater payload, the manufacturer points out.

The Cab-Under can be loaded and unloaded from front and rear, and it lends itself to car carriers and bulky loads. In many instances, a driver will save time because he does not have to back up and maneuver in tight loading and unloading areas, the manufacturer points out.

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WETBIKE FROM ARCTIC ENTERPRISES

New Fun Machine For Farm Families

If your family likes to water ski, motorcycle, or snowmobile, you'll like the new Wetbike from Arctic Enterprises. This new fun machine for farm families combines the fun and thrills of all three sports.

The Wetbike, designed for one or two riders, operates much like a motorcycle as it hydroplanes on top of the water. The new recreational vehicle was developed in California and is being manufactured in Minnesota by Arctic Enterprises, one of the nation's largest snowmobile manufacturers. It's mounted on skis and powered by a 50-hp. water-cooled marine engine. The fiberglass hull and skis make it light weight — only 325 lbs. — for convenient towing and launching.

Wetbike is capable of 30 mph speeds and has the power to tow a water skier. The gas tank holds 7.5 gals., enough to run the bike 75 to 100 miles. It requires some special operating skills which are easily

learned. The driver mounts from the rear, starts the bike and moves out at a slow speed. At rest, the bike draws 2½ ft. of water, but rises to the water surface when speed reaches 12 mph. At open throttle, it is capable of the same tight turns and jumps as a motorcycle. Should the rider fall off, the throttle is set to shut off automatically, and the bike will right itself. A built-in bilge pump keeps the hull free of water.

The new craft is said to be fully approved by the U.S. Coast Guard. A rubber panel waterproofs the starter, choke and stop pushbuttons, and the fiberglass hull has a watertight engine cover.

Arctic Enterprises reportedly will make approximately 2,000 Wetbikes this year. Suggested retail is \$2,195.

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Low-slung cab, tucked under truck box, provides driver with good visibility ahead and to sides, says manufacturer.

