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“Dolly Lift” Makes Mower Service Work Easy

Lee Egleston keeps his Dixon zero-turn riding mower in great working condition, thanks to his 2-wheeled dolly service lift.

“It lets me access the blades and change the belts without having to remove the deck. I can raise the mower in only about 15 seconds,” says the Marshalltown, Iowa man.

The dolly is made from 1-in. sq., steel tubing and rides on two 6-in. rubber wheels. It measures about 36 in. long and 10 in. wide and has a pair of 9-in. long, horizontal lift fingers on front that are fitted with 2-piece metal brackets. The brackets form a cradle for a 1/2-in. dia. metal “lift rod” that Egleston bolted on under the front end of the mower.

“I push the dolly forward to engage the lift fingers into the lift rod, and then I pull the lift handle forward and down to the ground. At this point the weight of the mower goes past center on the dolly’s axle and the dolly stays flat on the ground,” says Egleston. “The lift rod is bolted to a pair of metal brackets already on the mower so it could be used with other attachments.

“I used 1/2-in. cold rolled steel to make the axle and fitted the wheels with ball bearings so they roll easily.”

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Egleston pushes dolly forward to engage lift fingers into lift rod, and then pulls the lift handle forward and down to the ground.

Salvage Seat Parts “Fixed” Deere 5525

James Ryant could barely walk after a day in his new Deere 5525 90-hp. utility tractor. The problem was the seat.

“After a day of planting, I could hardly get off the tractor,” recalls Ryant. “I checked with Deere and even New Holland dealers, as utility tractors from both use the same seat. Nobody had a solution.”

The problem was that while the tractor seat could move up and down, there was no movement back and forth. Ryant realized he needed a ball bearing isolator like the seat on the Deere 4050 he had traded in.

“I went to a salvage yard and got one from a 4240, which had the same or similar seat to the 4050,” says Ryant. “I installed the isolator between the platform and the seat. All I had to do was drill a few holes.”

With his modified seat in place, Ryant went out to rake hay. “It was like a new tractor,” he says. “It took all of the shock out of the ride. Now the seat goes back and forth smoothly.”

Ryant suggests anyone with a late model



The seat on his new Deere 5525 utility tractor couldn’t move back and forth, so James Ryant installed a ball bearing isolator designed for a Deere 4240.

Deere or New Holland that doesn’t have a ball bearing isolator under the seat head for a salvage yard.

“The salvaged isolator cost me about \$100,” he recalls. “I would have paid the dealership much more for a better seat.”

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Belarus Distributor Warns Of Fake Tractor Parts

MTZ Ltd., the North American distributor of Belarus Tractors, says owners should beware of fake parts at a low price sold by scam distributors in the U.S. and Canada. Some are even identified with a Belarus metal stamp or tag. The MTZ website lists more than 3 1/2 pages of possible counterfeit parts sold illegally.

According to MTZ, Belarus Tractors and authorized parts produced by the Minsk Tractor Works in Belarus are only sold by 26 U.S. dealers in 18 states and 25 Canadian dealers in 8 provinces. MTZ is the exclusive distributor in the U.S. and Canada and has no association with Milwaukee-based Belarus Tractors International. MTZ says only tractors supplied to dealers by MTZ have the proper engines with approved emission standards that meet U.S. and Canadian environmental regulations. The company also says only their tractors have guaranteed specifications, genuine OEM parts, and are warranted by MTZ and the factory.

Owners of Belarus tractors have sometimes complained about parts quality for their equipment, a problem that MTZ says is caused by counterfeit replacement parts made in China.



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MTZ currently markets 12 Belarus tractor models ranging from the 85 hp MTZ 920 to the 303 hp MTZ 3023. All tractors have diesel engines, comfort cabs, mechanical front wheel drive and excellent hydraulics packages. The company also offers 2 different loaders and a full line of certified OEM replacement tractor parts.

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Douglas Fisk built this dolly for his 7-ft. wide, 3-pt. mounted snowblower. It rides on 7 steel caster wheels.

Dolly Makes Shop Storage Easier

“I bought a 7-ft. wide, 3-pt. mounted Deere snowblower about 3 years ago. Upon receiving it I realized the snowblower was too heavy to move by myself, so I built a dolly for it,” says Douglas Fisk of Mondovi, Wis.

The dolly is made from welded-together 6-in. channel iron and measures 7 ft. wide and 46 in. deep. It rides on 7 steel caster wheels.

“With the dolly I can place the snowblower where I sometimes couldn’t maneuver the tractor with the snowblower on it,” says Fisk. “It maneuvers well on cement and blacktop.

It’s only 8 in. wide in the upright position so during the offseason it takes up very little space. In the winter I use the dolly to push the snowblower from its storage place and position it for mounting on the tractor, which takes only 3 to 5 min.

“I found that steel rollers work the best. I bought the channel iron and dolly wheels used and spent a total of less than \$50.”

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