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## Scissors Lift Mounts On A Skid Steer Loader

"Our new Skid-Lift skid loader-mounted lift operates off your skid loader's hydraulics, without the need for self-contained hydraulics or a separate battery pack or engine. It takes advantage of your skid loader's drive system, hydraulics, and steering which makes it affordably priced," says Paul Wick, Skid-Lift, LLC, Fargo, N. Dak.

The company offers several different models of the Skid-Lift. All attach to the quick-tach plate on any skid loader and are also equipped with forklift pockets for

moving them around or loading them onto a trailer. With an optional 3-pt. mount adapter plate, they can also be mounted on the back of your tractor.

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At the recent Farm Fest show near Redwood Falls, Minn., the company displayed its model 2030E HD. It has a 25-ft. platform height and 26-ft. working height, and an 8-ft. long by

30-in. wide deck with end access door. It weighs 2,100 lbs. and sells for \$16,995.

The company also makes 2 lighter models priced at about \$10,000 (model 1530S with a 15-ft. lift height) and \$12,000 (model 2230S with a 22-ft. lift height). Model 2030E HD even comes with a 4-degree side tilt feature that lets you move the deck closer to your work.

"The Skid-Lift works great for doing everything from roofing work to installing eaves and gutters, putting on siding, tree

trimming and many other jobs," says Wick. "It has a low cost of ownership compared to other scissors lifts on the market. One farmer told us that every day he does something dangerous on the farm using a ladder, and that a skid loader-mounted scaffold would be a lot safer to use."

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Jim Schintler started with a damaged scissors lift truck and ended up with this handy home-built lift. The roomy 8 by 14-ft. bed lifts a little more than 14 ft. high.

## Tractor Pto Powers Home-Built Lift

At 82, Jim Schintler can still paint his 2-story barn thanks to a hi-lift he put together several years ago. With a sturdy 8 by 14-ft. bed that lifts a little over 14 ft., he has a secure platform to work from.

He started with a damaged scissors-lift truck he purchased from a lumber yard going out of business.

"I cut the frame off right behind the cab. The lift and hydraulic pump are from the truck, and I built a new box and then welded and painted the lift as needed," Schintler says.

He used two older combine steering axles and steers the rear axle with hydraulics from his tractor's pto that makes it easier to guide when backing up.

"I have a lever on the front of the lift to

raise or lower the lift from the ground. I added a turnbuckle on the side in the rear so I can tilt and level out the box when it's on an incline," he says.

Schintler spent less than \$3,000 for the machine, I-beams, treated lumber and other parts to build the lift. He and his brother used it to remove and replace shingles on an apartment complex they owned and for other projects over the years.

"It's ideal for painting up high. It's real handy," Schintler says.

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## Pvc "Hot Wire" Holders Keep Horses From Damaging Fences

By Heather Smith Thomas

Pvc conduit "insulator arms" up to 4 ft. long can be used to hold a single strand of electric fence wire to keep horses from damaging wooden fences. The long arms are a great improvement over commercial long-shank insulators that put the "hot" wire 5 or 6 in. away from the fence, because the animals can't get close enough to chew or rub on wood rails. They also eliminate the need for multiple wires.

The longer arms are especially helpful for fences that serve two horse pens, where adjacent horses might try to bite or kick one another. A hot wire on both sides, well away from the wooden fence, keeps the horses at a safe distance from each other.

We have several horse pens on our ranch, and for many years we nailed 2 by 4's to fence posts at strategic intervals and then nailed insulators to them to position the hot wire a couple feet from the fence. It worked fairly well, but over time the boards often

came loose from the posts or drooped down because the nails didn't hold.

In recent years we've been replacing the boards with pvc conduit which is lighter weight, more durable, and less likely to sag. We cut the conduit into 2 to 4-ft. lengths, or longer if one piece serves two pens, with a portion sticking out from each side of the fence. Holes are drilled through the end of the conduit, and any kind of braided electric fence "wire" can be threaded through them after the conduit is attached to the fence.

The conduit sections can be quickly screwed to the posts using a cordless drill. If you ever want to remove or re-position the conduit, the screws can be just as quickly removed.

We also use this idea to protect the net-wire fence around our calf and yearling pastures. It keeps cattle from rubbing on and stretching the netting.