

# Power Forward

A twist on ATV attachments brings new meaning to versatility and mobility **BY ANNA-LISA GIANNINI**

**B**y design, ATVs are multi-purpose machines. They haul, tow and go where no other machine can go. Add an attachment and their versatility swells.

Front-mounted implements and work tools for ATVs and utility vehicles (UVs) are a new concept designed by engineer Kirk Jones, president and founder of ProManPTO, LLC, based in Irvine, Calif.

Jones started to create his lineup of attachments because of his own need to efficiently mow his backyard.

"Necessity is the mother of invention," Jones explains. "The property that I have is hilly with trees, and there was just no way to take care of it."

Knowing that his ATV could handle the rugged terrain, he decided to search the Internet for a mower that would attach to his machine. After his search yielded nothing but a pull-behind gas-powered mower, he decided to use his engineering know-how and take matters into his own hands.

**Better visibility.** Now, seven years and hours of testing later, he has developed a lineup of PTO-powered ATV attachments that include two finish mowers, a rough mower, a flail mower, a log splitter and a leaf and debris blower.

"A pull-behind mower wasn't going to work, because you wouldn't be able to back up and maneuver well," Jones says.

For this reason, all of his attachments and work tools mount to the front of an ATV or UV to enhance visibility and maneuverability. Each tool features

an interchangeable hydraulic motor, two load bearings and an overhung load adapter. A bolt-on kit, patented by ProManPTO, allows the hydraulic pump to quickly connect and disconnect to the engine of any ATV or UV.

"We're targeting 6 million ATVs and UVs already in the marketplace," Jones says. "People bought them for something else, hunting or other activities, and they don't want them tied up as a mower."

Each one of the six PTO-powered implements glides close to the ground on either two or four tires, resulting in high mobility.

The two finish mowers feature three hardened cutting blades and are available with either a 48" or 60" deck. The rough mower cuts a 44" path with two hardened swinging mower blades, and the flail mower gets the job done with 42 knives cutting a 45" path.

The log splitter cuts logs up to 20" long using a 5" hydraulic cylinder. Because the splitter has a low profile of only 18", there is limited

lifting during splitting. Similarly, the leaf and debris blower glides easily over hills and around trees.

**More to come.** Jones says he plans to expand the ProManPTO lineup of work tools and implements for use around the farm. In talking with farmers and outdoors enthusiasts, he is finding there is no shortage of ideas.

"Once they get in their mind that they have an ATV or UV with mobile hydraulic power," Jones says, "everyone's got an idea of what they can do with it."

ProManPTO products are currently being manufactured and will be available in the fall. For more information, call (855) 776-6261 or log on to [www.promanpto.com](http://www.promanpto.com). 

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In keeping with the ATV's multipurpose utility design, the ProManPTO rough-cut, swing-blade mower is coupled with an optional hydraulic cooling package.