

OVER 3,000 SOLD FIRST YEAR

Rubber Auger Scores High with Farmers

"It's one of the most exciting new products I've ever been associated with," says Dick Rayl, president of Westgo Industries, West Fargo, N. Dak., which introduced Flexgo, the first and only rubber grain auger, 16 months ago.

More than 3,000 rubber auger re-

placement sections have been sold to farmers who installed them on grain augers of various brands and sizes. Westgo, in introducing the new rubber auger, also made it available as a factory-installed option on new Westgo grain augers.

In either case, only the lower intake

NEW HOOKUP REQUIRES NO ADAPTERS

Equip Your Pickup with Dual Wheels

A new system for equipping pickups with dual wheels requires no adapters or extensions. The new Dualer introduced by Design Automotive Distributing bolts directly to any % or 1 ton axle.

"The wide stance of the Dualer virtually eliminates hazards caused by awkward loads, high winds and sway, "explains Frank Lucas, general manager. "It gives you a stable ride. Traction is assured by the fact that the Dualer is designed to enlarge the track started by the front tire, rather than forcing the outside or extended dual to run by itself."

Lucas notes that previous methods for equipping single wheel pickups with rear duals are adapter or extension systems: "The design of either system forces the outside or extended wheel to cantilever the axel, which can ruin the axel or cause the adapter or extension to break. Our new Dualer gets the job done without requiring these extension or adapters."

The Dual system can also be used on some mobile homes.

The complete do-it-yourself kit includes: A pair of fiberglass fenders custom fit for each pickup model, mounting hardware for the fenders, two flat dish one-ton wheels, two special dish one-ton wheels, stud nuts, four-fender running lights, gas filler access door (when required) and a set of mounting instructions. Takes about four hours to install with ordinary tools.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Design Automotive Distributing, 8175 W. 48th Ave., Wheatridge, Colo. 80033 (ph. 303 420-3313).

New Dualers are designed to bolt directly on the axle of any ¾ or 1 ton pickup. Note prefit "flair" fenders which are part of the doit-yourself installation kit. end — not the entire auger — is equipped with a 24 in. Flexgo section made of toughened rubber. "There has been some confusion on this," says Rayl. "Some people thought the entire auger from top to bottom was made of rubber. It's not — just the bottom 24 in. section."

You can buy a 24 in. rubber section (6 or 8 in. dia.) to convert the intake end of your existing auger from steel to rubber. The replacement section has a steel shaft running through the center. In converting your present grain auger to rubber, you simply pull out the existing steel auger, cut 24 in. off the lower intake end — where most of the wear generally occurs — and weld or bolt on the new Flexgo rubber section.

"We've only had one rubber section returned to the factory," says Rayl. "It apparently came loose and got damaged. With this exception, owners have been well pleased with performance of the new product."

Rayl notes that demand for new augers equipped with rubber has been better than anticipated, but the "replacement" sales to farmers for upgrading existing augers with rubber have been less than originally projected. "Instead of trying the new idea on an existing auger, it appears the majority of farmers decided instead to buy a brand new Westgo auger equipped with rubber," says

He notes that when Westgo engineers first began experimenting with the rubber auger three years ago, they had safety in mind. "But we soon discovered that rubber delivered two important bonus benefits gentler handling and up to four times better wear than steel," he points out. "We've incorporated all three features — longer life, less grain damage and added safety - into the rubber auger. Extreme hot or cold weather (down to -20°) doesn't adversely affect its operation. The rubber flighting also flexes to absorb the stresses if a big pile of grain is mounded over the intake section before the auger is started up.'

Tests with oats, wheat, soybeans and corn have shown up to 60% less grain damage with the rubber auger than with a conventional all-steel auger, says Rayl. "If the rubber auger reduced dockage only 1%, it would



New 8 in. dia. Flexgo augers from Westgo are available factory equipped with rubber at the "input" end.

save the farmer about \$9 per 300-bu. truckload, with corn at \$3," says Rayl.

Retail price is \$50 for the 24-in. replacement section in 6 or 8 in. dia. It comes with adapters and couplers and fits about 95% of the 6 and 8 in. grain augers, regardless of brand or vintage, says Rayl. It won't fit augers with a left-hand spiral, however.

For more details on equipping your existing auger with a rubber intake section, or on a new auger factory-equipped with rubber, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Westgo Industries, Box 547, Dick Rayl, Pres., West Fargo, N. Dak. 58078 (ph. 701 282-3277).

