

Original Grease Buster™ Loosens Up Frozen Fittings

“The Grease Buster™ tool might be the handiest tool to come along since the adjustable wrench. We now have 20 years of satisfied customers,” says inventor-manufacturer, Paul Michener.

An aircraft mechanic won a \$2,500 bonus for reducing the cost of maintenance on landing gear on air freighters using the Grease Buster™ tool. It forces solvent into a fitting and/or bearing.

A new pneumatic piston fits only the shop-size Grease Buster. It’s powered by a pneumatic hammer. The shop-size Grease Buster, using the pneumatic piston, is much more effective and faster at cleaning out fittings as the pneumatic hammer will produce 30 to 40 hits in the same time one can tap the shop size piston 3 or 4 times with a hammer.

“I have had 100% positive comments about the pneumatic piston. Ordinarily

the fitting will either free up instantly, or the process may be repeated until the solvent has had time to work”, says Michener, now retired from the hay business. Michener developed the Grease Buster to solve the problem of fittings that would not take grease. Once solvent flows freely into the fitting, grease can then be injected with a grease gun to displace the solvent in the fitting.

The Shop size Grease Buster was introduced in the fall of 2001. It has a 7/16-in. diameter. Overall it’s a stronger tool and it has about twice the capacity of the original tool. The Grease Buster tool is available retail or wholesale, with quantity discounting available for bulk orders. The Regular size tool is \$42, and



the Shop size is \$52, plus \$5 shipping.

The Grease Buster tool comes with a one-year limited warranty. Using the tool without solvent or disassembly voids the warranty.

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Elevated Bus Makes Great Deer Stand

Jesse Kauffman doesn’t worry about making noise walking to his deer stand early in the morning. He’s already there, because his stand is a roomy 72-passenger bus welded to the top of a 28-ft. gas tank standing on end in 10 ft. of dirt.

Besides sleeping on an air mattress in the bus stand, the Springbrook, Wis., hunter can make a meal on the stove, relax in one of two recliners, and play cards or games with visitors at the card table. And, most importantly, he stays warm with a camper heater.

Kauffman can’t take full credit for the idea. Many years ago, his father, Willie Kauffman, mounted a small camper on the gas tank for a deer stand. It worked for several years but fell victim to a severe windstorm that also blew their barn down.

“So I decided to upgrade. A neighbor had a bus, which is much better than the camper because it has more windows to shoot out of,” Kauffman explains.

He stripped out the bus seats and engine and prepped the bus for elevating. As owner and operator of an excavating business, he had the means to lift the bus on top of the tank, though the first attempt failed. The dirt platform he built and the bulldozer he used weren’t big enough and the bus crashed to the ground. With a second bus, a day and a half building a dirt ramp and a bigger dozer, he was able to safely push the bus atop the tank. Welded to the frame and anchored on all four corners to I-beams buried in

the ground, it has stood strong against winds since 2010.

An old bale elevator provides a stairway to enter the bus through the engine compartment.

“We just made do with what we had using scrap iron from the farm,” Kauffman says.

With so many windows, visibility is good all the way around, and several hunters can be in the bus stand at the same time. It’s also great for coyote hunting and spending time with his daughters, Kauffman says.

“The best part is being able to wake up in the deer stand,” Kauffman concludes.

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An old bale elevator provides a stairway to enter bus through the engine compartment.



Jesse Kauffman’s one-of-a-kind deer stand is a roomy 72-passenger bus welded on top of a 28-ft. gas tank standing on end, anchored 10 ft. deep into the ground.



Interior of bus is equipped with a stove, camper heater, 2 recliners, and a card table. “I like having a lot of windows to shoot out of,” says Kauffman.