

NO POST HOLES TO DIG

Easy To Set Up "Rock Jack" Fencing

If you have fence to put up on rocky ground, you may want to take a close look at using a steel "rock jack" that sets up quick with no digging or drilling.

Rock jacks are triangle-shaped frames with three legs - one upright post with steel posts and two other posts mounted at an angle. You pile rocks on a wire "platform" that stretches between the three legs to weight the unit down. Most rock jacks in the past have been made from wood, but a new unit made by Ken Fleming, Mt. Vernon, Ore., is made with steel posts, and is designed to fold up flat for transport.

"It takes only about 2 minutes to set up, weighs less than 45 lbs., and requires no hammers or nails," says Fleming. "An extra ring can be mounted above the base to store more rocks. I got the idea while helping a friend repair his fences. All the rock jacks had rotted out and it was a lot of work to rebuild them."

Fleming also makes a three-piece steel "Figure 4" that's used to keep fence wire off the ground on rocky ridges. The triangle-shaped base bolts together and rests on top of the ground. Its shape can be adjusted to conform to the angle of the hillside by changing the position of the bolts.

His steel "Post-N-Hole" is a one-piece unit that's designed for use in creek bottoms, ravines, or other areas that require "lay-down" fence. It consists of a triangular-shaped steel base with a 6-in. high steel



pipe welded to cross pieces in the middle. The post can either sit on top of a bolt in the pipe or be slid down through it. Rocks are placed on the base for support. "The post and base together weigh only 11 lbs. so it's easy to transport," says Fleming. "It works great for use in creeks. In our area, lay-down fences are widely used because elk tear down the fences in the winter. The post can be lifted out of the hole so that you can lay the fence down on the ground during winter and put it back up the following spring."

The rock jack sells for \$25.00 and the extra ring sells for \$2.00. The Post-N-Hole sells for \$11.75 and the Four-piece for \$8.95.

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Hose ends automatically swing from side to side, providing life-like, attention-getting animation.

Animated Lawn Sprinklers

Here's a sure-fire way to turn your lawn into a conversation piece and traffic stopper. Furnish it with animated decorative lawn sprinklers from Motley Wood Products, Onamia, Minn.

"They're selling like hotcakes," says Dan Shivers, inventor-manufacturer. Free "word of mouth" advertising generates more than enough orders to keep his 5-person workshop, headed by Office Manager Sheila Johnson, running 15 hours a day.

Dan makes two models — a cow and a boy, both driven by ordinary garden hose.

The cow sprinkler, 24 in. high and 36 in. wide, has the garden hose affixed to her tail. Turn on the hose and her tail swings from side to side, spreading water in a pattern up to about 40 ft. wide and 40 ft. deep.

The boy sprinkler stands 3 ft. tall and has the hose affixed to one hand. Turn on the hose and his arm automatically swings back and forth to spray water about 20 ft. in each direction.

"There are seven key design features that

cause the hose ends to swing back and forth to give the sprinklers their realistic, life-like action," says Shivers. "We've had people try to copy our sprinklers but seldom can they make them work."

Both sprinkler models are made of 1/2-in. thick MDO material, the same as that used in making highly weather-resistant outdoor billboards. The sprinklers are hand painted on both sides with two coats of primer and a finish coat of outside white house paint. Both come with a 30-in. length of industrial hose, one end of which connects to your garden hose. With a tee adapter, both sprinklers can be operated simultaneously from a single outlet.

The sprinklers sell for \$59.95 each, including shipping and handling. They're fitted with a pair of rust-proof fiberglass rods which serve as legs.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Motley Wood Products, Dan Shivers, President, 12097 320th St., Onamia, Minn. 56359 (ph 612 532-4459).



Header reverser's hydraulic motor is equipped with piston-type clutch that eliminates the need for a hydraulic cylinder.

"No Frills" Header Reverser

"Our new low-cost hydraulic header reverser is self-contained and totally enclosed, eliminating the need for external wiring and expensive hydraulic valves and switches. It's built simple and compact and mounts on all makes and models of combines," says Wes Hamm, Hydro-Hand Systems, Saskatoon, Sask.

The Hydro-Hand consists of a hydraulic motor and clutch assembly in a single unit. When the motor is activated, an internal piston automatically engages a

positive gear clutch. The clutch powers a reverser drive shaft attached to a small sprocket that chain-drives a larger sprocket on the feederhouse.

"The piston-type clutch eliminates the need for a hydraulic cylinder," says Hamm. "The sprockets free-wheel when not in use."

Sells for \$1,350 (Canadian).

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Track system is equipped with idler wheels and rollers that oscillate independently on a 5-point pivot design for better traction and a smoother ride.

New Rubber Track System Offers Cushioned Suspension

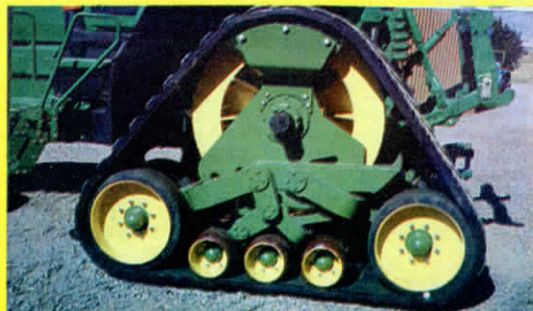
"This is the only track system for 2-WD row crop tractors we know of that offers cushioned suspension. It gives you the smoothest ride of any track system on the market," says Dennis Wilkinson about the add-on rubber track system his company introduced in August.

Called the RC 200 from Omnitrac, the positive drive system is available in track widths from 10 to 40 in. Idler wheels and rollers oscillate independently on a five point pivot design for better traction and exceptionally smooth ride over the roughest fields, Wilkinson notes.

The 1 1/4-in. thick tracks feature 1 1/2-in. deep by 1 1/2-in. wide lugs for firm gripping on sidehills. A hydraulic accumulator automatically maintains proper belt tension.

Fits rear wheels on any 2-WD tractor. Sells for \$20,000 to \$28,000 per pair depending on tractor size. (A second model, RC 190, is available without cushioned suspension.)

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