

Fiberglass panels are said to withstand more punishment than stainless steel.

STRONGER THAN STAINLESS STEEL

Fiberglass Fencing For Hog Houses

First on the market with rust-proof and corrosion resistant fiberglass pen dividers for hogs houses is Aligned Fiber Composites, Chatfield, Minn.

The company has teamed fiberglass panels with stainless steel hardware for a pen divider system they claim will last "at least 20 years".

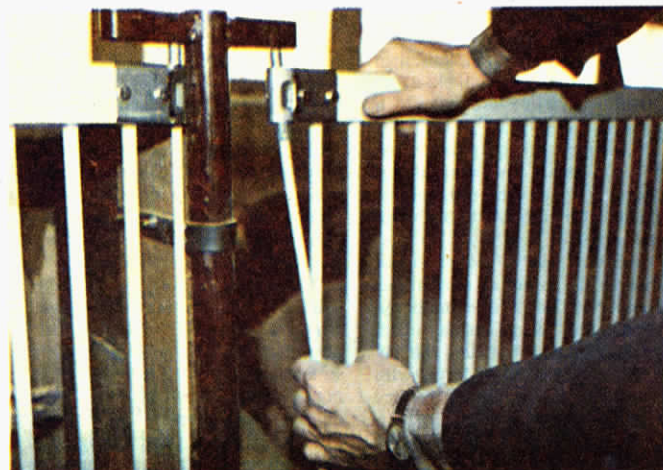
Fiberglass nursery pen dividers are available in 24 to 32 in. heights, in 2 in. increments. Lengths are available up to 16 ft. in 2 in. increments (using 3/8 in. dia. vertical rods). Growing, finishing, farrowing and gestation dividers are available 24 in. to 48 in. high in 2 in. increments (using 1/2 in. dia. vertical rods). Spacing between rods is 2 in.

A patented Dura Lok divider attachment, permanently built into each pen divider, replaces the standard drop rod. It makes for easy and quick gate opening or removal,

eliminates or pins or drop rods from falling into the manure or down into the pit, prevents hogs from opening the gate, closes any potential gap between post and pen divider, and eliminates bent or twisted panels when livestock try to squeeze through a partially secured gate.

Said to be stronger than stainless steel, the fiberglass pen dividers retail for right at \$11.30 per running foot (24 in. high divider) using 3/8 in. dia. rod, and \$15 per foot (30 in. high) using 1/2 in. dia. rod. The top and bottom rails are made of 1 by 2 in. fiberglass bars. The all-fiberglass dividers are also available in 4 by 4, 4 by 6 or 4 by 8 ft. nursery decks.

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Built-in Dura Lok replaces standard drop rods, preventing lost pins or rods and bent or twisted panels.



The Eldorado's luxury cab has a rear seat that turns into a double bed.

COMBINES THE LONG-DISTANCE COMFORT OF A VAN WITH FULL-SIZE PICKUP FEATURES

"Ritzy" Truck Combo A Farm Workhorse, Too

Business is booming for a Kansas firm that began marketing a luxury van and pickup truck combo just three months ago.

"Acceptance has been unbelievable. We're turning out three trucks a day and have three months of back orders already," says Pete Saunders, sales coordinator for Eldorado Industries, Inc., Minneapolis, Kan., noting that when Ford discontinued manufacture of their crew cab last year, a new market for big cabs opened up.

"We've got more than a crew cab, though," he told FARM SHOW. "The cab has all the luxuries built into a luxury van or mobile home, including a couch-bed at the rear, carpeting, and custom seats. The cab is made from heavy-duty fiberglass painted to any color desired."

Behind the cab, on the truck's 1-ton Ford or GMC chassis, the company mounts a full-size 8-ft. steel pickup box, with both '79 and '80 model boxes available. At this time, they're not retrofitting existing trucks, instead buying chassis and parts directly from the truck manufacturers.

Many of the early buyers have been farmers and ranchers who do lots of

over-the-road travel with fifth-wheel livestock and grain trailers. Saunders stresses, however, that besides comfortable long-distance traveling, the truck will handle any pickup work around the farm.

Eldorado works only with Ford and GMC chassis and boxes, selling the new truck combos in the range of \$13,000 to \$17,000.

Another firm, L & D Manufacturing, in Sturgis, Mich., has developed a similar hybrid truck to fit Dodge chassis. "Our Dodge trucks are fitted with a 460 cu. in. engine, which is no longer available in standard pickups. All chassis are fitted with duals and full-size steel boxes," says Gene Lehman, president.

L & D's hybrid Dodge, Ford and GMC trucks retail for \$15,000 to \$18,000.

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L & D Manufacturing in Sturgis, Mich., makes this truck-van combo. The Dodge hybrid is equipped with a 460 cu. in. engine, no longer available in pickups.