Truck attachments for transport, storage

Moving heavy equipment and tools is easy with the right truck accessories.

The green industry is an industry that's laden with accessories. Tools, sprayers and other heavy equipment have to be trucked around, but it has to be done with safety and efficiency.

We received a great response to our last LM Reports on trailers. Here's more of what's available:

Art's Way Manufacturing Co., Inc., has applied its experience with farm equipment to the lawn and landscape market with the Mega Haul line of three wagons and two trailers. Their product line includes:

- a heavy-duty, conventional wagon for yard work; a flat-bed wagon for industrial and commercial markets;
- a tandem trailer for pulling behind a lawn tractor;
- and the Uni-Trailer, a universal trailer designed to give ATV owners a small utility trailer to pull behind their ATV. Ron Hottes, president of Art's Way, says the products have been sparking interest. "We were very surprised with the market acceptance of the pilot run," says Hottes. "The acceptance of the test market units made it crystal clear that there is a need in these markets," for company products.

Truck Craft manufactures the TC-100 pickup dumper with a rear window protector. A tarp system can be added to completely protect the load in the bed.

Good dump attachments such as the Truck Craft model should include a variety of features, such as seamless floors; three-way tailgates; a bed wide enough for a full sheet of plywood; and easy installation, with no welding or cutting required. (The Truck Craft unit installs with four bolts and one wire in less than two hours.)

The Stahl company's Landmaster is also a tool and equipment storage unit. The dump bed features tapered side walls to accommodate service body sites, and are reinforced with a full length rib for rigidity.

A curbside horizontal door is equipped with cable stops to hold the door in a 90° open position, to become a handy work table.

Different sizes are available from Stahl: a 60-inch, 2.5 cu.yd. model, or a medium and light duty 84-inch model.

The Reading Body Works, Inc. has been making service bodies and pickup caps for 40 years. Reading products are made of twosided, A-60 zinc-coated, galvanneal steel.

An exclusive priming process fights rust and corrosion better. Other features include flange-mounted rubber door seals, slam action rivet-on locks, and stainless steel bolt-on hinges.

—Terry Melver

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