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YOU CAN BUILD IT YOURSELF

Handy Cycle Carrier For Tractors, Trucks

Roger Foster, Tower Hill, Ill., farms land at several locations separated by 10 miles or so. Since, like a lot of other farms, his is a one-man operation, moving both planter and truck from one location to another requires either another driver, or unwieldy and time-consuming hookups.

Roger came up with this simple solution: He carries a motorcycle right to the field on either his tractor or his truck.

"There is nothing fancy about the carriers I built for either the tractor or the truck," he points out. "The carriers are easy to put on or take off. They don't weigh much so I can easily handle them myself."

Each carrier is made of 4-in. channel iron which provides a grooved footing for the tires. At one end, a portion of the channel iron is hinged so it can drop down and become a

small ramp for loading the cycle.

An arm at the upper end of the carrier arcs outward. It's equipped with a small clevis-type clamp which grips the motorcycle frame. A pin is dropped into the clamp to hold the cycle in place. A strap holds the machine down, preventing it from bouncing up and out of the channel iron frame.

One bolt holds the carrier in place on the tractor. The carrier on the truck is secured by the same connections on the front bumper which hold a tow bar.

"We have several motorcycles but the one that works best is our Honda XL 100," says Foster. "You could use other sizes, too, up to the XL 175. The carriers haven't interfered at all when using the tractor for planting or other field work."

TIGHTEN WIRE WITHOUT UNSTAPLING

Easy Way To Fix Sagging Fence In Minutes

Here's that new fence tightener you've been hearing about that lets you tighten a quarter mile of sagging fence in minutes, and will cut your fence maintenance time by 75-90%, according to "Reel-Tite" inventor Kermit Dehaai, of Kermco Products, Monroe, Iowa.

"Works like a built-in ratchet, pulling all sag back to the middle and reeling it up," Dehaai explains. "Tightens any kind of wire, from barbed to smooth high tensile. Won't break rusty and brittle old wire because it uses a controlled bend."

Here's how Reel-Tites work: They're attached to a portable handle

with a clip and placed on the slack wire. When turned, the wire will catch on the Reel-Tite's flanges. It works like a ratchet. You tighten until you've got the desired tension, then remove the handle. With experience, says Dehaai, you'll be able to tighten four sagging wires in a minute or less.

About two weeks after installation, you return to give each Reel-Tite another crank to take out the slack. Once your fence is in shape, leave the Reel-Tites in place until the wire again needs tightening. Barbs on barb wire fence will work their way through the staples, if necessary.



You can attach just enough tines to level the area covered by the tractor's rear tires, or you can use enough tines for up-front, secondary tillage.

MOUNTS ON MOST TRACTORS

New Front Mounted Leveling, Tillage Tool

Tired of rough tractor rides and slow travel over fall plowed grounds? Then take a close look at the new "Easy Rider" front-mounted leveling attachment from Spencerville Implements, Spencerville, Ohio.

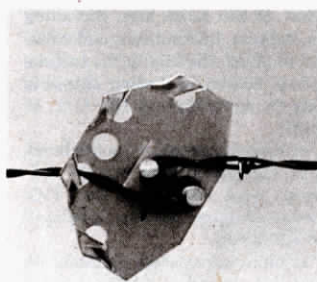
It levels the ground in front of the tractor tires for a smooth ride. You can attach just enough tines to level the area covered by the tractor's rear tires, or you can put tines all the way across to both level and till. With this up-front secondary tillage, you can field cultivate, incorporate chemicals and plant behind your tractor in a once-over operation.

"We think farmers will find a lot of uses for this new leveling-tillage tool," says Ron McClery, of Spencerville Implements. "For example, it could be used to scatter soybean straw, allowing you to use a field cultivator the first time over in pre-

paring bean ground for wheat or other crops."

Easy Rider retails for \$1,865 in a 12-ft. model, and \$2,035 for a 15-ft. model. Optional flex wings boost maximum available width to 22 ft. Each model comes with 7 Danish tines on each end to work ahead of the rear tires only. Additional tines for the area in between are optional. You can choose between 1 3/8, 2 1/2 or 4 in. shovels. The Easy Rider is raised hydraulically and comes with gouge-prevention gauge wheels. Depth is hand regulated by two hitch jacks.

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Reel Tites will not break even rusty or pitted wire, says Dehaai.

One Reel-Tite can tighten up to 1/4 mi. or more of wire, depending on fence condition. Up to 12 in. of wire can be wound on each Reel-Tite device.

"Mends broken wire in minutes, too," adds Dehaai. "Just splice in a piece of wire at the break and tighten it up with a Reel-Tite. No need to restretch."

Reel-Tites measure 4 by 2-3/4-in., and are made from 13 ga. steel.

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