



Maxwell stained the siding when he'd finished turning it over.

NO NEED TO SCRAPE

Peeling Paint? Turn Siding Inside Out!

By Donald Maxwell

When house paint is peeled and cracked as badly as mine was recently, the customary treatment is to scrape off the loose paint then sand a featheredge on the remaining paint. I tried that — for a few square feet — and then sat down to reconsider.

A quick calculation showed that I would be scraping and sanding for 50 hours or more. After that I'd still have to prime the entire house and apply at least one finish coat. And a few years later I'd have to do it all over again.

I hit on a better way. Every clapboard has two sides, and one of these has never been painted. I decided simply to remove the clapboards, turn them over, and nail them back on again inside out. To simplify the job further I stained the unfinished wood instead of painting it. Also, while the siding was off I added fiberglass insulation to the walls.

Here's why I decided to stain instead of paint: The back side of the clapboards is rough sawed. If I had wanted to paint the house — and repaint it every few years — I'd have to sand or plane the boards smooth before reinstalling them. That would have required some time and effort, although not as much as scraping and sanding the old paint.

But the decision to stain cut the preparation work to practically nothing. Only the bottom edges of the boards needed sanding. And that went fast with a belt sander and 16-grit paper. I had to replace one short section of clapboard because it was rotted beneath the paint.

Staining was fast and easy. A two-gallon garden sprayer applied the stain evenly. Because of the sprayer's low pressure there was no problem with overspray — even on a windy day.

If your house isn't well insulated, an added attraction of this home-improvement technique is that you can add insulation when you reverse



Each strip of siding was numbered so Maxwell could put it back in the same place.

the clapboards. Remove the sheathing, and staple in fiberglass insulation, keeping the vapor barrier toward the inside of the house. The job doesn't have to be done all at once. I reversed the siding and applied the insulation in small patches, working whenever I felt like it.

There are two tricky parts to the job. First, make sure you number the boards before you remove them so they can be reinstalled in the same place. The clapboards may not fit properly otherwise. Second, where boards are angled at gable ends, with a window in the middle, you'll have to switch the boards with their counterparts on the other side of the window.

I didn't have any trouble with this because my windows are centered in the gables. But if you have an off-center window, you may have to saw

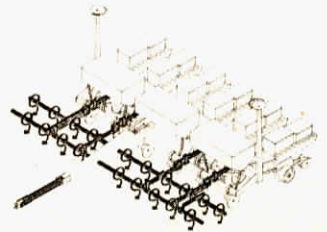
"TRIP SAVER" OPENS GROUND

Add-On Tillage Tool For Row Crop Planters

"There's been tremendous farmer interest in this new add-on tillage tool," says Glen Floyd of Remlinger Manufacturing Co., Inc., manufacturer of the new "Trip Saver", which consists of a double row of S-tines that mount ahead of trailing, non-folding planters.

The add-on unit is designed to eliminate problems caused by crusted field conditions and tire compaction while helping improve chemical incorporation. Under many conditions, it'll save a trip across the field before planting, according to Floyd.

Depth of the S-tines is hydraulically controlled, allowing them to be raised to clear trash, or when crossing grass waterways and other areas where you may not want them in the ground. The kit installs easily on most planters and includes an extension hitch to facilitate a sharp turn



Depth of add-on front tines is hydraulically controlled.

planter with the all bolt-on unit.

Built to fit 4, 6 and 8-row planters, the 6-row model sells for \$1,555, including hydraulic cylinders.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Remlinger Manufacturing Co., Inc., 16394 U.S. 224, P.O. Box 177, Kalida, Ohio 45853 (ph toll-free 800 537-7370 or in Ohio, 419 532-3647).

Slip-In Truck Endgate Features Swing-Out Door

Now you can replace endgates on older trucks with a versatile new slip-in endgate, manufactured by SSR Pump Co., Michigan, No. Dak. It features a swing-out door that has a built-in slide gate for auger use.

Company spokesman Dan Shirek notes that the new endgate is great for older trucks that don't have swing doors. It replaces the existing gate, using the same slots. Its swing-out door allows for fast unloading at grain elevators and allows you to haul long cargo, such as boards or pipes, without removing the endgate. And, you still have the slide gate for conventional unloading into augers.

Prices for custom built slip-in endgates, painted to match your existing truckbox, range from \$195 to \$225.

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A swing-out door with built-in slide gate attaches to hinges on slip-in endgate.

off some long boards and add those sections to the shorter boards on the other side of the window. It's simple if you plan the job. Again, the actual work is easy.

The entire operation cost only a few dollars for galvanized siding nails and stain. The insulation was a little more expensive, but fiberglass is one of the cheaper types, and insulation costs are tax deductible.

To complete the job I painted the trimmings to match the stain. The re-

sult is a light, natural finish — an enormous improvement over the peeling siding I started with. Best of all, because the stain doesn't peel, blister, or chip, I'll never have to scrape or sand again.

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