

K-Hart industries disc openers fit Deere air drills as an alternative to OEM parts.



Disc Openers For Deere Air Drills

Deere 1890 and 1895 air disc drill owners faced with replacing worn-out disc openers have an option to consider other than buying expensive OEM parts or a new drill.

K-Hart Industries of Elrose, Saskatchewan, builds and manufactures the Model 9612 Disc Opener to fit seamlessly onto Deere air drills.

Dave Linker, owner of DBL Sales and Service, Mont., is the U.S. dealer for the K-Hart openers. "Once farmers see them in action, they're really interested."

Existing disc openers are removed from the Deere drills and the 9612 replacements are easily mounted to the existing frame and spring assembly.

"This is the way to get into a K-Hart design. The openers bolt right onto the frame with the down pressure spring reused. It's a lot less money than buying a new drill, but in essence, you'll have a new one."

Linker explains that the double discs run at a 22 1/2-degree angle lifting the stubble and gently laying the dirt back down without disturbing the seedbed before being packed by the trailing wheel. The angled cut retains bed moisture and prevents seed bounce.

"Their main claim to fame is they don't hairpin in the stubble but cut through almost

any amount of residue. Most farmers say they've never seen anything like it."

Disc units are greaseable and equipped with the largest stainless-steel bearings in the industry, claims Linker. Optional equipment includes mud scrapers and variable packer profiles.

He explains a middle pin allows the unit to swivel slightly creating a straight row across the field without sideways drag.

"It makes for an easier pulling drill," Linker says. "Farmers with issues pulling 60 ft. notice they can pull it easier when upgraded to the 9612 openers. We have been improving them all along to suit the feedback we've received."

The 9612 openers usually sell for slightly less than \$1,000 a row depending on steel prices.

K-Hart Industries has dealers in Canada and Australia, plus DBL Sales in Mont.

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A Weigh Safe True Tow Weight Distribution Hitch allows a driver to adjust leverage on the sway bars and balance the tongue weight to the tow vehicle, providing a safer and smoother ride.



Hitch Manages Tongue Weight

"Anyone who tows a loaded trailer will have a safer and more efficient journey when the hitch weight is matched to the towing vehicle," says Morgan McAllister of Weigh Safe. "Our Weigh Safe True Tow Weight Distribution Hitch has a gauge and a live adjustment system with an internal pivot point built into the head assembly."

"When the trailer is hitched to the vehicle, the gauge weighs the tongue, and the operator adjusts the device to the proper tongue weight. Using the Weigh Safe App, the operator will input measurements. The operator will then use the live adjustment system to achieve the proper DTW for the vehicle and trailer."

Tightening or loosening the lead screw

on the hitch head adjusts the sway bars to distribute the weight evenly between the trailer axles and the tow vehicle. This balancing provides a safer and smoother ride. "The hitch eliminates the guesswork in matching the weight to the tow vehicle," McAllister says. "Guessing is never a good idea." The hitch also provides anti-sway friction points to reduce sway caused by wind and passing vehicles.

Weigh Safe hitches are priced from \$899 to \$999 and come with a 2 15/16-in. stainless steel tall ball.

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TracksPlus metal skid steer tracks are American-made and sized to fit over wheels on nearly 20 brands of skid steer loaders.

"Better Built" Metal Skid Steer Tracks

Rick Wilkey says he was shocked to find out the high cost and low quality of metal skid steer tracks when he needed them. Instead of buying from those already on the market, he sourced his own materials and used his blacksmithing skills to build his own. That was the birth of TracksPlus tracks, made with a patented heat-treating process that Wilkey says produces the hardest and strongest American-made tracks in the industry. They're engineered with heat-treated steel weldments and are even about 50 percent lighter than other steel tracks on the market.

Wilkey's TracksPlus tracks are made for every size wheel on nearly 20 brands of skid loaders. The 2 3/4-in. wide rails offer excellent traction and flotation, reducing ground pressure from wheels by about 50 percent. Tracks are self-cleaning and can be installed or taken off in about 15 minutes.

There are no bushings on the tracks, which have 5/8-in. grade 9 shoulder bolts.

Wilkey says buyers can refer to the clearance guide, the track measurement guide, and the tire tread guide on the company's website to find the track they need, and product assistance is available by phone. All specifications vary by machine and customers need to determine the final fit for their machine, including clearance from safety shields. Tracks aren't recommended for non-pneumatic tires.

Tracks are delivered with full instructions and minimal assembly is needed. Some sizes may be shipped in two sections and have to be assembled before install.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Components Plus, 202 Industrial Drive, Columbus, Wisc. 53925 (www.tracksplus.com).



Tuatara ZeroNox electric UTV can go up to 100 miles on a single charge and can be recharged in as little as 3 1/2 hours.

Battery-Powered UTV Is A Real Workhorse

ZeroNox recently showcased an electric vehicle that was built by converting a gas-powered UTV. The Tuatara 1500E UTV can do everything the company's gas-powered 1000 EFI can, just not as fast or with as much range.

"When we started our company, we needed to prove the concept, so we found the 'baddest' UTV we could and electrified it," says Robert Cruess, ZeroNox co-founder. "It was the Tuatara from New Zealand. The powertrain we put in the 1500E is as upgraded as it can be, and performance-wise it can out-perform the internal combustion engine."

ZeroNox was founded in California's San Joaquin Valley, surrounded by dairy farms, orchards and the nation's most diverse crops.

The response was so positive to both the electric and gas versions in the first six months that the company got worldwide distribution rights for both.

"The Tuatara is meant to work," says Cruess. "We don't do add-ons. Our base price is the only price."

The 5 by 11-ft. vehicle features a 5-ft., 1-in.

by 5-ft., 3-in. bed with a lift capacity of 1,200 lbs. Total load capacity is 2,200 lbs., and with its 2-in. hitch, it can tow another 2,200 lbs. The winch can pull in up to 4,500 lbs. The steel construction makes the roof and front racks more than just for looks.

Buyers can select from 16 and 23-kW battery options, providing up to a 100-mile range and recharge in 3 1/2 hrs. on a 220 circuit or 6 hrs. on 110. The 1500E requires no maintenance, handles all climates and weather conditions and comes with a 10-year extended battery warranty.

The gas version has a 200-mile range and a top speed of 70 mph. The 1500E has a top speed of 35 mph. However, when the slope gets too steep for the gas version, the electric keeps climbing.

The current price on the 1500E is around \$28,000. The 1000 EFI is priced at about \$22,000.

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