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Log Splitter Converted To Bend Steel

“I made a conversion kit for my log splitter to bend iron. It takes just seconds to switch from a splitter to a bender and works great,” says Larry Gruenberger, Slinger, Wis. “The kit adapts to the splitter’s wedge so I get a perfect 90 degree bend every time.”

Gruenberger drilled 2 holes in the wedge and then bolted a homemade head onto it. He also fabricated a square steel block and a 90-degree V-block. The metal is placed between the square block and the V-block, which is held in place by a steel back plate with a pair of guides welded onto it. To convert back to splitting wood, Gruenberger just unbolts the bender from the wedge.

“The splitter has 34 tons of pressure so it can do some heavy-duty bending,” says

Gruenberger. “Because the metal to be bent rests on the splitter beam, the bend line is automatically perpendicular to the metal so no pre-measuring is necessary. It results in a perfect 90-degree bend every time.

“It works fast. I made the kit 4 years ago when I needed about 25 metal brackets to fasten onto the fascia on my house. The brackets held 2 by 6’s on edge so workers on the roof wouldn’t slip off. Each bracket required 3 bends, but I was able to bend all the brackets in only about 20 min.”

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“No-Weld” Pipe Connector

You don’t need a welder to build a fence using this new adjustable no-weld pipe connector.

The Fence Bullet pipe connector kit joins a 2 7/8-in. dia. pipe post to a 2 3/8-in. cross pipe. It’s designed to be used with compression fence braces or rail fences and assembles in just 5 min. using only end wrenches.

The kit comes with a band that clamps onto a 2 7/8-in. pipe post, and a double-slotted sleeve that slides over a 2 3/8-in. cross pipe. A 3-in. long carriage bolt runs through the band.

You slide the sleeve onto the cross pipe, then rest the inside of the pipe on the band ends and against the bolt. Secure the band to the post by tightening an outside nut on the bolt. Then lift the pipe and slide the sleeve against the post, fitting the slots in the sleeve to the bolt. The final step is to thread a flange nut on the bolt and tighten it snugly to the sleeve.

The Fence Bullet is offered in 3 versions: universal, angle, and rail. Angle and rail versions assemble with minor variations. All 3 versions sell for \$20 per pair, with case discounts.

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