



Welding rod expander has a swivel action head that swivels 180 degrees, making it easy to reach hard-to-reach places.

Welding Rod Extender

Patrick Malloy's welding rod "extends" helps each out-of-the-way spots. It's adjustable from 14 to 36 in. and you can add additional 6-in. extensions as needed. For Malloy, inventing the device let him return to welding.

"I was a welder until an accident put me in a wheelchair," says Malloy. "It lets me get the rod where I need to, even from my chair."

The head swivels 180°. It seats rods up to 1/8-in. dia. without changing collet and tips. Adapters for larger rods are available. The thumb clamp has a quick connect/disconnect.

The Welding Rod Expander sells for \$69.95. Extensions (6-in.) sell for \$10 each. Malloy markets the device himself.

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McTavish workbenches feature high capacity, easy roll-out drawers with heavy-duty roller bearings.

Workbench Built To Last A Lifetime

If you've got a tired worn out workbench in your shop or if you are building a new shop, take a look at the heavy-duty workbenches made by McTavish Steelworks. They have easy roll-out heavyweight supporting drawers. The drawers are equipped with large roller bearings and can support 200 lbs. each. The workbench's counter top is 10 ga. steel and can easily support vises and other heavy tools. There is a layer of 1.5-in. thick wood underneath the steel table top that supports the top and makes it quieter to work on. The top drawer is 5

in. deep, the middle 2 drawers are 6 5/8 in. deep, and the bottom drawer is 9 in. deep. The workbench comes in black frame with either red or blue drawers. Some optional colors are also available. It's available in 6, 8, 10 or 12 ft. lengths.

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Cat. IV Hitch For Big 4-WD Tractors

John Redekop with Mandako Agri Marketing, Plum Coulee, Manitoba recently called FARM SHOW to tell us about the new Cat. IV 3-pt. hitch his company introduced. It's designed for big 4-WD articulated tractors that range from 250 to 475 hp.

"As far as I know we're the only company that sells Cat. IV 3-pt. hitches," says Redekop. "We've been selling Cat. III 3-pt. hitches for 2-WD and front wheel assist tractors for years. However, farmers who own big 4-WD tractors tell us they need a hitch that will lift big equipment such as 24-row planters and 50-ft. wide field cultivators. These tractors pivot in the middle, and an ordinary 3-pt. hitch isn't built strong enough to withstand the side forces during the lifting process. By adding a Cat. IV 3-pt. to the tractor many farmers may use their big implements without having to buy a newer tractor."

According to Redekop, the Cat. IV 3-pt. hitches are built to withstand both the side torque forces when lifting and the torquing action of the tractor itself. "These hitches are built heavy and weigh from 1,200 to 1,900 lbs., with a capacity of up to 10,000 lbs."



Cat. IV hitch allows 4-WD articulated tractors to lift big equipment, such as 24-row planters and 50-ft. wide field cultivators.

he says. Many of them go on Deere 60, 70, 80, and 90 series 4-WD tractors as well as on the Bueller 435 series, New Holland 92 series, and Case IH Quad Trac and 4-WD models."

The company offers a quick hitch that can be fastened onto the Cat. IV 3-pt. hitch. "The same hitch can also be used on our Cat. III hitches as well," notes Redekop.

Prices for the Cat. IV hitch start at \$9,000



Mandako also makes Cat. III hitches, such as this one mounted on a Deere 4630.

and go up to \$12,000. The quick hitch sells for \$1,250.

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