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Trailers of the trade

A pickup truck is often not complete until you add a trailer or other transport accessory.

■ Mowers...aerators...sprayers...chippers...mulch...ornamental plantings. Lots of equipment and material that has to be trucked from job to job.

And since you don't skimp on motorized equipment, if you shop for a new trailer or dumping accessory, get the best that money can buy.

Consider size before you consider cost. A smaller unit will be under-used if it can't haul all the equipment you need it to haul. And the larger the trailer, the more versatile it will be.

Then consider style. Do you want the equipment covered? If so, there are a wide variety of enclosed trailers to choose from. Many models of this type are made by Wells Cargo (see photo). These include a door that swings down to double as a loading ramp.

Some open flatbed trailers, such as the Redi Haul RH8UT, are enclosed on all four sides, with an open top.

Flatbed trailers are made by a number of companies, such as Tiger Line, Redi Haul and Femco/American Pride. The primary features to consider are type of hitch required, materials used in construction—is the floor made of wood or metal?—and once again, size.

Easy access—Redi Haul's tiltbed and ramp trailers include a "Lawn Care Trailer" with 12-inch-high sides and electric brakes.

Trailers vary in widths and lengths, usually 4 to 8 feet wide to 16 feet long. Floors are generally made of metal or wood (usually oak or fir).

Options—Next, look into options. Ramps can be full width or standard—that is, there are two ramps the width of the wheels on each side. Some trailers offer spare tires and hubcaps or ball coupler to increase capacity.

About capacity: don't go lower than 3000 lbs. Maximum capacity offered by some trailers can reach up to 20,000 lbs.

Dump trailers might be what you seek if you haul lots of mulch or fill dirt. These hydraulic units, like the E-Z Dumper, are battery operated, and come with a full transportation light package. They hold up to 5 cubic yards, depending on construction.

Axles are either single or double (tandem), depending on load



American Pride's golf car trailer has a steel floor and a mesh loading ramp. Circle No. 311



The E-Z Dumper, with breakaway switch, adjustable coupler and swing jack. Circle No. 312

capacity. Brakes are an option for some, and are hydraulic or electric.

With accessories, a new trailer represents a minimum investment of \$3000-\$5000.

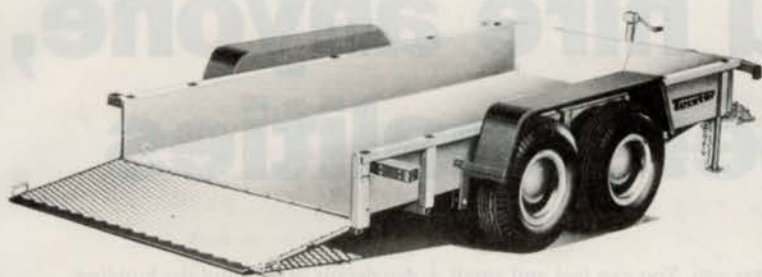
—Terry McIver



The Maxi-Dump tilts to a 45-degree angle. Circle No. 313



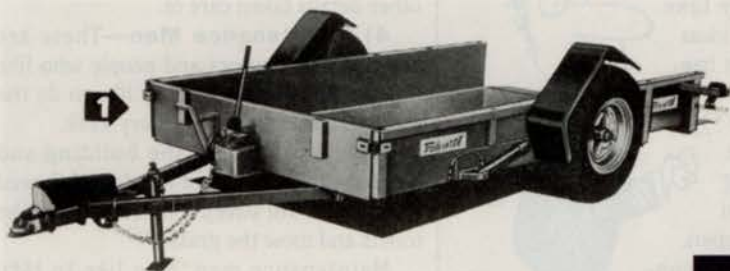
The deck of Redi Haul's lawn care trailer is 76 inches wide x 12 feet long. Circle No. 314



The Tiltster, from Tiger Line Equipment, has optional steel racks, from 12 to 36 inches high. Circle No. 315



The elevated design of the Spacemaker adds even more room to conventional trailers. Circle No. 317



Wells Cargo trailers (below) come in more than 100 models. Circle No. 316

The Trailevator, also from Tiger Line Equipment, lowers to ground level hydraulically. Circle No. 315



Chippers are more popular than ever. If you have one, consider a chipper hitch from West Side Machine. Circle No. 318



TRAILER SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Payload cap.	Axles	Brakes	Other	Circle No.
American Pride ¹	1560 lbs.	single	n/a	safety chains	311
E-Z Dumper 610	7000 lbs.	tandem	surge (optional)	adjustable coupler	312
Maxi Trailer 58	5000 lbs.	tandem	hydraulic surge	12-volt battery	313
Redi Haul "Lawn Care"	2600 lbs.	single	electric brakes	wood floor (fir)	314
Tiger Line Tiltster	3-7000 lbs.	single/tandem	12"x2"/10"x3.25"	custom colors extra	315
Wells Cargo CW162	5630 lbs.	tandem	4-wheel, electric	plywood interior	316

¹golf car trailer

Note: Chart and article are not meant to be all-inclusive.