



**Four-sided wireless rooftop light bar illuminates problem areas that are difficult to see when you're turning quickly or driving in reverse.**

## Wireless 4-Sided Light Bar For Cabs

"Our new cab-mounted, wireless rooftop light bars work great on any tractor, combine, or skid steer cab. They're easy to install and have bright lights all the way around that make night time driving safer," says Steve O'Brien, Federal Military Parts, Cambridge, Minn.

The 56,000-lumen, 4-sided light bar installs with rare earth magnets so no drilling is required to install. The lights are powered by a single wire that runs to the vehicle's battery, with no wires going into the cab.

A remote-controlled fob is used to turn the lights on or off. The fob is marked A, B, C and D, allowing you to operate the lights individually or all at the same time.

He says the 4-sided LED light bar does a great job of illuminating areas that are difficult to see at night.

"Most equipment, especially older equipment, doesn't have nearly enough lights for working at night," says O'Brien. "In fact, almost no equipment has lights on all 4 sides. That makes it easy to have an accident from turning into something you didn't know was there."

"Our 4-sided light bar works especially well on skid loaders because they can pivot so fast. With lights on all 4 sides you see

everything before you make a turn and never have to drive into darkness."

The lightbar kit sells for \$700 plus S&H. Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Steve O'Brien, 34064 Hwy. 47 NW, Cambridge, Minn. 55008 (ph 763 310-9340; stevenpobrien@yahoo.com; www.federalmilitaryparts.com).



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## Got Some Corn To Shell?

With more folks raising a few chickens or other livestock, corn shellers have become a hot commodity. It appears the old-fashioned cast iron models are the most popular and difficult to find because "currently unavailable" pops up on most of them in online searches. But we did find a wide range of other options online.

The simplest version is a cast aluminum, 2 1/4-in. hand corn sheller that sells for about \$10. Works great for seed corn since it doesn't break off the germ ends.

To shell more corn for poultry or sheep, the Hand Crank Corn Sheller Shucker sells for around \$50.

The Maximizer™ hand sheller for \$80 claims you can crank ears through at about 10 seconds per ear and rack up 10 to 15 bushels/hour. The 10-in. dia. crank wheel has a pulley groove that holds a V-belt if you want to add a motor to power it.

In motorized versions, we found the Techtongda 220v for \$160. It has high-temperature resistance so it is suitable for long-term continuous work. It shells ears of corn as fast as you can feed them, and



**Electric corn shellers can accommodate several ears of corn at once to make fast work of removing kernels.**

with a covered feeding port, kernels don't bounce out.

The \$210 Lovshare electric corn thresher has a 1500W motor and an opening to accommodate several ears of dry corn at once and shell them in 3 to 5 seconds.

LSSB sells a couple of electric corn shellers, one for \$880 and another for \$1,433. Both promise fast output and safe continuous use to shell 2,200 lbs./hour. They feature a dust-proof baffle design and an anti-jump cover to prevent kernels from splashing out.

Most of the shellers mentioned are available at Amazon.com. For information about these shellers or to find other brands through dealers, just google "corn shellers".



**Maximizer hand sheller's crank wheel comes with a pulley if you want to add a motor to power it.**



**Summer Rambo, a 16th century French apple, is one of the heirloom fruit varieties available from Trees of Antiquity in California.**

## Nursery Offers Huge Selection Of Heirloom Fruit Trees

If you are looking for heirloom fruit trees and berries, Trees of Antiquity may be the place to start. The California nursery offers around 450 varieties, including 204 apples, 32 pears and 13 figs. They cover the gamut from Allington Pippin to Yellow Bellflower in apples, Abate Fetel to Ya Li pears, and Black Mission to Verte figs.

The Allington Pippin variety was named in 1894, while the original Yellow Bellflower tree was described as large and old in 1817. The Abate Fetel pear was bred by Italian monks centuries ago, and the Ya Li is an ancient cultivar from China, believed to be the origin country of this fruit. Likewise, the Black Mission fig predates its late 1700's introduction to California by Franciscan monks. Verte figs have been grown in Europe for centuries.

"We are always adding heirloom apple varieties, peaches, cherries and more," says Neil Collins, Trees of Antiquity.

The nursery was started more than 40 years ago by Terry and Carolyn Harrison. Collins

and his wife Danielle took over the business 20 years ago. Along with the other fruit trees and berries, they specialize in certified, organic heirloom apple trees.

However, having lots of trees and bushes in the ground doesn't mean having them available for sale. Bare root trees shipped out this spring were started two years ago, limiting availability to expected sales. Thanks to increased interest in home fruit production, Collins was sold out for 2021 by early January.

"It is very unusual for us to be sold out so early," he says. "The pandemic has cleaned us out on trees this year."

While conditions may change in the coming year, Collins recommends FARM SHOW readers get their orders in early for 2022.

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**"Poor man's" snowplow tractor is fitted with a home-built, 10-ft. wooden snow blade and a "shower curtain" cab.**

## "On The Cheap" Snowplow Tractor

"It isn't fancy, but it takes care of the snow and I can work in comfort," says Doug Kalnbach, Nashville, Mich., about his Kubota B 6100 14 hp., 4-WD tractor fitted with a 10-ft. wood snow blade and a "shower curtain" cab.

"I don't have much money tied up and they work great," says Kalnbach.

He clamped a 2-in. dia. heavy steel pipe vertically onto each side of the tractor's loader support frame, then screwed a 4-ft. sq., 1/2-in. thick plastic board on top for the roof. The shower curtains are attached to the roof's edges with 1/2-in. binder clamps, and are attached to the pipes on front with big plastic clamps that serve as door latches. On front of the cab, he attached wooden strips to the pipes to form a rectangular windshield.

To make a canvas heat houser around the engine he bought new canvas and wrapped it around the hood, making sure to cover

the tractor's hydraulic pump. After cutting holes for the headlights he tied the canvas underneath the tractor.

"The heat from the engine comes directly back into the cab. Even during winter, it can get so hot that I often have to open the side curtains," says Kalnbach. "The shower curtain can be easily punctured while driving through brush, so usually I have to buy a new curtain about every other year. However, that's a small price to pay."

He built the wooden snow blade by bolting an 8-ft. 2 by 8 on top of a 10-ft. 2 by 12. The blade C-clamps onto the frame of a home-built, 3-pt. log skidder. "A turnbuckle on the log skidder's frame is used to adjust the blade's angle," notes Kalnbach.

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