

“Truck Glove” Scratchproofs Pickup

If you do a lot of backwoods driving with your pickup or SUV, you’ll be interested in this new “truck glove” that’s designed to eliminate scratches and reduces dents and dings.

Inventor Billy Halbrook, De Pere, Wis., came up with the idea when he bought a new pickup and didn’t want it to get scratched driving through brush while hunting. The truck glove comes in several pieces and is made from durable polyester with a soft backing. The material is laser cut and tailored to each body style. Kits are available to fit any size pickup including 3 and 4-door models.

“It keeps your vehicle looking new,” says Halbrook. “It works so well I don’t even have to wax my pickup. The kit isn’t cheap, but it’s cheaper than repainting or doing body work. One person can install or remove it in only about five minutes, and it stores in its own custom bag.”

Halbrook says truck gloves limit a pickup’s maximum speed to about 35 mph.

The number of pieces in each kit depends on the number of doors on the vehicle. One piece covers the front hood and there are two pieces for the driver and passenger sides. The material comes with adjustable straps and hooks that attach to the vehicle’s mirrors, license plates, front and back corners, bumper, and hitch. There are 1-in. wide flaps that fit inside the doors. The flaps have a Velcro backing that attaches to Velcro strips on the inside edges of the doors.

The material can be hose washed and hung for drying.

Comes with a lifetime guarantee. “Even if you cut a hole in the material with a knife you still won’t be able to rip it. If you can figure out a way to tear it, we’ll fix it,” notes Halbrook.

A Truck Glove kit for a full-size Super Duty pickup sells for \$789 plus S&H; a kit



“Truck Glove” consists of several pieces of durable polyester with a soft backing.

for a mini/mid-size pickup sells for \$759 plus S&H. A variety of colors are available.

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Omnitrac Launches Its Own Tracked Farm Equipment

Omnitrac, the innovative rubber track company known for putting tracks on anything that moves, recently launched a line of its own tracked vehicles.

The new machines include a rubber-tracked skid steer loader, a tracked truck, and an unusual “multi-function vehicle” run by remote controls. All were designed by the company from the ground up.

“No company in the world has more experience fitting rubber tracks to all kinds of equipment,” says president Dennis Wilkinson. “We haven’t always been happy with the results of the equipment we’ve put our tracks on, so we decided to build and market our own. Our machines are built heavy and have the best track suspension system on the market, which is why they will sell. We use Goodyear tracks and an automatic track tensioning system that takes care of itself.”

For more information on any of these machines, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Omnitrac, Box 520, La Grande, Ore. 97850 (ph 541 963-0139; fax 541 963-0768; Website: www.omnitrac.com).



Rubber-tracked skid loader is equipped with 16-in. wide positive drive tracks. Unit is built on a Daewoo chassis minus the power train.

Dante Rubber-Tracked Loader

To build the Dante skid steer, the company starts out with a Daewoo chassis minus the power train. The rubber-tracked undercarriage features 16-in. wide tracks on a 63-in. wheelbase with hydraulic automatic track tensioning with rubber-covered oscillating rollers. Rated operating capacity is 1,995 lbs.

The rig is powered by a 65 hp diesel engine and has a ground pressure footprint of just 4 1/2 psi. “It’s a robust, stocky unit,” says

Wilkinson. “Our tracks are positive drive so they’ll never slip. Due to the track design, the unit is well balanced and stable on rough and steep terrain. The full suspension system allows this rig to go faster than any other tracked skid loader on the market. We can move at speeds up to 7 mph, compared to 5 1/2 to 6 mph for the others on the market. We also plan to build an 85 hp model.”

Sells for \$42,500.

Boss Hauler Rubber-Tracked Truck

The Boss Hauler is designed to be used as either a truck or tractor and is available with a choice of diesel engines ranging from 285 to 410 hp. The unit is built on the chassis (new or used) of a Cat Challenger tractor. It can be equipped with 24, 30, or 36-in. wide tracks. It comes with an enclosed cab with heat and air conditioning and a choice of friction drive undercarriage, Omnitrac positive drive system, or an Omnitrac 131-in. wheelbase system with full floating suspension and positive drive. The unit comes equipped with mounting pads for a flatbed with stake sides, but can also be equipped with a fifth wheel hitch, 14-yard dump box, liquid or dry spreader box, or a 2,500-gal. tank. It comes standard with four hydraulic remote circuits, running lights, turn signals, stop lights, and a back-up alarm.

The Boss Hauler travels at speeds up to 18 mph, yet is geared low enough for field work.

Options include air brakes for trailer operation, a 3-pt. hitch and pto, high flow hydraulics, winch, and 8-passenger cab.

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“The Boss Hauler makes a great dump truck or spreader truck,” says Omnitrac president Dennis Wilkinson. “When equipped with a fifth wheel hitch, it can be used to pull big trailers or haul grain.”

trailers or haul grain. It will haul up to 34,000 lbs., which comes out to about 750 bu. of wheat. It can also be equipped with a fertilizer spreader or spray boom. One farmer in Washington is using his Boss Hauler to pull a tandem axle potato trailer on a fifth wheel hitch.”

The Boss Hauler sells for \$85,000 to \$295,000 depending on the engine size, type of chassis, and on how it’s equipped.



Leading machine is equipped with a platform and can be controlled by “tethers” that run to rear unit.

Multi-Function Vehicle

This two-part machine can be controlled by “tethers” that run to the rear unit. Various types of equipment can be mounted on top of the platform, allowing the unit to be used for a variety of applications such as harvesting, fertilizing, spraying or tilling. The platform can be powered by engines ranging from 20 to 400 hp and can be equipped with either 16, 24, or 30-in. tracks. The rear-controlled unit can be equipped with a cab.

“This machine will be used mainly in fruit

crops where you need precise following,” says Wilkinson. “The vehicle can be provided with an automatic guidance system. We’ve got several units out so far, with most of them used in municipal composting work and industrial applications. However, one grape grower is using the rig to harvest raisin grapes.

“This multi-function vehicle has a large variety of options to fill almost any need.”