

LifeTrac Fabrication Report



Disclaimer:

When building this tractor you are explicitly assuming full responsibility for the safety of yourself, anyone who helps you, anyone who wanders past, and anyone who uses the tractor or is nearby while it is being used. OSE accepts no responsibility for the quality of your work.

Warning:

This tractor is a heavy piece of equipment and carries with it significant operating risks inherent to heavy, mobile machinery. OSE recommends that you obtain experience in construction, agriculture, engines and heavy equipment operation prior to building this tractor.

Warning:

The current design does not include a seat belt, safety bar, or operator cage. However, it does not prohibit them either.

Warning:

Do not use on hillsides or uneven terrain which may cause the tractor to tip.

Warning:

Neither axle should support more than 70% of the combined weight of the tractor and load. Do not lift objects more than 1,000 lbs without ballasting the rear of the tractor to maintain at least this 70/30 distribution. The maximum load the tractor can handle is 4,000 lbs, with proper ballast, or 8,000 lbs if the rear of the tractor is fastened down.

Note:

This tractor is currently in the beta release stage. If you build the tractor you are a developer. It is strongly suggested that you contact OSE prior to building and remain in contact throughout the process.

Note:

This report is the last step in a distributed collaboration process. It is recommended that you obtain the digital OpenProj file and a copy of OpenProj (free and open source). You will be able to organize your fabrication project with only a few mouse clicks. Track your progress with the digital tool, then send your final file back and it can be used to improve the machine and the documentation.

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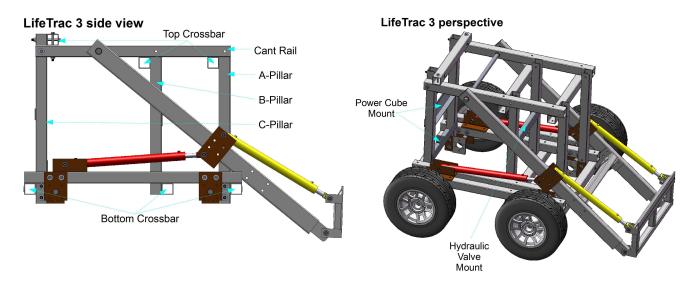
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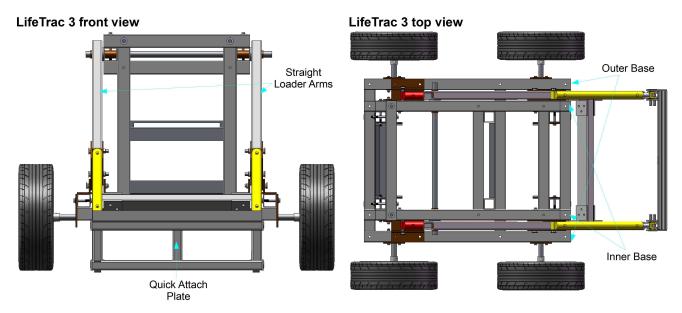
Introduction

This guide will walk you through the entire process of fabricating LifeTrac, Open Source Ecology's general purpose tractor.

This guide documents Prototype III. Prototype IV has bent loader arms and quick attach wheels. Prototype IV has about 20 hours of run time as of 7 February 2012. The upgrades are recommended, however, documentation is not complete.

There are two primary sections: Definitions & Project Steps. Definitions are sufficient for an experienced fabricator to replicate the LifeTrac. Project Steps are an addition that makes organizing the effort easier and provides a standardized format to guide discussion and feedback.





Bill of Materials

Tools		
	Metal Saw	
	Drill	
	Cutting Torch	
	welding torch	
	Tape Measure	
	hand-held grinder	
	pipe wrench	
	Lathe	
	Center Punch	
	5/16" hex wrench	
	9/16" wrench	
	3/4" wrench	
	cinder block	
	Frame Hole Jig	
Consumables		
	grease	
	Teflon tape	~15 feet
	1/8" drill bit	
	1/4" drill bit	
	1/2" drill bit	
	5/8" drill bit	
	3/4" drill bit	
	13/16" drill bit	
	1" drill bit	
Bar		
	1" dia by 6" bar	x10
	1 3/8" dia by 6" splined shaft	x4
	1 7/8" dia by 26" bar	x4
	1 7/8" dia by 56" bar	
	J	

Tube		
	1 7/8" inner dia by 3 1/2" tube	x2
	1 7/8" inner dia by 4 1/2" tube	x2
	1 7/8" inner dia by 6" tube	x4
	3" x 3" by 9" square tube	x3
	3" x 3" by 51" square tube	x2
	3" x 6" x 3/8" by 45" rectangle tube	x1
	3" x 6" x 3/8" by 100" rectangle tube	x2
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 44" square tube	x3
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 52" square tube	x2
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 55" square tube	x2
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 59" square tube	x2
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 60" square tube	x2 x3
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 68" square tube	x2
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 76" square tube	x4
	7 X 7 X 1/4 by /b square tube	АТ
Flat		
	2" x 1/2" by 51" flat	
	3" x 1/2" by 3" flat	x4
	3" by 1/2" by 6" flat	x4
	3" x 1/2" by 51" flat	
	4" x 1/4" by 26" flat	
	4" x 1/4" by 44" flat	
	4" x 1/4" by 76" flat	
	4" x 1/2" by 4" flat	x17
	4 1/2" x 2" by 8" flat	x2
	8" x 3/8" by 12 1/2" flat	x4
	8" x 1/2" by 6" flat	x4
	8" x 1/2" by 10" flat	x12
	12" x 1/2" by 4" flat	x4
	12" x 1/2" by 12" flat	х6
Angle		
	4" x 6" x 1/2" by 6" angle	x4
	4" x 4" x 1/4" by 36" angle	х3
Hardware		

Nuts		
	9/16" locknut	x32
	3/4" locknut	x114
	1" nut	x12
Washers		
	9/16" washer	x64
	3/4" washer	x238
	1 7/8" washer	x20
Bolts		
	9/16" by 2" bolt	x32
	3/4" by 2" bolt	x8
	3/4" by 4 1/2" bolt	x18
	3/4" by 5 1/2" bolt	x46
	3/4" by 9 1/2" bolt	x42
Misc		
	1/8" cotter pin	x10
	1 7/8" lock collar	x18
Hydraulics		
1/4" Hex		
	1/4" NPT female quick coupler	x4
	1/4" NPT male quick coupler	x5
	1/4" NPTF 90 elbow	
	1/4" NPTF tee	x3
	SAE 4 to 1/4" NPT nipple	x4
	1/4" NPTM hex nipple	x4
1/2" Hex		
	1/2" NPT female quick coupler	x9
	1/2" NPT male quick coupler	x9
	1/2" NPTF tee	x8
	SAE 10 to 1/2" NPT nipple	x10
	1/2" NTPM hex nipple	x4

	SAE 10 to 1/2" NPT swivel	x8
	1/2" NPT swivel	
	3/8" to 1/2" NPT swivel	х6
	3/8" to 1/2" NPT 90 elbow swivel	x2
3/4" Hex		
	3/4" NPT female quick coupler	x8
	3/4" NPT male quick coupler	x8
	3/4" NPTF 90 elbow	
	3/4" NPTF tee	x2
	3/4" hex nipple	x10
	3/4" power beyond sleeve	x2
Hoses		
	1/4" by 36" hose	
	1/4" by 60" hose	x2
	1/4" by 72" hose	
	1/2" by 12" hose	x2
	1/2" by 36" hose	x10
	1/2" by 48" hose	x7
	1/2" by 60" hose	
	1/2" by 120" hose	
	1/2" by 144" hose	
	3/4" by 96" hose	x4
Valves		
	1/2" cushion valve	
	3/4" NPT check valve	x2
	2-spool valve	
	3-spool valve	
Actuators		
	30" cylinder	x2
	36" cylinder	x2
	31.88 cubic inch motor	x4

Frame Hole Jig

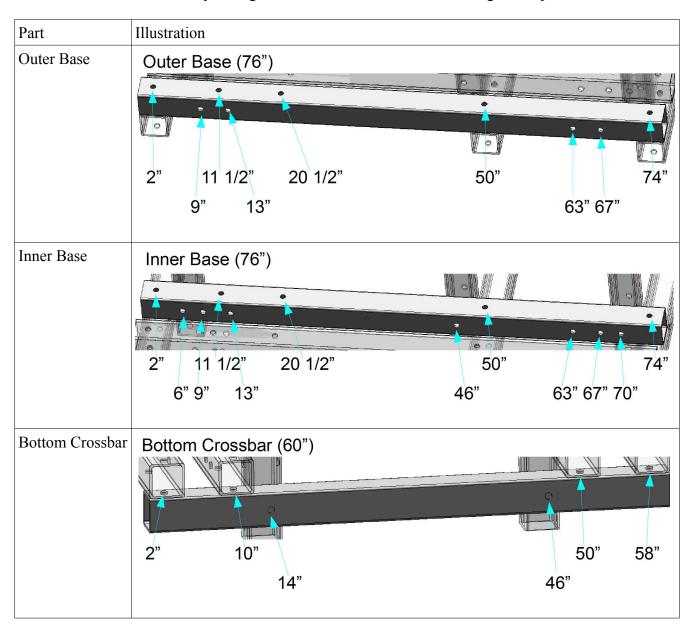
Cut a piece of 4" wide flat stock to 76" long. Starting at one end, mark (centered) and drill 1/4" holes at the following distances:

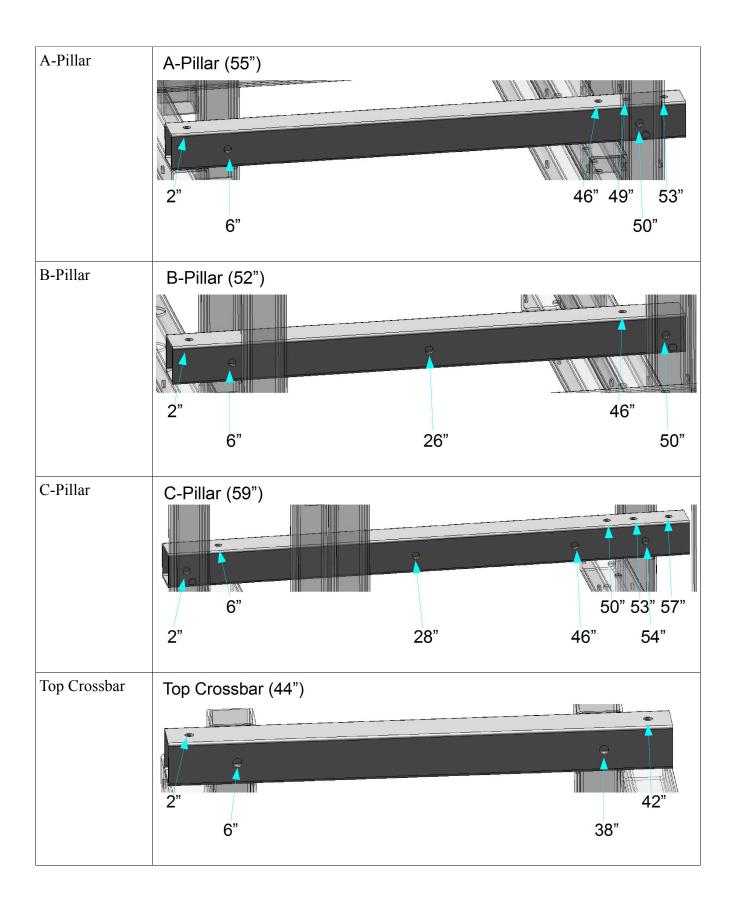
- 2"
- 6"
- 9"
- 10"
- 11 1/2"
- 13"
- 14"
- 20 1/2"
- 26"
- 28"
- 30"
- 38"
- 42"
- 46"
- 49"
- 50"
- 53"
- 54"57"
- 58"
- 62"
- 63"
- 66"
- 67"
- 70"
- 74"

Definitions

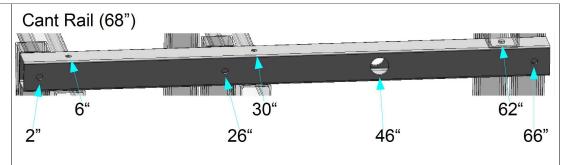
Frame Tube Lengths & Hole Positions

- All frame members are 4" x 4" x 1/4" steel tube.
- Use the Frame Jig to mark matching holes on opposite sides of the tube.
- Drill each mark 13/16" (unless otherwise specified).
- Do not drill all the way through the tube from one side unless using a drill press.



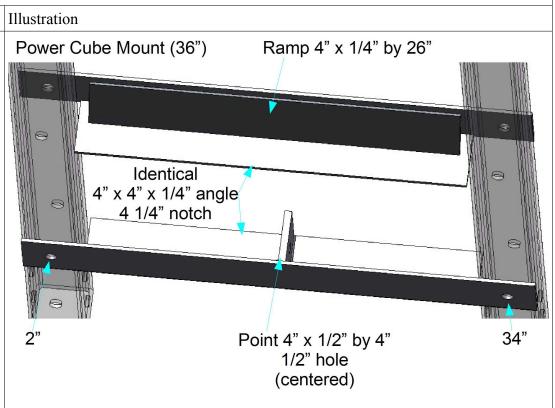


Cant Rail The big hole at 46" should be 2 3/8". Use a cutting torch.



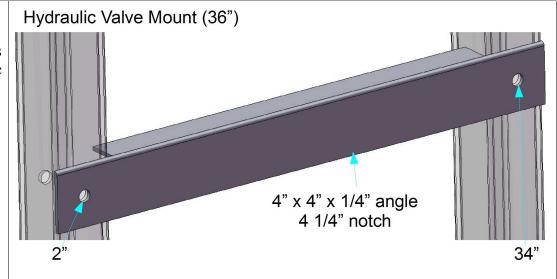
Power Cube Mount

Part Power Cube Mount Holes 13/16 unless otherwise noted. The angle of the ramp needs to match the Power Cube. A good estimate is to leave a 3/4" gap between the top edge of the ramp and the top edge of the angle.

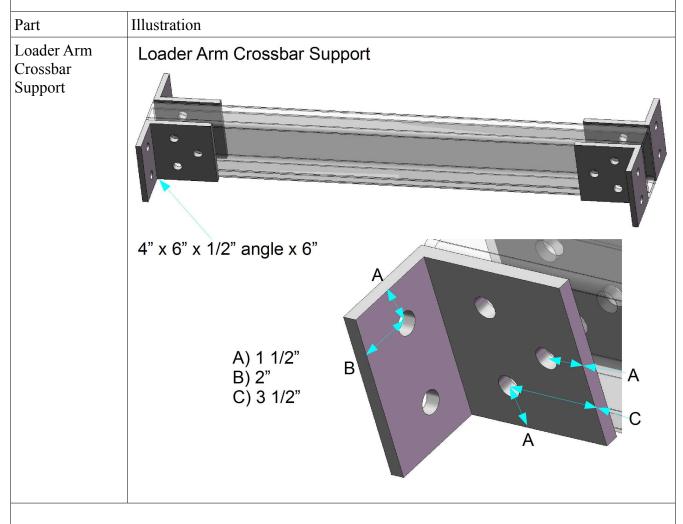


Hydraulic Valve Mount

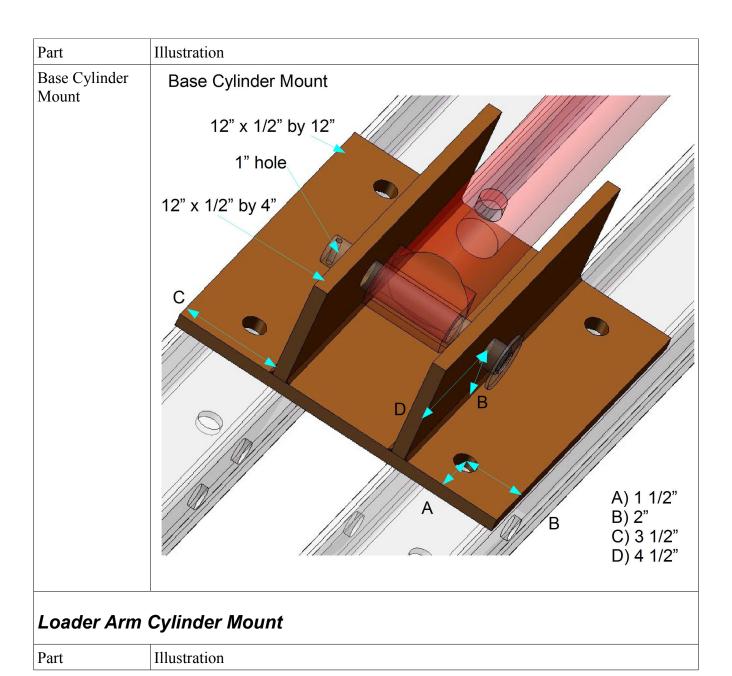
Hydraulic Valve Mount Additional holes for the hydraulic valves will be necessary. Use your specific hardware to mark the holes.



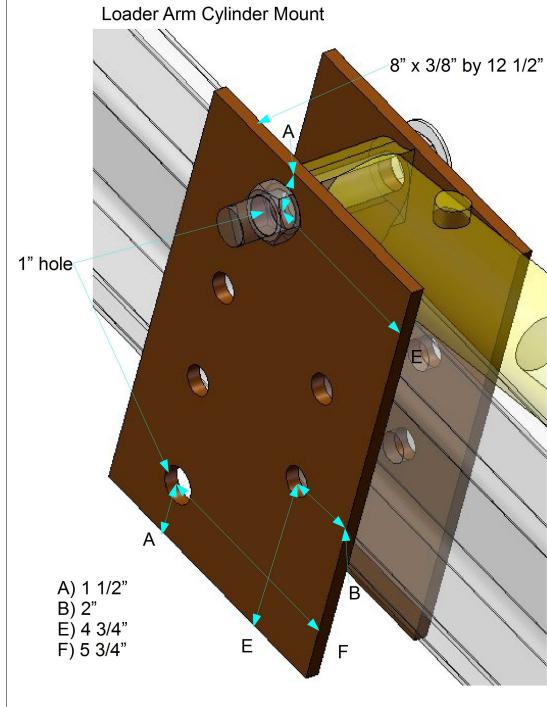
Loader Arm Crossbar Support



Base Cylinder Mount

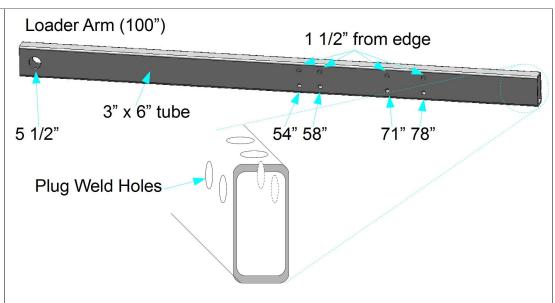


Loader Arm Cylinder Mount Drill out two nuts to 1" inner diameter and weld onto the 1" holes.



Loader Arm

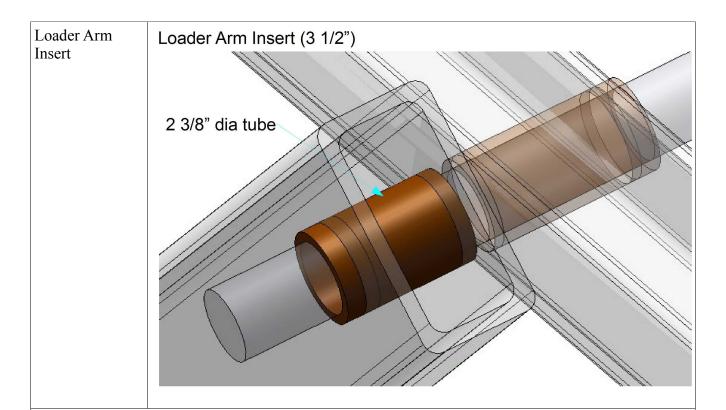
Loader Arm
The big hole
should be 2 3/8".
Use a cutting
torch. The plug
weld holes
should overlap
the lump when it
is inserted into
the end of the
arm. Weld
through the
holes to secure
the lump.



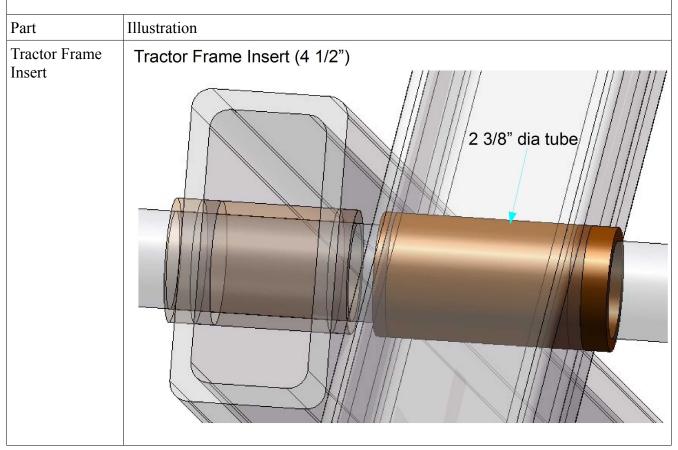
Loader Arm Crossbar

Part	Illustration
Loader Arm Crossbar	Loader Arm Crossbar (45") 3" x 6" x 3/8" tube 1 1/2" from edge 2 1/2" 4 1/2"" 40 1/2" 42 1/2"

Loader Arm Insert



Tractor Frame Insert



Part Illustration Loader Arm Lump The top edges of the lump can be notched and rounded to better fit inside the loader arm tube. A) 1 1/2" B) 2" A 2" dia

Loader Arm Shaft

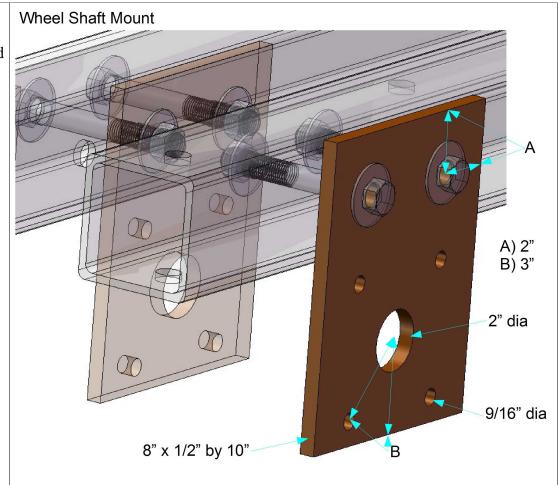
Part	Illustration
Loader Arm Shaft	Loader Arm Shaft (56") 1 7/8" dia

4 1/2" x 2" by 8"

Wheel Shaft Mount

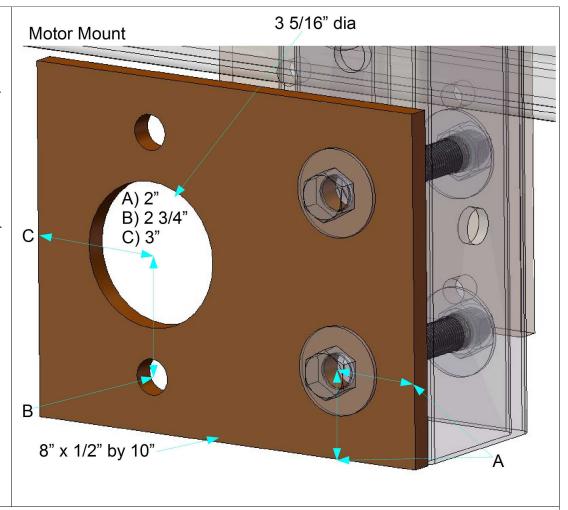
Part	Illustration

Wheel Shaft
Mount
The position and diameter of the four bearing mounting holes depends on the bearing block you end up using. Pictured is an example. Use a cutting torch for the 2" shaft hole.



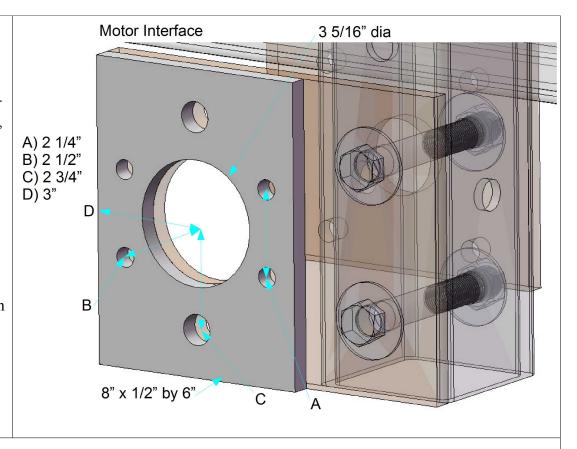
Motor Mount

Motor Mount Use a cutting torch to make the large shaft hole. The motor mounting holes will depend on the particular hardware you end up using. This picture is just an example.



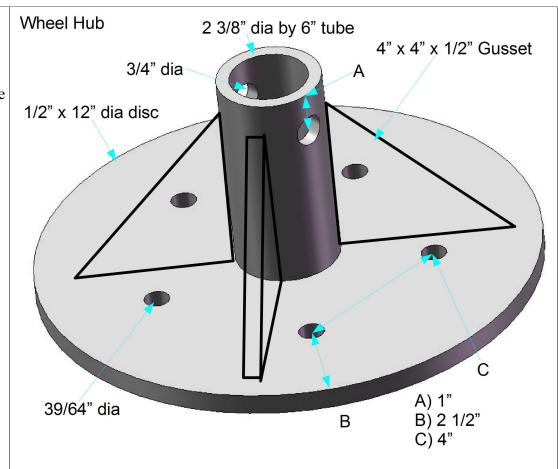
Motor Interface

Motor Interface Use a cutting torch to make the large shaft hole. The motor mounting holes, if used, will depend on the particular hardware you end up using. The motor will probably be welded to this plate. This picture is just an example.



Wheel Hub

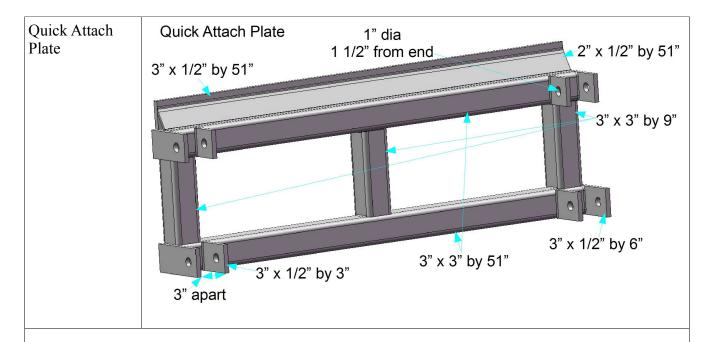
Wheel Hub Use a cutting torch to make the shaft hole in the middle of the disc. The layout of the tire rim mounting holes will depend on the hardware you end up using. Pictured is just an example. Gussets should be as close to 90* apart as possible.



Wheel Axle

Illustration Part Wheel Axle Wheel Axle Using a lathe, 1 3/8" dia by 3 1/2" hole drill into the end of the axle shaft. Cut two slits on either side of the hole. Insert the smaller splined shaft and weld in place. Use the wheel hub to locate and drill a 1 3/8" dia by 6" 1 7/8" dia by 26" bolt hole through the other end of the shaft.

Quick Attach	n Plate
Part	Illustration



Pin

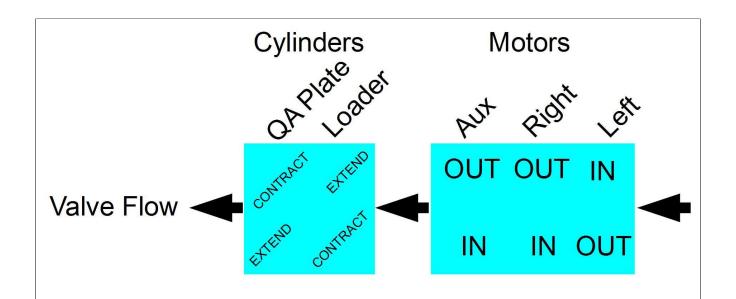
Part	Illustration
Pin Weld a washer onto the end opposite the cotter pin hole.	Pin (6") 1/8" dia 1" dia

Hardware

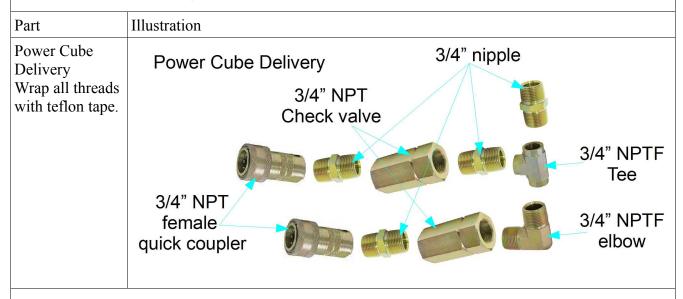
Power Transmission

Part	Illustration
Lock Collar 1 7/8" Double Split https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=1- 2768-	

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Flange Bearing 1 7/8" 9/16" bolt holes https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=1- 210-30- 4&catname=po werTrans	
Shaft Coupler 1 1/4" bore 5/16" keyway https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=1- 1563- J&catname=	
Splined Shaft 1 3/8" 6 teeth https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=1- 2938- 6&catname=	
Female Splined Coupling 1 3/8" 6 teeth https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=1- 1562&catname=	
Hydraulics	
Valves	



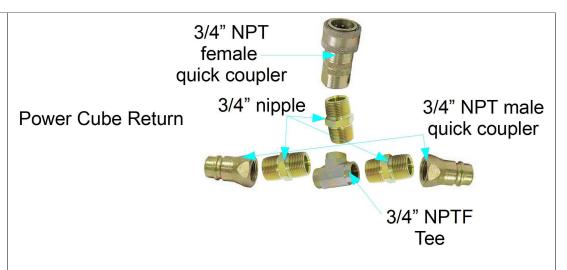
Power Cube Delivery



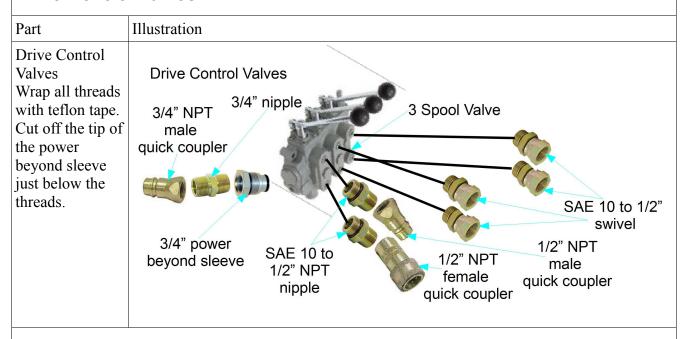
Power Cube Return

Part	Illustration

Power Cube Return Wrap all threads with teflon tape.

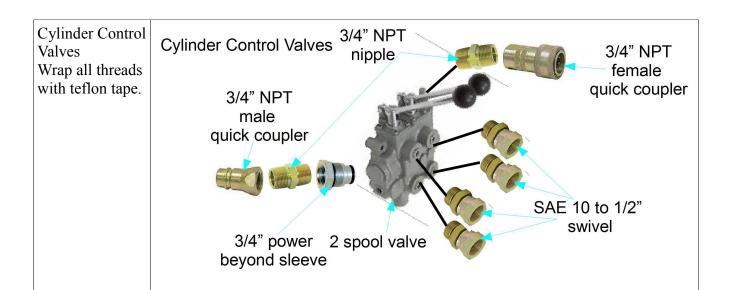


Drive Control Valves



Cylinder Control Valves

Part Illustration



Hoses

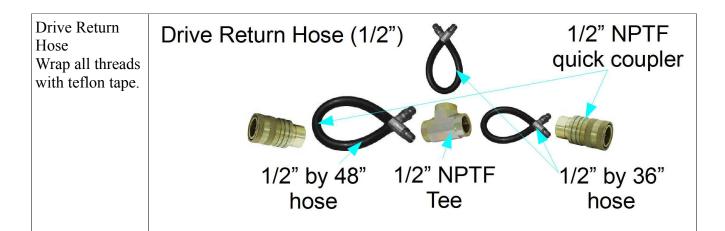
Part	Illustration
1/4", 1/2" and 3/4" NPTM	

Drive Power Hose

Part	Illustration		
Drive Power Hose Wrap all threads with teflon tape.	Drive Power Hose (1	1/2")	1/2" NPTF quick coupler
		XOC	XO
	1/2" by 48"	1/2" NPTF	1/2" by 36"
	hose	Tee	hose

Drive Return Hose

Part Illustration	
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Motor Drain Hose

Part	Illustration
Motor Drain Hose Wrap all threads with teflon tape.	Motor Drain Hose (1/4") Motor Drain Hose (1/4") 1/4" by 60" Available Quick coupler hose 1/4" by 72" 1/4" by 36" hose
	1/4" NPTF elbow
	1/4" NPTM nipple
	1/4" NPTF 1/4" NPTF quick coupler Tee

Power Cube Connection Hoses

Pa	art	Illustration

Power Cube Connection Hoses Wrap all threads with teflon tape.

Power Cube Connection Hoses (3/4")



3/4" NPT Female Quick coupler

3/4" by 96" hose 3/4" NPT male Quick coupler

Loader Cylinder Hoses

Part	Illustration
Loader Cylinder Hoses Wrap all threads with teflon tape.	Loader Cylinder Hoses Cushion valve 1/2" by 60" 1/2" NPT swivel 1/2" NPT by 12" hose 1/2" NPT nipple 1/2" by 36" hose 1/2" by 48" hose

QA Plate Cylinder Hoses

Part Illustration

QA Plate
Cylinder Hoses
Wrap all threads
with teflon tape.

QA Plate Cylinder Hoses

1/2" NPTF
Tee

1/2" by 120"
hose

1/2" by 48"
hose

Cylinders			
Part	Illustration		
Loader Cylinder 2.5X36X1.5" double acting 3/8" NPT ports https://www.surpluscenter.com/item.asp?item=9-6775&catname=hydraulic			
QA Plate Cylinder 2.5X30X1.25" double acting 3/8" NPT ports https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=9- 7619- 30&catname=hy draulic			

Cylinder Fittings

Part	Illustration	
Cylinder Fittings	QA F Cylin 3/8" NPT	NIDT OO ' I

Motor

Part	Illustration	

Wheel Motor 31.88 cubic inch SAE 10 ports SAE 4 case drain https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=9-7469&catname=



Motor Fittings

Part	Illustration
Motor Connections Wrap all threads with teflon tape.	Motor Fittings 1/2" NPT male quick coupler 1/2" NPT female quick coupler SAE 4 to 1/4" NPTM nipple SAE 10 to 1/2" coupler 31.88 cu in motor

Valves

Part	Illustration
3-spool spring centered 3/4" NPT ports 1/2" NPT ports https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp? catname=hydrau lic&qty=1&item =9-6761	

2-spool spring centered 3/4" NPT ports 1/2" NPT ports https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=9-6702&catname= hydraulic



Cushion Valve 1/2" NPT https://www.sur pluscenter.com/i tem.asp?item=9- 4019-50- H&catname=hy draulic 3/4" NPT check valve				
Fittings	Fittings			
Part	Illustration			
SAE 10M to 1/2" NPT nipple				
SAE 10M to 1/2" NPTM swivel coupler				
3/4" NPT nipple				
3/4" NPTM 90 degree elbow				

3/4" NPTF tee	

3/4" female quick coupler	
1/2" NPT quick coupler Male and Female in one package	
3/4" NPT power beyond sleeve Cut off the tip of the sleeve just below the threads.	
SAE 4M to 1/4" NPTM nipple	
1/4" NPTM quick coupler Male and female in one package.	
1/2" NPT nipple	
1/2" NPTF Tee	
1/2" NPT swivel	

1/2" NPT 90 elbow swivel	
3/8" NPTM to 1/2" NPTF swivel	
3/8" NPTM to 1/2" NPTF 90 swivel	
1/4" NPT nipple	
1/4" NPTF Tee	
1/4" NPTF 90 elbow	
3/4" to 1/4" NPT bushing	

Project Steps

Cut Sto	ock Material	
Jig		
	Frame Hole Jig: Cut To Length	
	Frame Hole Jig: Drill Holes	
Bar		
	Loader Arm Shaft: Cut To Length	
	Wheel Axle: Cut To Length	x4
	Wheel Axle: Drill Holes	x4
	Wheel Axle Splined Shaft: Cut To Length	x4
	Pin: Cut To Length	x10
	Pin: Drill Hole	x10
Tube		
	Frame	
	Outer Base: Cut To Length	x2
	Outer Base: Drill Holes	x2
	Inner Base: Cut To Length	x2
	Inner Base: Drill Holes	x2
	Bottom Crossbar: Cut To Length	x3
	Bottom Crossbar: Drill Holes	x3
	A-pillar: Cut To Length	x2
	A-pillar: Drill Holes	x2
	B-pillar: Cut To Length	x2
	B-pillar: Drill Holes	x2
	C-pillar: Cut To Length	x2
	C-pillar: Drill Holes	x2
	Top Crossbar: Cut To Length	x3
	Top Crossbar: Drill Holes	x3
	Cant Rail: Cut To Length	x2
	Cant Rail: Drill Holes	x2
	Cant Rail: Torch Holes	x2

	Loader Arm	
	Loader Arm: Cut To Length	x2
	Loader Arm: Cut 10 Length Loader Arm: Drill Holes	x2
	Loader Arm: Torch Holes	x2
	Loader Arm Crossbar: Cut To Length	XZ
	Loader Arm Crossbar: Cut To Length Loader Arm Crossbar: Drill Holes	
		x2
	Loader Arm Insert: Cut To Length Tractor Frame Insert: Cut To Length	x2
		XZ
	Wheel Hub	
	Wheel Hub Tube: Cut To Length	x4
	Wheel Hub Tube: Drill Holes	x4
	Quick Attach Plate	
	Quick Attach Plate Horizontal: Cut To Length	x2
	Quick Attach Plate Vertical: Cut To Length	x3
lat		
	Cylinder Mounts	
	Base Cylinder Mount: Cut To Length	x2
	Base Cylinder Mount: Drill Holes	x2
	Loader Arm Cylinder Mount: Cut To Length	x4
	Loader Arm Cylinder Mount: Drill Holes	x4
	Power Cube Mount	
	Power Cube Mount Ramp: Cut To Length	
	Power Cube Mount Point: Cut To Length	
	Power Cube Mount Point: Drill Hole	
	Loader Arm Lump	
	Loader Arm Lump: Cut To Length	x2
	Loader Arm Lump: Drill Hole	x2
	Wheel Mount	
	Wheel Shaft Mount: Cut To Length	x8
	Wheel Shaft Mount: Cut To Length Wheel Shaft Mount: Drill Holes	x8 x8

Motor Mount	
Motor Mount: Cut To Length	x4
Motor Mount: Drill Holes	x4
Motor Mount: Torch Hole	x4
Motor Interface: Cut To Length	x4
Motor Interface: Drill Holes	x4
Motor Interface: Torch Hole	x4
Wheel Hub	
Wheel Hub Disc: Cut To Diameter	x4
Wheel Hub Disc: Drill Holes	x4
Wheel Hub Disc: Torch Hole	x4
Wheel Hub Gusset: Cut To Triangle	x16
Quick Attach Plate	
Quick Attach Plate Ramp Face: Cut To Length	
Quick Attach Plate Ramp Slope: Cut To Length	
Quick Attach Plate Small Hinge: Cut To Length	x4
Quick Attach Plate Small Hinge: Drill Hole	x4
Quick Attach Plate Large Hinge: Cut To Length	x4
Quick Attach Plate Large Hinge: Drill Hole	x4
Seat Mount	
Seat Mount: Cut To Length	
Seat Mount: Drill Holes	
Angle	
Loader Arm Crossbar Support: Cut To Length	x4
Loader Arm Crossbar Support: Drill Holes	x4
Power Cube Mount: Cut To Length	x2
Power Cube Mount: Drill Holes	x2
Hydraulic Valve Mount: Cut To Length	
Hydraulic Valve Mount: Drill Holes	
Build Components	
Hardware	
Position Bottom Crossbars	



Attach Inner and Outer Base



Attach Pillars to Inner Base and Bottom Crossbars



Attach front two Top Crossbars to A & B Pillars



Attach Cant Rail to Pillars and Top Crossbars



Attach last Top Crossbar to Cant Rail and C-pillars



Tighten All Frame Bolts

Get them as tight as possible without deforming the square tubes.

Weld Base Cylinder Mounts

Use a jig, magnet or clamp to hold all the pieces in place. Insert a pin through the pin holes to maintain alignment.

Weld Loader Arm Cylinder Mounts

Weld Motor Interfaces



Weld Axle Shafts

After the 3" hole is drilled into the end of the shaft, torch or cut two channels on either side. When the splined shaft is inserted into the hole, it should be visible through the two channels. Plug weld through the channels to permanently attach the splined shaft.

Weld Pins

Stand the 1" bar upright and weld a washer with roughly a 2" outer diameter on the end.

Weld Quick Attach Plate

Use a bar or a bolt to keep the hinges aligned while welding.





Weld Power Cube Mount
Attach Flange Bearings to Wheel Shaft Mounts



Weld Together Wheel Hubs

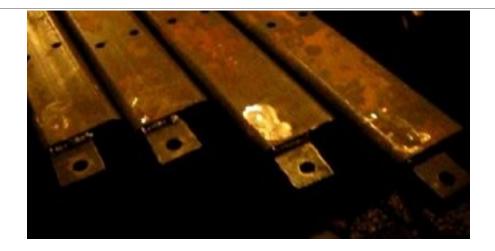


Attach Wheel Hubs to Wheels

Plug Weld Lumps into Loader Arms

Run a piece of bar, or a bolt, through one or more holes in the loader arm to maintain alignment. Use a similar method on the lumps. Insert the lumps and weld through the plug weld holes to permanently attach the lumps to the loader arm.





Hydraulics

Remember to keep the open ends of hydraulic components covered up.
Use plastic caps, or rags, or tape. Be particularly careful around
grinding/welding operations. The inside of the hydraulic components
must remain free of contamination.
Assemble Power Cube Delivery

Assemble P	ower Cube Return
Assemble D	Orive Control Valves
Assemble C	Cylinder Control Valves

Assemble Drive Power Hose	XZ
Assemble Drive Return Hose	x2

Assemble Motor Drain Hose

Assemble Loader Cylinder Hoses

Assemble Quick Attach Plate Cylinder Hoses

Assemble Quick Attach Plate Cylinder x2

Assemble Motor x4

Assemble Tractor

Prepare Loader Arm

Position Frame Inserts and Loader Arm Shaft

The insert goes into the 2 3/8" holes in the Cant Rails. The shaft goes through the two inserts, aligning them.

Weld Frame Inserts

Weld the aligned inserts to the Cant Rail. Grind the outside smooth.

Position Loader Arm Inserts and Arms on Shaft
The inserts go into the 2 3/8" holes in the Loader Arms. Then the
Loader Arms go on the shaft sticking out of the Cant Rails. It helps to
use one or two bolts to attach the Loader Arm Crossbrace, or use pins
and the Quick Attach plate to align the Loader Arms.
Weld Loader Arm Inserts
Attach Loader Arm Cylinder Mount to Loader Arm
Remove the Crossbrace or Quick Attach Plate. Take the Loader Arms
off the tractor and attach the Cylinder Mounts.
Mount Loader Arm
Position Loader Arms on Shaft
Put a large washer on the shaft before the Loader Arm. This will keep
the Arm from rubbing against the Cant Rail. Then put a lock collar on
after the Loader Arm. This will keep the Arm from moving sideways.
Attach Loader Arm Crossbar
Tighten and Grease Lock Collars
Attach Base Cylinder Mounts to Base
Attach Quick Attach Plate to Loader Arm
Attach Cylinders to Loader Arm
Mount Wheels
Attach Wheel Shaft Mounts and Motor Mounts to Frame
Attach Motors to Motor Mounts
Insert Axle Shafts
After the shaft is through the outer bearing, but before it goes through
the inner bearing, put a large washer, two lock collars, and another
large washer on the shaft. Continue pushing it through the inner
bearing. Push the male splined shaft into the female coupler so there is
no more than 1/8" gap.
Weld Motor Mounts to Pillars
This is important to keep the Motor Mounts from shifting. Don't spare the welding.
Tack Weld Wheel Shaft Mounts to Base
Just a dab along the top. Keep it small so it can be easily removed with
a grinder.
Tighten and Grease Lock Collars
Attach Wheel Hubs to Axles
Attach Power Cube and Valve Mounts

Attach Power Cube Delivery to Drive Control Valves
Attach Power Cube Return to Cylinder Control Valves
Attach Drive & Cylinder Control Valves
Either mount the Valves directly to the Valve Mount in the middle of the tractor, or use custom interface plates.
Attach Cylinder Hoses
Attach Drive Hoses
Attach Motor Drain Hose
Attach Power Cube Connection Hoses