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Turn Your Pickup Into A Dump Truck

You'll like the price tag on "Loadhandler", an amazingly simple and lower-cost way to turn your pickup into a dump truck.

Priced at \$329 (suggested retail), the new Loadhandler, manufactured by Loadhandler Industries, Neville Island, Penn., sells for considerably less than hydraulic or other unloading systems for pickups. What's more, it's simpler to install and operate.

It'll unload loads up to 4,000 lbs. in 30 seconds by simply turning a crank. And it'll handle most any kind of load - from dirt, rocks, sand or gravel to feed, seed, fertilizer or firewood. It'll even unload big items, such as pianos, appliances or furniture.

The Loadhandler mechanism resembles a roll-up window shade, with a hand crank on one end. It mounts on the tailgate without any drilling, bolting or alterations of any kind. It's fastened to the tailgate with heavy-duty tie-down straps and can be installed or removed in less than a minute.

To use the Loadhandler, you simply belt the roll-up mechanism to the tailgate, then pull out a 4 by 8 ft. drag sheet, made of high-strength, cut and abrasive-resistant woven fabric. You then put the load - up to 4,000 lbs. - on top of the drag sheet, which extends

the entire length of the pickup bed.

When you're ready to unload, you lower the tailgate, insert the crank, and begin cranking to roll up the extended drag sheet. With very little cranking effort (your wife or teenage son or daughter can operate it) the load, riding on the drag sheet, gradually moves out the rear end and onto the ground.

With one person doing the cranking, and another driving the pickup slowly ahead, the Loadhandler can be used to spread dirt, sand or gravel.

The manufacturer recommends using a plastic bed liner for the Loadhandler's drag sheet to ride on. If your pickup doesn't have a bedliner, Loadhandler Industries offers an optional 4 by 8 ft. "slipper Liner", made of industrial poly-plastic, to serve as a bedliner. It sells for \$32.

The Loadhandler comes in three sizes to fit most makes of mini and full-size pickups. Custom-built units available for straight trucks.

For more details, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Innovation Sales, 114 Stonecrest Drive, Manlius, N.Y. 13104 (ph 1-800 639-2897, or 315 682-9259).



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Stalk-Chopping Corn Head

Russian-built equipment is catching on fast, and latest on market is this stalk-chopping corn head from Belarus that can be adapted to most combine makes and models.

The stalk chopper, which fits 6 and 8-row, 30-in. corn heads, can be adjusted to either spread or windrow stalks. The

knives mount under the snap rolls and cleanly chop stalks into 4 to 5-in. pieces.

A 6-row corn with stalk chopping knives sells for \$20,900; 8-row, \$26,100.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Belarus Machinery, Inc., 7075 West Parkland Court, Milwaukee, Wis. 53223 (ph 414 355-2000).



Tank mounts in frame on Deere loader and is hydraulically rotated to mix seed and inoculant. Treated seed is then gravity fed down pipe and into planter boxes.

INNOCULATES SOYBEANS AS IT FILLS PLANTER BOXES

"Tumble Drum" Seed Mixer, Planter Filler

"When we're getting low on seed we just radio to the edge of the field and by the time they get to us, the seed is all treated. It takes only about five minutes to fill our 16-row planter before we're back in business," says Paul Seger of the ingenious double-duty "tumble drum" mixer he uses to treat soybean seed and fill planter boxes.

Built for Seger by Bob Fetherston, an Atkinson, Neb.-area, innovator, the rig mixes soybean seed with inoculant.

"When you mix seed and inoculant by hand, it takes at least 20 minutes. Then it seems like you only plant for five minutes before you've got to start the whole process over again," explains Fetherston. "We were looking for something faster but still gentle."

The heart of the system is a converted 300-gal. fuel tank, which holds 24 to 28 bags of soybean seed, plus inoculant. Seger and Fetherston got the tank for \$60, and thoroughly cleaned it out to eliminate any safety risk before Fetherston went to work on it.

First, he cut out half of one end, hinged it, and then attached latches around the edge to hold it shut. Seed and inoculant is loaded in through this lid.

Fetherston next cut a 6 by 8 in.-section out of the opposite end of the tank and reattached it to serve as a hydraulically operated sliding unloading door.

The tank is held in a U-shaped frame that mounts on a Deere 158 loader. The tank is held at an angle by swivels and pillow block bearings. Powered by a hydraulic orbit



Bottom of pipe is fitted with piece of inner tube to ensure gentle landing for seed and to help prevent spills.

motor off an old grain auger, the tank rotates at 5 or 6 rpm's. The rotating action mixes the seed and inoculant.

Once seed is treated, the tank is elevated and the unloading door is opened hydraulically. Seed gravity-feeds down a 9-ft. long, 6-in. dia. piece of pipe. The bottom of the pipe is fitted with a 10 in. long piece of inner tube to ensure a gentle landing for seed and to help prevent spills. When not in use, the unloading tube folds back towards the loader frame and is secured with a tarp strap.

Likewise, when soybean planting is finished, the system can be removed from the tractor in a few minutes.

Biggest investment in system was \$60 for fuel tank. "This was the first year we used it and it worked great," says Seger.

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