

"It lets me dig holes fast," says Dave Wessling, who converted a pto-driven auger to quick-tach to his Bobcat skid steer loader.

Post Hole Auger And Box Blade ConvertedTo Fit Skid Steer Loader

Dave Wessling, Breese, Ill., converted a ptodriven auger to quick-tach to his Bobcat skid steer loader. The 12-in. dia. auger is driven by an orbit motor that operates off the skid loader's hydraulics. The orbit motor drives a gearbox, which shaft-drives the auger.

He says he surprised even himself with how well the auger performed the first time he used it. "I was able to dig 26 12-in. dia. holes in only about 30 minutes," says Wessling. "I use it mainly for digging holes for fence posts and pole buildings."

He removed the 3-pt. mounting brackets and made an adapter for the Bobcat's quick-tach plate. He also made a bracket to adapt the gearbox to the auger. The top part of the auger swings freely on a pair of steel pins, allowing the auger to stay vertical even on hillsides.

Wessling also modified an 8-ft. wide, 3-pt. mounted box blade so it quick-taches to the skid loader. He welded an adapter plate onto the back side of the blade. A pair of 4-ft. long channel irons mount between the adapter plate and the 3-pt.'s lower lift arms to serve



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as braces.

"I use it to level driveways and to push snow. The skid loader's arms go up 9 or 10 ft. so I can use it to pile snow up quite high," says Wessling. "I like not having to look behind me all the time. However, if I want I can still use the blade on my tractor 3-pt. without having to remove the adapter plate."

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Simple flatbed bale hauler simply dumps bales off the back to unload.

Multi-Purpose "Dump Off" Bale Hauler

This new bale hauler is equipped with a hydraulic hoist, allowing it to unload round or big square bales off the back. It also can be equipped with sides in order to haul other material.

The 20-ft. long trailer is equipped with tapered steel "stops" at the front and rear that contain the bales. Round bales simply roll off the back as the hoist is raised. When handling big square bales the rear stop is removed, which allows the bales to be dumped

off. The bed can also be equipped with stake pockets and sides, allowing the unit to haul grain, firewood, rocks, etc.

Sells for \$5,595. Two other models are also available - one 16 ft. long and the other 18 ft. long. The 16-ft. model sells for \$4,475 and the 18-ft. model for \$5,035.

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Pto-driven weeder wheels are equipped with rubber fingers, which uproot weeds without damaging the crop.

Reigi Weeder Can Save Time, Money And Your Back

The Reigi weeder is designed for small acreage, high value crops where getting the weeds both in the row and between rows is difficult, especially if you're trying to avoid chemicals.

Univerco, Inc., began making the weeder just three years ago and it has become one of their best sellers, according to Mario Bisaillon, company president.

Reigi weeders mount on a 3-point hitch. They feature pto-driven weeder wheels with rubber fingers which can eliminate up to 95% of weeds of any height. It requires an operator on the machine to guide the weeder wheels between the plants. Weeder wheels are designed to uproot weeds without damaging crops.

The weeder has gauge wheels to control the working depth of the rubber fingers. Weeder wheels can be adjusted for different types of cultivation and different sizes of wheels are available for use in different crops. Plants must be at least 10 in. apart within the row for the weeder to remove weeds from the row. Row width can be anywhere from 28 in. up to nearly 50 in.

Univerco makes two models of the weeder: Reigi 1 for a single row, and Reigi II for two rows. One operator is required per row. "If your rows and tractor are set up so only one row passes under the tractor, we recommend the single row unit," Bisaillon says. "If you have two rows passing under the tractor, we



Reigi weeder mounts on a 3-pt. hitch and requires an operator to guide weeder wheels between plants.

recommend the two-row version."

The Reigi I sells for under \$2,000 and the Reigi II goes for about \$3,200 (U.S.).

"We also have an optional 'in between' disk that allows the weeder to work between the rows so you don't need to make a second trip with a cultivator," notes Bisaillon, who says the Reigi weeder is ideal for weeding around plants set in plastic mulch.

Contact the company for a free video showing the weeders in operation.

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Exhaust Fan Makes Wood Furnace "Smoke-Free"

Walt Reiter of Guys Mills, Pa., heats his home with a commercial wood-burning furnace in his basement. His wife has asthma and is bothered by any smoke that escapes into the house when he loads up with wood.

To solve the problem, he mounted an exhaust hood off a stove above the furnace door. When he feeds wood into the firebox, he turns on the fan and it sucks smoke away.

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Exhaust hood mounts above furnace door. When Reiter feeds wood into the firebox, he turns on the fan and it draws smoke away before it can get into the house.

