

Save Big Money on Belts and Parts

If you're like most farmers, you go through all kinds of rubber belts, from fan belts to combine belts to baler belts.

Prices can be astronomical but T.H.E. Company, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, says you can save as much as 30 percent over dealer price if you order from them.

"Exact savings depends on the style of belt and how it's made. We have standard belts or Kevlar® lined belts, cogged or smooth belts, section belts, belts for tractors, combines, drive belts or baler belts. You name it, we either have it on hand or we can get it," says Doug Miller, T.H.E. Company parts manager.

"We've been in the after-market parts business for more than 10 years," he says. "We sell mostly new parts, but also handle some rebuilt ones. Our belts are all from Goodyear."

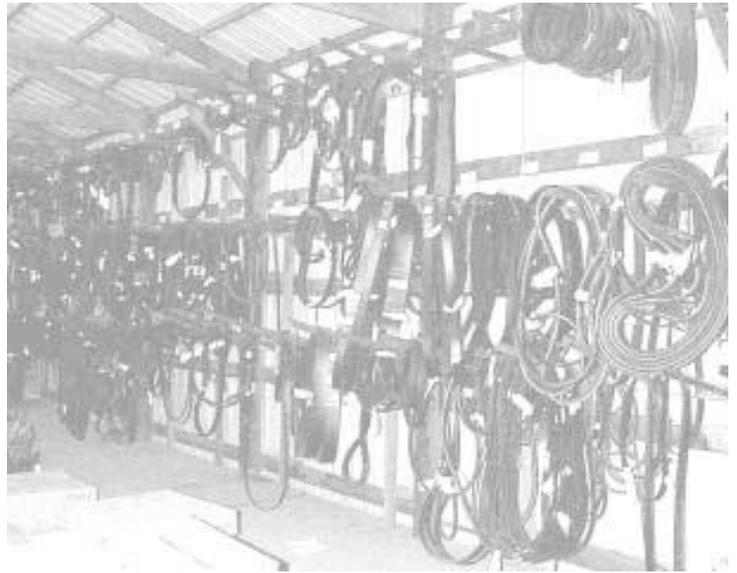
Miller says T.H.E. Company keeps a wide variety of "in-season" belts on hand, so they can fill most orders immediately. Normal

delivery time is a day or two after an order is placed. "Special order belts and those that are out of season may take a day or two longer," he says.

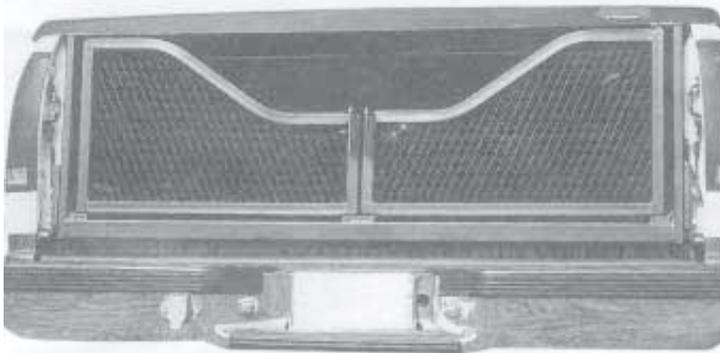
"When it comes to belts for combines, we sell a lot for Massey Ferguson, Deere and Case IH. But we also stock belts for Claas, White, Gleaner, New Holland and just about any other make you can come up with. If you have a combine, there's more than a 99 percent chance we can get the belt you need," he says.

T.H.E. Company's parts order desk is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. There are no quantity discounts, but orders over \$1,000 are shipped free. For more information, to order parts, or to request a free catalog, call 800-634-4885.

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A wide variety of all types of belts are kept on hand at all times, so most orders can be filled immediately, says the company.



Two-piece tailgate folds in, out, or down. Fifth wheel model is shown above.

Pickup Tailgate Opens Eight Different Ways

This replacement pickup tailgate opens eight different ways for easier and better access to the bed.

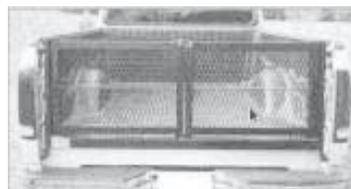
The flow-through mesh gate is built in two halves that mount inside a steel frame installed on the original tailgate pivot points.

A pair of spring-loaded latches at the inside edge of each gate is used to open the two gates, either outward or inward. Either gate can be left open while the other one stays in place. By releasing a latch on each side, the entire tailgate can be folded down like a conventional tailgate.

"It offers a number of advantages over conventional tailgates," says David Taplay, Dynagate Products, Inc., Woodstock, Ontario. "It eliminates the need to reach over or across the tailgate to load or unload, which reduces the risk for back and muscle strain. It opens completely for forklift loading and unloading, which eliminates bent or broken tailgates. If you want to carry an extended load, such as a ladder or lumber but don't need both gates down all the time, you can just open up one gate and still safely carry nails, hammers, toolboxes, etc., on the other side of the bed. It also works great for loading ATV's or snowmobiles onto your pickup because you can place the ramps directly against the bed without having to risk damaging the tailgate.

"The mesh design improves fuel economy and also makes it easy to back up to a trailer hitch. The unit can be removed and replaced with the original tailgate at trade-in time."

Two models are available – a standard full-



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By releasing latch on each side, entire tailgate can be folded down like a conventional tailgate.

size or a fifth wheel model. Both models are designed to fit most full-sized pickup brands and models. "The only limitation is that it won't fit pickups equipped with a flare side box," notes Taplay. "The standard color is black, but we also offer custom colors including silver, gray, red, blue, and yellow."

Sells for \$369 (U.S.) plus S&H.

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"Ordinary car tire chains can be used to make handy, fuel efficient tailgates for pickups," says William Erickson, who used the idea on his 1992 Dodge pickup.

"Tire Chain" Tailgate For Pickups

"It makes my pickup more fuel efficient and lets me hook up to my fifth wheel trailer without having to get out of the cab," says William E. Erickson, Ellensburg, Wash., about the "tire chain" tailgate that he made for his 1992 Dodge pickup using an ordinary car tire chain.

He removed the tailgate and drilled holes at the top and bottom on each side at the back of the bed. He uses heavy wire to make a loop in each hole. Then he attached two-headed snap rings to each end of the chain. To keep small items from slipping off the

bed, he ran a 2 by 4 across the back of the box.

"The chain bows down in the middle so I can back up to my fifth wheel RV trailer without having to drop the chain. Tire chains can be bought cheap at yard sales. Commercial louvered tailgates sell for \$40 to \$70 and solid air-flow models sell for about \$150. When I sell the pickup I'll just put the original tailgate back on."

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