

Custom Cabs For Small Tractors, ATV's

Jodale Perry manufactures a wide range of cabs and sun shades for utility tractors and ATVs. Cabs fit all popular brands: Deere, Kubota, Case IH, New Holland, Toro and Jacobsen, says Kevin Peters, general manager of Jodale Perry, Morden, Manitoba, Canada.

"Customers tell us that our cabs are easy to install, user-friendly and very quiet inside, with low-decibel ratings," Peters says.

The best way to purchase a Jodale Perry small-tractor or ATV cab, according to Peters, is to go to the company website (www.jodaleperry.com) and use the "Build Your Own" tool that asks for the make and model of the tractor or ATV. After filling in the blanks, including the options you want, the tool tells you the cab price. The website

also includes a dealer locator for U.S. and Canada dealers.

All Jodale Perry cabs are sold through dealers, and the price that appears on the website is the price you will pay from a local dealer, Peters says.

Cabs are made from glass, steel tubing and ABS plastic. Cab colors match the tractor brand and model it's going on.

The company's Boxer brand ROPS cabs offer curved-glass windshields and custom-fit "high style," with sound-system and air-conditioning options. Boxer brand cabs have a plastic roof, steel-framed doors with a slam latch and are easy to install.

Peters says "Boxer cabs are designed to drop on to the machine, with the only installation



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required being the mounting assemblies and floor mat." Prices for Boxer cabs range from \$4,000 to \$11,000, depending on make, model and cab options. Most customers, however, choose to have their local dealer handle mounting and installation, Peters says.

The company's Cabrio sunshade, with a solid welded tubular frame and plastic roof

and universal mount, is priced at \$399. Cabrio sunshades offer weather protection and ROPS protection, with roof colors to match tractor brand.

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Big Bale Mover Fits On 3-Pt. Hitch

Three years ago, FARM SHOW featured Lonnie Fast's Hay Baby, a handy attachment for ATV's to move big round bales (Vol. 34, No. 2). Recently he modified his invention so that it works on compact tractors with 3-pt. hitches.

"I found out a lot of people have the tractors, but they can't pick up a bale because there's not enough hydraulic power," Fast says.

Because most compact tractors have a 3-pt. hitch, the side arms of the hitch hook directly onto the hay mover. He attaches a pulley on the middle arm for stability.

Because there are fewer parts, the 3-pt. version of Fast's product line costs less, \$1,495, than his tow-behind hay movers. It has the same features - a wider axle than the compact tractor for good balance and safety, a low center of gravity to negotiate hills and a design that puts minimal weight on the tractor's suspension when moving bales up to a ton in weight.

With a \$300 conversion accessory, any of Fast's transporters can be used to haul round or big square bales (3 by 8 or 4 by 8).

Fast, who owns a 50-acre cow/calf operation in Fairmont, W. Va., created Hay Baby to move big round bales without tearing up the ground.

"I've used one for years and fed hundreds of bales," Fast says. "I haul bales out in the summer to a fenced area, then in the winter to feed our cattle."

In addition to the 3-pt. version for compact tractors, he developed a 3-pt. hitch system attachment for ATV's and UTV's so they can handle Cat. 1 implements that don't require po's. The system sells for \$175.

Check out videos and photos on his website.

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Lonnie Fast recently modified his Hay Baby, designed for ATV's to move big round bales, to also work on compact tractors with 3-pt. hitches.

"Cool Minder" Reduces Debris On Mower, ATV Radiators

"Give your fan a brain."

That's the slogan for ProManPTO's latest new product that greatly reduces debris accumulation on radiators.

The Cool Minder is an automatic fan reverser for ATV's, garden tractors and zero-turn mowers.

Just unplug the radiator fan connector and slip in the Cool Minder adapter, says Kirk Jones, president of ProManPTO.

"It has a little sophisticated micro-electronic brain," he explains. "When the fan first kicks on it blows backward to knock stuff away from the radiator. Then it winds the fan down and kicks on for a cooling cycle in the other direction."

The microchip repeats the process and keeps the radiator clean and working efficiently, even when driving through tall weeds and dry vegetation.

The \$89 unit is fully encapsulated and waterproof. It's available in models to fit Polaris, Honda, Yamaha, Deere and Suzuki ATV's and UTV's as well as many mower models.

"It's a pretty big issue across all kinds of equipment," Jones adds. "We are also getting ready to introduce a 24-volt version for larger, more powerful fans for off-highway vehicles."

Cool Minders are available through ProManPTO's website and will be for sale through distributors in the future.



Automatic fan reverser for ATV's, garden tractors and zero-turn mowers greatly reduces debris accumulation on radiators.

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Instead of spending the money for a new truck-mounted hay cube feeder, Robert Sutterfield bought a used 3-pt. mounted model and rebuilt it. Arrow points to small solar panel that powers the feeder.

Solar-Powered Cube Cake Feeder

Robert and Genieve Sutterfield have been cattle ranchers in eastern Oklahoma for 56 years. During winter months, they feed their 200 mother cows hay cubes twice a day at a couple different pastures to supplement dry baled hay. When their old cube feeder went on the blink the Sutterfields decided there had to be a better solution than spending a couple thousand dollars on a new truck-mounted unit. Robert checked the auction listings and found a serviceable 3-pt. model for just \$300. He spent a couple weeks taking things apart, rebuilding the frame and creating secure mounting brackets in his shop. Then he mounted the rebuilt cuber onto an old flatbed trailer that they can pull behind either a truck or a tractor.

"I don't have a lot of money in this feeder, in fact only about 20 percent of the cost of a new one," Robert says. "The 40 hrs. or so that it took me to build it wasn't taking me away from anything else, so I figure I'm way ahead of the game."

Robert rigged up a 12-volt self-contained electrical system to run the feeder instead of hooking it into his truck or tractor electrical power. The battery has enough juice to run the old 12-volt starter motor that has a belt, which drives the conveyor auger. To turn the

auger on and off, Robert wired a solenoid switch into the system on a piece of flexible cable that he can bring into his pickup or tractor cab. "It's a lot easier to feed the cattle when I don't have to get out and turn the feeder on and off," Robert says. The re-built feeder is about 5 ft. long, 3 ft. tall and holds about 600 lbs. of cubes.

When he's done using the feeder in the morning, Robert hooks up a small solar panel to the battery. "That little 16-in. square panel keeps the battery fully charged, even on a slightly overcast day," says Robert. He figures that one pass through the feeding yards twice a day only uses about 20 percent of the battery power, so even in the winter when there's less sunlight the battery has plenty of power to run the cube feeder. His home-built cube feeder and trailer even looks like a new one thanks to the fresh coat of paint that Genieve put on. "Out in this country we can weld and cut and come up with ideas to build things that work just fine without costing a lot," says Robert. "This little rig should work for a long time and make our cube feeding a lot easier."

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