

“Best Buy” Backhoe Attachment

“My 2002 Amulet Hoe Clamp is one of my best buys ever,” says John Lund, Rhineland, Wis., who uses the unit on his Ford 4500 loader/backhoe (ph 800 526-8538; www.amulet.com).

The Hoe Clamp consists of a pin-on, full motion thumb that fits most standard and extendable stick backhoes. It’s operated by bucket curl using Amulet’s patented kidney link design. The unit requires no additional hydraulics on the backhoe.

“It’s a mechanical clamp that mounts on a backhoe, replacing some of the linkage and pins,” says Lund. “The Hoe Clamp moves as the bucket moves. It can be pinned in 2 different locations, depending on the type of work you’re doing. I usually use it in a position where I can still dig. It’s extremely useful in building rock walls, and is easier to use than a hydraulic thumb.”

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During tests on a pair of Deere 7750 tractors, one tractor’s air filter was cleaned once a day. Nearly 5 lbs. of dirt was removed daily and the tractor used 58 gal. less fuel per day than the tractor with the dirty filter.

The Original Air Filter Blaster With Its “One Day Payback” Technology

The Air Filter Blaster uses low pressure and constant motion to safely, effectively, and efficiently clean canister style air filters.

“The Air Filter Blaster is designed to clean dirt from any canister-type air filter,” says Dennis Grieve, Salmon River Innovations, Inc president. “It lets you use your air compressor to safely blow dust out of the filter. It’s not intended to permanently replace the purchase of new air filters. It’ll just make them last as much as 20 times longer.”

The portable unit comes with a stepped cone-shaped lid that pressurizes the filter from the inside out. To clean a filter, you

hook up a compressor to the supplied ball valve and open the valve. The pressurized air creates a vortex inside the rotor head which causes high-speed rotation of the head. As the head rotates inside the filter element, air is directed out of 4 specifically designed directional air jackets cleaning the filter from the very bottom to the very top of the filter in a matter of seconds.

“It has just has one moving part and since that part uses air ride bearing technology, it should last a lifetime,” says Grieve.

“The true science is by design, the filter can be cleaned several times due to the fact that at no time will more than 40-48 PSI be

applied to the element. It works a lot better than damaging the filter by banging it on the ground or holding an air nozzle 1/4-in. away from the filter with high pressure, which can tear the element.”

The Air Filter Blaster portable unit sells for \$349 plus S&H and comes with a 6-in. rotor head standard - 3, 4 1/2 and 9-in. rotor heads are also available to fit almost any filter on the market and sell for \$59 each.

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