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Garden Tractor Fitted With Air Compressor

"I bought an old electric air compressor at a yard sale, then tore it apart and mounted it on front of my 1972 Deere 112 garden tractor. It works great and I can take it anywhere on my farm where I need air," says Richard Sands, McConnelsville, Ohio.

The compressor was mounted on a small cart and belt-driven by an electric motor. He paid \$10 for a small portable air tank and bolted it onto a metal frame on front of the tractor. He wired a pressure switch in series with the tractor's electric clutch circuit. "The switch automatically turns the compressor on whenever the air tank calls for air," says Sands.

The compressor is belt-driven off one side of the tractor engine, using the same pulley that originally belt-drove the tractor's belly-mounted mower deck. A modified belt guard off the mower deck protects a belt that now drives the compressor. He also installed a quick



metal frame on front of the tractor. He wired a pressure switch in series with the tractor's electric clutch circuit.

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connect coupler to accept an air chuck. And just in case he accidentally runs into something, Sands used 2-in. dia. steel tubing to make a bumper that protects the compressor.

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