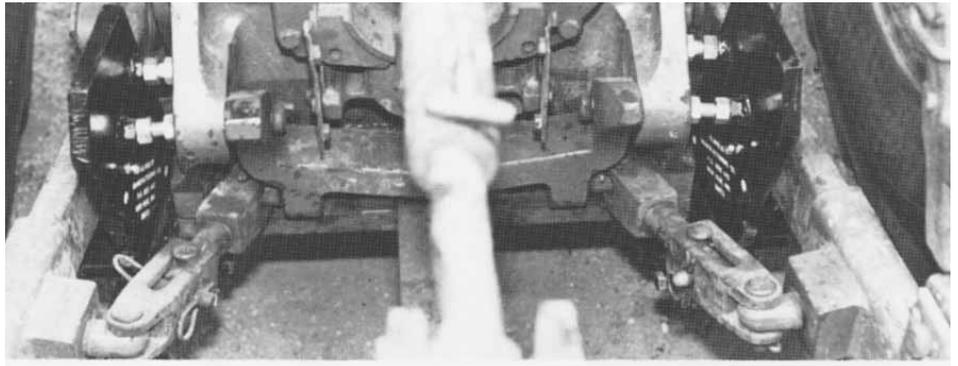


3-Pt. Hitch Stabilizer

"It puts an end to 3-pt. hitch sway," says Ken Klingler, Klingler Mfg., about his new 3-pt. hitch stabilizer for IH 656 to 1586 tractors.

Built from heavy 3/4 by 6-in. plate steel, the hitch blocks bolt into place with no modification of tractor. Hitch arms slide on the outside of the vertically-mounted plates. Spacer bolts hold stabilizer blocks in the correct position for either Cat. II or Cat. III hitches. No holes to drill.

"Without these blocks, IH hitches can sway as much as 3 in. Once installed, hitch arms hold steady as a rock. They won't move even with the heaviest implements. We have had these units out for over 20 years and the people who have them are truly satisfied. Stabilizers are backed by a



money-back guarantee."

The hitch stabilizer blocks sell for \$145 per set plus shipping. Some models require narrower hole spacing so specify tractor model when ordering.

Klingler also makes crop deflector plates that attach to stabilizer bottom irons to protect tall row crops from damage. They sell

for \$15 a set. Dealer inquiries welcome.

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"Quality V-Belts At Economical Prices"

"We can save you 10 to 40%," says Jaydee Enterprises Inc., new farm market supplier of "quality V-Belts at economical prices."

"If we don't have a scarce replacement belt in stock, there's a good chance we can have one custom made," says Mel Simcheck, president. "We've saved the day for many farmers who've had to prematurely retire combines and other equipment for want of a drive belt no longer available from equipment dealers or salvage yards.

"Our policy on warranty coverage is to let the customer determine what's fair. If he's operating in tough conditions and a belt

he bought from us breaks, he most likely wouldn't expect a free replacement. On the other hand, if he told us the belt broke unexpectedly under normal operating conditions, we'd honor his request for a free or reduced rate replacement."

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Combine drive belts are available, along with nearly every other type of V-belt for farm and ag machinery.

"Vacuum Leaf Baler"

Grover Miller's "Buckeye Baler" sucks up big piles of leaves and turns them into easy-to-handle small square bales.

"You can vacuum up leaves, pine needles and other lawn and garden debris and compact them into bales that can be used in the spring as mulch," explains Miller. "I have two models – one for use with a lawn tractor for homeowners, and a larger unit for commercial use, such as golf courses or municipalities."

The basic design is the same. A vacuum sucks up the leaves and feeds them into the bale chamber. A hydraulic motor drives the plunger to form the bales.

"The smaller unit produces a 16-in. wide, 10-in. high bale," says Miller. "When it reaches the desired length, the operator activates a hydraulic cylinder that drives a needle up through the bale. The operator then cuts the twine and ties off the bale manually."

The homeowner-sized unit is hooked to a garden tractor with the vacuum hose mounted to the mower discharge plate. The hose can also be used freehand to pick up piles of leaves. A 13-hp gas engine provides power for the hydraulics to run the vacuum, the plunger and the needle.

"It produces about 5-gpm flow and 1,800 psi," says Miller. "I ran a belt pulley off the hydraulic motor for the vacuum unit to get up to 4,000 rpm's on the vacuum fan."

Miller's commercial-sized unit is based on a standard, small square baler, producing an 18-in. wide, 14-in. high bale. It's sized to be pulled behind a compact tractor. When making the prototype, he used the back end of an old New Holland baler.

"I cut off the bale chamber just ahead of the knoter and butt-welded it to my leaf baler," he says. "It ties off the bales just like it would a hay bale, and you can set it for whatever length you want."



Miller mounted a 38-hp gas engine on the baler to power a 26-gpm pump. It is more than sufficient to power the plunger, knoter assembly and the vacuum with its 14-in. diameter flexible hose. The hose can be used freehand or mounted to a pickup attachment.

He made several prototypes of his lawn-sized machine before tackling the commercial unit at the request of a local golf course.

A video of the Buckeye Baler can be seen on YouTube.

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