

Electric motor, with pulley attached, bolts on in place of rototiller's original gas engine.

## Gas Rototiller Converted To Electric

Most gasoline rototillers are discarded when the engine is no longer economical to repair, but Joe Young of Deatsville, Alabama, has a way to recycle them.

"All rototillers that have a horizontal shaft engine can be easily converted to electric power," he says. "They become very useful for small gardens and flower beds that are within a short distance from electricity."

After removing the old engine, Young makes a plate of steel, aluminum or wood, and bolts it on in place of the engine. Next, he bolts a 1/2 or 3/4-hp motor to the plate and installs a 2 to 3-in. pulley on the motor to belt-drive the gearbox. He then runs the motor's electrical cord to a switch he mounts on the handle.

"My electric tiller is very quiet, always



Motor's electrical cord runs to a switch mounted on rototiller handle.

starts and requires little maintenance," he says. "I built my first one 10 years ago and many of my friends have also built one for themselves."

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## Washable Covers For Pickup Seats

When these new pickup seat covers get dirty, you can just take them off and throw them in a washing machine.

They're made of a heavy-duty polycotton material that's breathable and wears just like a pair of blue jeans. SeatSavers Marketing Director Rick Messmore says, "Most other seat covers install with U-shaped metal rings that fix to the underside of the seat. They're tedious and time consuming to take off. Our covers use a couple hook and loop flaps that are easy to slip on or off."

All stress seams are overlapped and double-stitched, just like the seams on a good pair of jeans. "Like a pair of jeans, SeatSavers get softer and more comfortable with each washing," Messmore notes. "People with SUVs buy SeatSavers for the second and third

seats where the kids and dogs sit."

SeatSaver covers are custom patterned for each application, including arm rests, head rests, and consoles that fold down to provide seating capacity.

Customers need only supply the seat configuration they have, and the company will provide custom-fitted protectors.

Material is available in the following seven colors: navy blue, charcoal black, misty gray, grey, wet sand, tan and taupe.

Prices start at \$129.

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## Retractable Running Board

When you open the door, this new retractable running board drops down. When you shut the door, it lifts back up out of sight. Trucks keep their original ground clearance and appearance.

The Power Step is activated by electric door sensors so it drops down and out in about a second when the door opens. It retracts just as quickly when the door closes. Anti-pinch sensors detect as little as 5 lbs. of pressure on the non-slip step.

"The sensors won't let it retract if any amount of weight is present," explains Ray Hipoleto, a Power Step installer.

The running board is available on many full size pickups with extended or crew cabs. Made with corrosion resistant aluminum hardware, the unit comes with a 3-year warranty on all parts and is priced at \$1,050. The heavy-duty weatherproof motor keeps the OEM quality attachment operating even in mud, snow and ice. It has a 600-lb. capacity.



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The distributor, Bestop, Inc., recommends using professional installers and estimates installation in as little as 2 1/2 hours.

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## Simple Tool Attaches Wire To T-Posts

Tired of the hassle of attaching fence wire to T-posts? Then the Fence Fork may be the tool for you.

It's basically a two-pronged fork with a plastic handle. It quickly wraps V-shaped clips made of stainless steel around the wire to hold it in place. "It's beautiful in its simplicity," says John Keely, who markets the product which was invented by Rick Hodge, a cattle rancher near Wichita, Kans.

To use, put the clip around the post and over the wire. Then use the fork to bend the prongs around the wire.

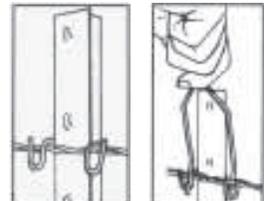
To remove a clip, reverse the process. Using the Fence Fork can save 30 percent of your time.

The kit comes with the fork and 50 metal clips and sells for \$16 plus S&H. The clips come in packages of 50 for \$3.49 and 100 for \$6.99.

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Two-pronged fork quickly wraps V-shaped clips around wire to hold it in place.



Install clip around post and in front of fence wire (left). Then insert fence fork behind wire and into loops of fence clip.

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