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Chevy Blazer Made Into All Terrain "Gazor"

Monte Martin farmed and also worked as a parts man at a local Deere dealer before retiring a few years ago. He still lives on the farm and was looking for a challenge, so when a friend rolled over his Chevrolet Blazer Martin bought it and then converted it into a one-of-a-kind all terrain chore vehicle.

The rig is painted green and black like a Deere Gator and has a home-built, hydraulic-operated "Gator" dump box on back and a headache rack made by cutting down the rear window sunscreen off a big Deere tractor. It sports a big hood scoop and Gator doors on front, and a receiver hitch and 2 sets of dual exhaust mufflers on back along with the Blazer's original rear bumper.

The vehicle started life as a 1995 4-WD Chevy Blazer. It's powered by the original V-6 engine and automatic transmission with transfer case.

"I call it my 'Gazor' because it's a cross between a Blazer and a Gator. It looks like an all terrain vehicle equipped with a Gator box," says Martin. "I put a lot of thought into it before I started building and worked on it for seven months in my spare time. I chose the Blazer because it has a short wheelbase that's similar in length to a Gator. It cost less than \$5,000 to build.

"Sometimes I post photos of the machine on the internet and it always gets a lot of comments. It's built heavy but rides nice like a Blazer and has bucket seats, a heater, air conditioner, and radio. It's street legal with a top speed of 90 mph."

Martin bought the Blazer with a caved-in roof and windshield for \$300. He cut off the body just behind the bucket seats, keeping the frame and running gear. He then jacked up the roof to straighten out the windshield frame and installed a new windshield. He



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used 2-in. round tubing to build a rollbar and welded it to the frame, then installed an adjustable-width fiberglass roof and built back from there.

He used mild steel to build the dump box and the hinges under it, except for the front section and tailgate which are new Gator parts. The dump box is operated by an electric-over-hydraulic pump that operates off the Blazer's battery.

The Blazer's damaged hood was replaced with a new ABS hood purchased from LMC Truck (ph 800 562-8782; www.lmctruck.com). The seat, dash, steering wheel, left front fender, and floor are original.

He replaced the Blazer's original tires with big 16-in. Dynapro Hankook mud and snow tires (www.hankook.com). "The front axle still has the Blazer's original torsion bars, which I had to adjust to raise the vehicle and make room for the bigger tires," says Martin.

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Pet-Proof Mouse Bait Feeder

"I often buy TOMCAT Rat and Mouse bait in a 10-lb. container. I didn't want to worry about my grandchildren, pets and other animals disturbing the bait so I came up with a safe and inexpensive way to distribute it," says Thomas Votipka, Belvidere, Neb.

"I cut four evenly spaced 1 1/2-in. dia. holes near the bottom of an empty 1-gal. plastic ice cream container with handle and lid. I put a bait tray or a small plastic lid, filled with poison, inside the container and secure the lid. Then I place the container in our garage, barn, shop and machine sheds or anywhere rats or mice feed. I never have to worry about children or pets eating the bait," says Votipka.

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Bait tray is placed inside 1-gal. ice cream container with 4 evenly spaced holes cut into it.



Hydraulic-operated rotating teeth on bucket fold out to tear silage off face of bunker silo.

"Facer Bucket" Unloads Bunk Silos Fast

A nifty new "facer bucket" from E. Steiner Mfg., Dalton, Ohio, has hydraulic-powered rotating teeth that fold out to tear silage off the face of a bunker silo and then fold back in so the bucket can be loaded with the loose silage.

The 6-ft. wide bucket is capable of holding 800 to 900 lbs. of feed, depending on moisture. A single direct-drive wheel motor turns the cutterhead.

The rotor has hardened teeth for long life and the bucket attaches as easily as a normal loader bucket. The arm that folds the cutterhead in and out mounts outside the bucket, on the back side. Just one auxiliary outlet is used to power both the cutterhead and the arm that moves it, thanks to some extra valving on the hydraulics. No electronic controls are needed.

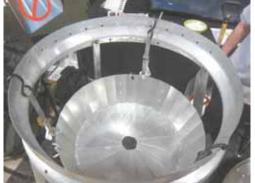
The custom-built facer buckets sell for



By folding teeth back in, operator can load bucket with loose silage.

about \$6,500, depending on price of materials at the time of sale

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Bulls Eye Variable Diameter Discharge automatically maintains a "centered" discharge as grain is poured into top of bin, regardless of position of loading auger spout.

"Bulls Eye" Variable Diameter Discharge For Grain Bins

"Our new Bulls Eye Variable Diameter Discharge for grain bins automatically centers the grain discharged by an auger or conveyor for you, maximizing bin storage capacity and greatly reducing the need to do any shoveling. It forms a perfect cone that goes all the way up to the eave," says Gary Ward, Twin Valley, Minn.

The unit hangs from the bin cap using adjustable nylon straps that automatically conform to any bin cap opening size. It consists of a hopper with a series of springloaded, overlapping steel plates inside and a hole that delivers grain to the exact center of the bin. The springs are attached to the plate and as the volume of grain in the hopper grows, they pull on the plates to enlarge the hole.

Once the bin is full, you "core" the bin to remove heavy material from the middle of the bin to keep it from heating up, and then use a shovel to level out the "donut" that's left.

"Augers and conveyors can never truly center their discharge as they pour grain into the top of a bin. As a result storage capacity is lost, and shoveling is time consuming and costly," says inventor Gary Ward. "The Bulls Eye always maintains a 'centered' discharge

regardless of the position of the loading auger spout. As the bin fills, grain feeds to all sides of the bin equally. There's no need to move the auger or do any shoveling."

He says the V.D.D. can



accommodate bins that have a 24-in. vertical centering ring inside their bin cap. That includes most Brock bins and some older styles. "The Bulls Eye only adds an additional 10 in. in height, which should accommodate most existing augers," notes Ward.

Sells for \$1,383 plus \$60 S&H anywhere in the U.S. A stainless steel model is also available and sells for \$1,583 plus \$60 S&H.

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