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Heat Up Your Farm Buildings With These Large Heaters

Advanced Radiant Systems is helping farmers keep large pole barns and high-ceiling shops warm in cold weather.

Its gas-fired, natural gas or propane, single-stage unitary range radiant heaters are rated up to 220,000 Btu/hr. and run off a standard 120-volt electrical supply.

"These systems heat the concrete and not the air," says Nick Reilly, National Sales Director. "The heat comes from the ground up to where it's needed, so you get a warmer temperature at the ground level rather than at the ceiling."

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U or L-shaped bends for specific layouts,

side shields, brackets, and termination vents are optional.

"Farmers like them for their larger buildings because they heat from the bottom to the top," Reilly says. "If they're opening big overhead or sliding doors, heat recovery times are quicker than with other systems."

The radiant heaters come in 10 to 70 ft. lengths and range in price from \$1,200 to \$3,200 plus S&H.

Manufacturing is in Indianapolis, with the heaters distributed by a network of dealers throughout the U.S.

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These Holders Secure And Protect Tools

D-Lock tool holders can hold securely in place shovels and other tools on all types of vehicles. Made in the U.S. by Jones Manufacturing Inc., they're a smaller version of the company's J-Lock load lock holders that semi drivers use to secure load locks on the back of their cabs.

"There's nothing like this out there," says Kiley Faggionato, owner of Jones Manufacturing. "Tools clamp in the D-Lock, and there's a bar to keep them in place."

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Besides preventing tools from moving, the system helps deter theft.

Made locally in Ohio, the locking springs and parts are powder-coated and durable. Different configurations, starting with 2-tool holders (\$53.90 plus S&H), make the D-Lock versatile to work on equipment trailers, dump trucks, toolbox tops, and other equipment.

"They've been available for about 15 years, so they're well tested," Faggionato says. Jones Manufacturing sells the holders and other products through its website, has partnered with several OEM dealers, and welcomes inquiries from dealers.

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Heavy-Duty Custom Truck Toolboxes

Time and tools are valuable commodities to service truck owners. Drawer Packs save both of them, says Myron Thiessen, parts manager for Soaring Eagle H.D. Truck Parts and Accessories.

About 3 years ago, the Canadian manufacturers, noted for building semi-truck HVAC boxes and other trucking accessories, responded to customers' requests to build toolboxes for their service trucks.

"They came to us and said how difficult it was to get what they wanted in a timely manner that was cost-effective," Thiessen says, instead of the 30 to 40 weeks it was taking to get custom toolboxes.

Soaring Eagle came up with a design to keep standard sizes on hand and the ability to deliver product within 1 to 2 mos. For more custom sizes, turnaround time is 2 to 4 mos.

Customers order the overall size they need and specific drawer measurements to hold their tools. Built with heavy-duty slides and 11-gauge aluminum, each drawer can hold up to 500 lbs.

"Each drawer is removable to allow customers to move parts or tools to any area of their job site," Thiessen says, and each drawer has a lock and key. Customers like the handy T-handles that make it easier to open the drawer when wearing heavy gloves.

Drawer Packs range from standard models at \$1,100 to \$4,000 for completely customized orders.

"We're a younger, smaller company, so we work with our customers to give them personal attention," Thiessen says. That means customers receive quotes quickly and aren't handed off from one department to another.

All products can be ordered directly from the company and shipped anywhere in the U.S. and Canada.

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How To Read Your Tire Sidewalls

Tires aren't cheap, so it pays to know all you can about them. Tire sidewalls are loaded with information if you know how to interpret it. When Dawson Tire & Wheel introduced their TreadSure App (Vol. 47, No. 6), they also built a website that highlights the information on sidewalls and what it means.

"Five Parts of A Sidewall You Should Know" is the title of the website page. The information starts with the tire size label with its four data points.

- Tire width and distance between sidewalls and the letter code that designates load capacity.
- The ratio of sidewall height to the tire width.
- The third data point, if present, is a letter such as R for radial.
- Numeric code for the rim diameter in inches

The largest amount of data on the sidewall lists the speed rating and load index number for the tire. Speed ratings are indicated by a letter or letter and number for the maximum speed, such as A2 for 6 mph up to G for 55 mph. Many implement and passenger car tires have ratings far beyond G.

The load index number is a 3-digit code for the carrying capacity at its proper pressurization and speed. Dawson Tire & Wheel offers a tire chart with common index codes and their pound/kilogram equivalency.

A second speed/load rating present inside a circle indicates being able to travel at a faster speed under a reduced load.

Also found on the sidewall is a date code



Dawson Tire & Wheel has an extensive amount of information about farm tires on their website.

for when the tire was made, preceded by a letter code for the company that made it.

Other information elements on the sidewall include the bead seating marker for the inflation pressure needed to set the bead and the tire safety warning.

While on the website page, request Dawson Tire & Wheel's Tire Chart. It's a powerful aid to understanding correct tire pairings for fronts and backs, ply rating symbols, speed rating symbols, and bias-to-metric conversions. It also covers carrying capacities, an equivalency table, and more.

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