

Manco Stalk Roller uses two 500-lb. drums to smash corn stubble. It bolts on in place of weight brackets on tractor's front end.

# He "Rollerizes" Tire-Ripping Stubble

Troy Mannon has a simple solution to the problem of corn stubble ripping up tires. His Manco Manufacturing Stalk Roller simply smashes it down.

"This tough stubble is really hard on guys around me who practice strip tillage," says Mannon. "They told me about the problem, and I said, 'I'll build it if you'll try it."

Nearly 13 ft. wide, two 500-lb. drums and the heavy-duty frame total 2,760 lbs. Each drum is supported in place with 4-bolt flange bearings. The unit mounts to the weight brackets on the tractor's front end.

"Just remove the weights, and bolt the roller in place," explains Mannon.

The Stalk Roller consists of two, 48-in. drums on the 30-in. row model, separated by 48 in. Each drum is designed to crush the rows ahead of the tires on a tractor doing strip tillage or other field work in standing stubble. The lift cylinder allows the roller to float across the field, maintaining full weight-to-ground contact.

Although the basic design remains the same, the new model has a slightly smaller diameter drum and 8 blades that run the length of each 500-lb. drum, rather than 10 like the first model.

"The blades help chop up the stalks for faster stalk decomposition and keep the drum rolling across the field," explains Mannon. "The smaller diameter drum increases per square inch ground pressure to the stubble. At the same time, it increases ground clearance in the raised position from 8 to 14 in."

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If you need a magneto rebuilt, you could get it done free if you have enough extra magneto cores to trade. Rudy Calin has worked on practically every type of magneto from big horseshoe magnet antiques to Fairbanks Morse and Wico units. He has rebuilt magnetos for old cars, trucks, tractors, hit and miss stationary engines, and even small, single cylinder gas engines with external magnetos. He always needs old cores.

"I've been rebuilding magnetos for 20 years," says Calin. "I can test, diagnose, fix or completely rebuild most any magneto. I have most parts on hand, and in rare cases where the parts are not available, I may be able to repair the damaged parts."

He charges \$45 plus parts for a basic rebuild. Calin says his stock of parts and equipment sets him apart from other magneto repair services.

In addition to magnetos, Calin also works on carburetors. He beadblasts and repairs them, replacing any damaged parts. "I've





These photos show Calin magnetos before and after they're rebuilt.

worked on all makes and models," he says, including: Deere DLTX, (single & dual induction) TSX, TRX, all International IHC carbs, all Zenith carbs for Deere, Allis Chalmers, Oliver, Case, and more.

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