

## “Hidden” Toolbox For Deere 9600

Norman Frey has made a number of modifications to his Deere 9600 combine. His newest one is a toolbox built into the frame of the combine, “The box fits into a 4 by 7-in. piece of tube steel in the frame, just ahead of the rear axle,” says Frey.

“The drawer has three compartments: one for tools, one for bolts, and one for spare parts,” he says. “I added a spring-loaded handle that drops into a hole in the tube to hold the box shut.”

The ends of the drawer are capped off by a simple plate welded onto the ends, says Frey. “The box tucks out of the way and is safe from rain, dust, and theft. When the box is closed, you can hardly even tell it’s there,” he notes.

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Toolbox fits into 4 by 7-in. piece of tube steel that’s part of combine frame.



Snowblower is equipped with shield that rotates 180 degrees to cover either front or back of auger. Operator here is blowing snow while moving backward.

## Two-Way Snowblower Works In Forward Or Reverse

You can blow snow going either forward or back with this new two-way, 3-pt. mounted snowblower.

“It works twice as fast as conventional snowblowers,” says Jean Robert, Anderson Co., Chesterville, Quebec.

The Avalanche snowblower has a curved metal shield that rotates 180 degrees to cover either the front or back of the 26-in. dia. auger. Each side of the hydraulically-controlled shield is equipped with a carbide scraper blade, so no matter which side the shield is on, one of the blades will always be in contact with the ground.

“The impeller is located at one end of the machine instead of the center, so the entire auger rotates in the same direction unlike blowers with a center-mounted impeller which has two augers going in different directions. As a result, the machine requires less power to operate and is also more fuel efficient,” says Robert. “This machine really comes in handy for clearing snow from narrow spaces between buildings, where you can’t blow snow to the left or right or backward. You simply rotate the discharge chute to blow the snow forward, in front of the tractor.”

The company offers two models - one 86 in. wide and the other 92 in. wide. The 86-in.



By rotating shield to cover back of auger, operator can blow snow while driving forward.

model requires a tractor with at least 60 hp while the 92-in. model requires an 80 hp tractor.

The 86-in. model sells for \$6,800 (U.S.); the 92-in. model for \$7,200.

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## Wheel-To-Tracks Kit For ATV’s

A Canadian manufacturing company has come up with a kit to convert ATV’s to tracks for year round use without massive modification. Once the kit is installed, you can switch between tracks and wheels in about 15 min. You can even add a ski kit to make your 2 by 4 ATV snowmobile trail legal.

The system is called TraXion and each track measures 12 in. wide, 22 in. high, and 36 in. long. Using hand tools you can attach the adapters to the ends of each axle and bolt on the tracks.

The tracks themselves are made by Camoplast, which supplies tracks for many snowmobile companies. The drive wheel

used in the tracks is the same diameter as ATV wheels, so the gear ratio and speed do not change, reducing strain on the engine.

The tracks only add 160 lbs. to the vehicle weight. TraXion fits Arctic Cat, Bombardier, Honda, Kawasaki, Polaris, Suzuki, and Yamaha. Call for other brands.

The TraXion system sells for \$2,951 (U.S.) for a 4-wheel kit and \$2,157 (U.S.) with two tracks and skis.

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Gear ratios and speed do not change. Tracks add 160 lbs. to machine.

## Fence Insulator Fits Both Sides Of Post

While installing an electric fence in Montana, Jim Gravelle realized that the last quarter-mile of T-posts were placed in the ground backwards. There wasn’t enough time to pull all the remaining posts so Jim began modifying the insulators to fit the posts. A year later, the fence was still holding.

Based on that success he began making his own insulator that was more reliable and able to fit on both side of T-posts. He calls his product the Inverse Insulator and they let you change pastures by switching the insulators, not removing a whole set of posts.

Molded from high-density polyethylene plastic, the insulators also have a UV inhibitor mixed in to prevent against deterioration. This UV treatment adds two years to the life of the product.

Inverse Insulators come in packs of 25. The regular version holds high tensile wire, poly wire, poly rope, barbed wire or 1/4-in. poly tape and inch from the T-post. The extended insulators hold the wire 6 in. away from the posts. Both models are reinforced to prevent bending and twisting.

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Insulator fits either side of T-post so you can change pastures by switching the insulators, not removing a whole set of posts.

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