

Lawn Mower Blades Have Replaceable Inserts

If you dread sharpening and balancing your lawn mower blades, you'll be interested in this new blade that's designed with a pair of reversible, replaceable inserts.

"The blade and inserts together provide longer life per cutting edge, making them more economical in the long run," says Lee Duncan, Cutmore Blade Co., Lewistown, Ill.

The inserts are double-edged so you can reverse them without removing the blade. Each insert has two large holes and two small holes. The big holes fit over pegs on the blade. Flat-headed allen screws fit into the smaller holes. You can reach under the deck and flip the inserts without removing the blades.

The blades are available for all rotary mowers. "We make blades from 14 in. to more than 30 in. long," says Duncan.

Another big advantage is that the blades always stay in balance because you're not taking any material off the blade.

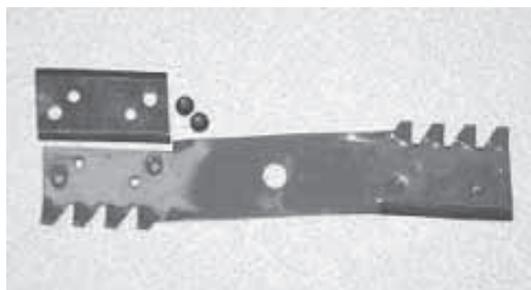
Mulching and high-lift blades are available as well as a blade designed for use in sandy soils.

Blades sell for \$1 per inch. For example, a 22-in. blade sells for \$21.95 plus S&H. Standard blade inserts sell for \$5.95 a pair. "When you order, we need to know the length of the blade and the diameter or shape of its center hole," says Duncan.

Standard replacement blade inserts sell for \$5.95 a pair. "That's usually less than the cost to re-sharpen and rebalance an ordinary blade," says Duncan.

"If the inserts get dull, you can sharpen them at least one time."

Blade is designed with a pair of replaceable bolt-on inserts. Inserts are double-edged so you can reverse them without having to remove the blade.



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T-Post Anchors Build Strong Fence

Anyone who has trouble keeping fence posts in the ground will be interested in this new T-post anchor that provides a stronger base for posts.

"It keeps the fence from leaning even when animals push on it," says inventor Terry Frye.

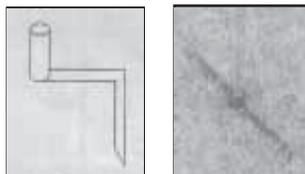
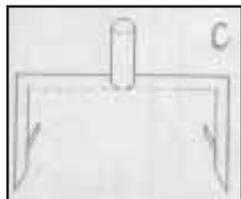
The "anchor" consists of a pair of 12-in. long steel prongs spaced 16 in. apart, with a short length of vertical pipe in the middle. To attach the anchor you simply drive the T-post into the ground, then slip the pipe over the post and drive the prongs into the ground.

"I've field tested them on my farm for years and they work great," says Frye. "I have yet to see a post pull up."

Frye also offers a dual-leg model with a couple of 1 1/2-in. long horizontal "ears" on one side of the prongs that further stabilize the post. "This model works great in low areas where the tension of the barbed wire pulls upward on the post," says Frye. Also available is a single-leg model that's used mainly for fences on sidehills and rolling ground.

The single-leg model sells for \$2.99 apiece plus S&H; the 2-leg model without ears for \$4.29 plus S&H; and the 2-leg model with ears for \$5.99 plus S&H.

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T-post anchor (top) is designed to be sunk into ground to counteract upward pull on T-post. Single leg model (above left) is used mainly on sidehills and un-level ground. To attach the anchor you simply drive T-post into ground, then slip pipe over post and drive prongs into the ground.

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Auger-Mounted "Full Bin Alarm"

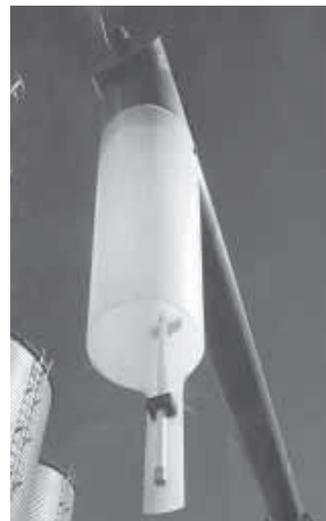
You'll like this new auger-mounted, wireless "full bin alarm" that we spotted at the recent Western Canada Farm Progress Show in Regina, Sask.

The Bin Buddy is designed to hang from the end of an auger. It consists of a 3-ft. long white plastic spout that bolts on in place of the original down spout. The bottom end of the spout is fitted with a transmitter that runs off three double AA batteries. A receiver equipped with an alarm plugs into any 7-pin electrical outlet on back of the tractor that's used to operate the auger. When grain contacts the sensor, the transmitter automatically triggers the alarm.

"It eliminates the need to climb up on the bin," says inventor James Palin. "It works day or night and moves with you as you move the auger from bin to bin. We came up with the idea after trying other bin monitoring products and not finding anything we liked."

Sells for \$1,100 (Canadian) plus S&H. All mounting hardware is included.

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Wireless bin sensor bolts on in place of auger's original down spout. When grain contacts a sensor, a transmitter automatically triggers an alarm on tractor.

Air-Dock Lifts Boats Out Of Water

Pleasure boats that stay in the water most of the time can end up with an algae growth that stains the gel coat on the hull and reduces the ease with which it slides through the water.

The result is reduced value and a slower boat that needs more fuel to go the same distance, says Ken Moody, Indianapolis, Indiana, adding that conventional boat lifts are heavy and often difficult to get into the water.

So Moody developed what he now calls the Air-Dock boat lift that lifts boats with air-filled bladders. It worked so well he patented the idea and formed a company to market the device.

Air-Dock comes rolled up like a canvas cover. To use it, you put it in the water, maneuver the boat over it, and then inflate it using either DC current from the boat's battery or regular 120-volt AC. Air-Dock deflates quickly and easily to lower the boat back into the water.

Moody sells Air-Dock in a variety of sizes and designs for just about any motor boat. It can also be used for sailboats with retractable keels.

He says once the Air-Dock is properly in place and inflated, the boat is raised completely out of the water.

"You can use it anywhere," he says. "It works in deep or shallow water, at docks or narrow slips, or in salt or fresh water. The only physical limitation is it can't be used where water is so rough a boat can't be



Air-Dock uses air-filled bladders to lift boat. It can be inflated using either DC current from boat's battery or regular 120-volt AC.

moored. "It's less expensive than most slips and is easily transportable. If you want to move your mooring site, you can just roll it up and take it with you," he notes.

Air-Dock sells for around \$100 per linear foot of boat, depending on the length and type of craft.

"We like to talk to people before they order," he says. "There's a sizing chart on our website, but if you call, we can make sure you get the proper design and length for your boat."

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Unit consists of four 12-in. high aluminum panels that bolt to top of bed rails. "Lets you haul bigger, bulkier loads than you can with a cargo cap or tarp," says John Chechuck.

"Box Extenders" For Pickups

"It lets me use my pickup to haul bigger, bulkier loads than would ever be possible with a cargo cap or tarp," says John Chechuck, Burgettstown, Penn., about his new "vertical truck box extender."

It consists of four 2-in. wide, 12-in. high aluminum panels that bolt to the top of the bed rails. Three of the panels bolt together at the corners, while the rear panel is pinned on which makes it easily removable.

"The bright checker-plate design adds to the overall appearance of the vehicle," says

Chechuck. "Works great for hauling sawdust or grain or any loose item. It takes only a few minutes to remove the panels. A standard cargo cap can still be used on the bed extender because it's the same size as the pickup bed."

Chechuck is looking for a manufacturer and a distributor. He says the bed extenders are designed to sell for about \$250.

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