

## Wrap Your Stuff In Billboard Tarps

Need a big tarp? How about an industrial strength, 14 by 48-ft. tarp for \$34.99, or even less if bought in quantities? Sky Group Closeouts sells large, used billboard covers. You can buy them one at a time, 25 to 30 on a pallet or in truckloads of 500. Customers include farmers, contractors, government agencies, schools, storage facilities and others.

"We have customers who use them to cover hay bales, silage piles and equipment," says Matt Mcconville, co-owner of Sky Group Closeouts. "Others use them to line ponds, cover houses under construction or make giant slip and slides for their kids. We sell thousands each year."

Mcconville doesn't have exact specifications on the billboard covers he sells since they vary a lot. One national billboard cover manufacturer describes their products as 13 oz., 3-ply material with PVC on the outside layers and a polyester interior. They are also anti-mildew, anti-UV and flame retardant. They can withstand temperatures as low as -55 degrees F. While Mcconville doesn't make those claims for his used covers, he does say they're always very durable.

"These are really high end pieces of vinyl that weigh about 80 lbs. each," he says. "I know people who bought them eight or nine years ago and are still using them."

Other uses for the covers, which are white on the backside, include outdoor movie screens and pool covers. Some people paint their own signs on the white side. Mcconville says they can be sewn together and grommets can be installed easily. They come with



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"These cost up to \$600 each to manufacture originally. It's great to find another use for them instead of throwing them away," he says.

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## All-New Tracked Utility Vehicle

A heavy duty new tracked vehicle from ASV was shown for the first time at the recent International Lawn, Garden and Power Equipment Expo in Louisville, Ky. The ASV Scout, with its 4,000-lb. bed capacity and 5,000-lb. towing capacity, is designed for much heavier work than most utility vehicles. With front and rear 16 gpm, 3000-psi auxiliary hydraulics, there are many ways the new rig can be used.

The 9,000-lb. Scout could easily pull a small disc to prepare ground for wildlife plots. It could also carry a hydraulic-powered broadcast seeder and the seed to plant it. "One customer seeds down new pipelines and told me it was his dream machine," relates Lemke. "He said it'll carry four times the seed of his existing utility vehicle."

The 50 hp Perkins diesel engine provides plenty of power for the \$25,000 (base price)

machine. The Scout is built for rough conditions with its heavy duty brush catcher integrated into the roll bars. At the same time, it leaves a light footprint, in fact less of a footprint than a man on foot, with its 2.5-psi pressure on the ground under the tracks.

The two suspended rubber tracks float over rough ground or several feet of snow and handles soft soils without ripping them up. The two tracks are each powered by separate hydrostatic drives. When the vehicle turns, the inside track stops entirely, giving the 117-in. long Scout a 64-in. turning radius.

Controls are simple with low, high and reverse and a single foot pedal to control them. No brakes are needed with the hydrostatic drive, and the Scout has top speeds of 6 1/2 mph in low or 11 1/2 mph in high.

"Equipped with a blade, the Scout is ideal for pushing snow," says Lemke."



Magnetic, wireless taillights are operated by a remote control transmitter (below right). The system provides turn signals, running lights, brake lights, and hazard lights. Lights can be moved from one implement to another in minutes without tools.



## Remote-Controlled Wireless Tail Lights

Magnetic, wireless tail lights are Terry Stiles' solution to the frustration of trying to maintain conventional lights on his equipment and trailers.

His patented Easy On Wireless Tail Lights have been on the market for only six months but business is booming.

"Repairing or replacing broken tail lights on farm equipment and boat trailers used to be an ongoing headache for me and many people I know," the Malta, Montana rancher says. "With the repair time and replacement costs involved, I knew there had to be a better way, so I spent 2 1/2 years designing and perfecting these portable, magnetic lights."

Stiles then asked ranchers, farmers, fishermen, boaters, hunters and recreationalists across the country to test his product for 90 days, using them in everyday situations. He says the response was overwhelmingly positive.

The convenient system comes with two magnetically-backed lights, and a remote control transmitter for operating them while driving.

The system provides turn signals, running lights, brake lights, and hazard lights, depending on the driver's commands. The lights can be moved from one trailer to another in a matter of minutes without any tools.

They're powered by long-lasting D-cell batteries and the remote uses two

"AA" batteries. The system comes with a one-year warranty.

Stiles says that the lights are extremely durable, with all of the electronics set in epoxy and sealed with silicone spray. There are 25 LED, "20,000-hour" bulbs in each light, so they will work reliably for years to come.

The lights are controlled by radio wave signals so the remote doesn't have to be pointed toward the lights. Also, each remote has its own code, so no other remotes on the road will affect your set of lights.

"The remote has a fairly long range - it'll work from a semi's cab all the way back to a pup trailer," Stiles says. "These lights offer the security of knowing you're traveling more safely while using them, but they can also be used as a back up at other times. You usually don't find out that you have a tail light problem until you're away from home and it's dark. With these along, it's no problem to get home because they're so quick and easy to use. You will never again be without lights when you need them."

Easy On Wireless Tail Lights sell for \$249.50 plus S&H.

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"It'll also work great carrying everything from hay bales to fire fighting equipment. The sky is the limit."

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