CADDigger Kits and Accessories

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**The Ripper**

You've seen the ripper shank on the back of large track machines before. They have them because the concentrated force on the single shank can tear through buried materials quickly. Now you can have that advantage on your CADDGigger. Even 5400 pounds of ripping power can be challenged when that force is distributed across a 18" bucket width. Roots, stumps and other buried obstacles are easily removed when all of the force is concentrated at one point. That is the reason MetKit has developed The Ripper.

Buried objects are easily removed when the ripper is installed in the place of the bucket. The over 22" long, 3/4" thick, 36,000 psi yield A36 steel shank acts like a "Super Wrecking Bar". Get the Ripper under an object and hydraulically "pry" the shank to create many times the ripping power of the bucket alone. The Ripper gives you the power to rip through or move many things the bucket can not.

Four models of the Ripper have been developed. Select yours based on the backhoe you have.

- 608, 610, 628 Use the Model 600R
- 708, 710, 728 Use the Model 700R
- 808, 810, 821, 831, 841 use the Model 800R or 800TH

*the 800 TH is the model shown to the right specifically developed for use with the CADThumb.*

The Model 600R works with or without the Thumb. Your Ripper Kit will come with instructions for assembly.

Select your Ripper Kit, ready to weld;

- Model 600R — $220 Shipping included in the continental U.S
- Model 700R — $220 Shipping included in the continental U.S
- Model 800R — $220 Shipping included in the continental U.S
- Model 800TH — $240 Shipping included in the continental U.S

*Note: For customers who wish to adapt The Ripper to other backhoes, we recommend using the Model 800R.*

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**Use The Ripper On:**

- Stump Removal
- Root Removal
- Abandoned Water Lines
- Large Rocks
- Baked Clay Soil

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**The Model 600R and 800R parts**

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800 Series Rounded Bucket

Many customers have asked for a larger volume bucket for use with the 800 Series CADDiggers.

MetKit now offers 2!

Choose from 15 or 18 inch wide.

The preformed back and the precision flame cut parts make fabrication of the Rounded Bucket a short project. Precut pins, abrasion resistant edge and teeth included.

800 Series Rounded Bucket kit

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delivered in the Continental US.

Lets Split Wood!

Spending $1000 or more on a splitter doesn’t save you money on your heating bill. MetKit customers asked for a cost effective woodsplitter kit so we came up with the 800S.

Turn your CADDigger Model 821 (or other CADDigger) into a powerful woodsplitter.
The 800S was developed as the lowest cost way MetKit could offer a woodsplitter kit. Simply weld the frame together, put the boom cylinder in from your 800 Series CADDigger, and you have a 7 ton, 20 inch woodsplitter! Split 10 to 12 inch diameter, 20 inch long wood with the 12 second cycle time.

800S Splitter kit — $229 delivered in the Continental US.

Don’t have an 800 Series CADDigger? No Problem!
MetKit can supply the correct cylinder with your 800S splitter kit so you can run your splitter from almost any machine with hydraulics available.

Call for pricing.
The quality parts in the 800S splitter makes assembly a snap. You can build the 800S in the morning and split wood in the afternoon.

The 800S Splitter

Anybody who has a backhoe knows the tremendous force of the hydraulic cylinders. Many MetKit customers have asked for a hydraulic splitter.

We have combined these two into a rock bottom cost woodsplitter.
The Model 800 Splitter is a unique steel frame that you simply pin the 800 Series CADDigger main boom cylinder into and you are ready to split wood.
The 800 Splitter utilizes all of the components already on the CADDigger so you are not buying them twice.
A 12 second combined extend/retract cycle time makes fast work of your splitting requirements. 7 tons of splitting force combined with the unique wedge design offers the user a unique labor saving tool at a very reasonable cost.
A MetKit Combo! Save Over $500!

The burger joints offer a COMBO so we thought you might like a combo of our most popular kit, the CADDigger Model 821!

You get The CADDigger Model 821 Everything Kit, Super Boom, Thumb, 800S Splitter, 800Th Ripper including shipping! $4180 (east coast)
$4480 (west coast)
AND
Over $500 in savings! Note: Offer available for a limited time only.

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CADTrac—CADplans Newest Plan set
See page 2 for more info on CADTrac.

CADTrac Plans
Are Complete for the Tractor and Loader!

Yes, it has a backhoe
Attachment available!
see page 5 for more info on
CADDigger Model 650

CADDigger Model 841—
The Landscape Contractors
Dream Machine see page 10
for more info on the Model 841.

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Extend-A-Hoe? Yes!
Thumb ? Yes!

CADplans Corp. has a
roundup of plans that
fits your needs.

Check inside for details.
After numerous requests CADplans has developed CADTrac, the articulated, 4 wheel drive, multipurpose tractor you can build using a welder, bandsaw, drill press, torch, common hand tools and commonly available parts. The all-hydraulic drive of CADTrac eliminates the belts, chains, transmissions, gears and sprockets associated with other machines of this type.

CADTrac is intended for use by the homeowner, farmer, landscaper, plumber or electrician. Articulated steering means the machine steers by bending in the middle like the large rubber tire loaders typically seen in gravel pits and other truck loading applications. CADplans selected this concept for steering to minimize the damage to the grass or other surfaces the machine must go over to get to the worksite. Skidsteer and track type machines do much damage to the grass as they turn. CADTrac's series-parallel connection of the hydraulic motors causes the motors to act as the differential axle normally used in a tractor. In addition, the hydraulic wheel drive is designed to act as a limited slip.

CADTrac uses common tractor hitch parts that are available at most farm supply stores to form an articulated joint that allows CADTrac to steer right and left as well as allowing the traction tires to follow uneven terrain. This joint allows one tire to be as much as 10 inches out of level with the other tires while keeping traction to all four tires.

The unique keel type frame of CADTrac is made of 3x3 square tube. The use of this material allows the frame of CADTrac to act like a receiver hitch similar to the receiver hitch on a pickup truck. CADTrac has this receiver on both the front and rear. This allows for quick installation of attachments. Simply pull a pin and the CADTrac drives away from the attachment. No tools, wrenches, or jacks required. Using a simple adapter tube, the receiver can be used with any receiver attachments now used on pickup trucks. Add a ball hitch to the front or rear for moving trailers. Add a carrier to move firewood or other cargo. Add a pintle hook for quick attachment of a chain for pulling. Mount a winch to the receiver for serious pulling. Add a hitch mount to pull your utility yard trailer. In addition, CADTrac has up to 1000 pounds of drawbar pull to give you the power you need to use these and other attachments.

CADTrac also has hydraulics. Hydraulics to power a backhoe. Hydraulics to power the loader. Hydraulics to power a woodsplitter or other attachments. CADTrac has the hydraulic flow and pressure to make these attachments work quickly and respond to operation of the conveniently located controls. CADplans supplies the hydraulic schematic so you can quickly connect the hydraulics with no knowledge of hydraulics. Simply follow the drawings and CADTrac is up and running FAST! Your plans will also specify all of the motors, valves, pumps and engines so your CADTrac will function properly without you having to "research" these components.
CADTrac's unique series-parallel hydraulic drive insures you put the power to the ground. If the front axle slips, the power is transferred to the rear axle. If the rear axle slips, the power goes to the front axle. The center-pivoting frame insures the wheels stay on the ground for maximum traction. The wide profile large bar tires designed into CADTrac give excellent traction in everything from sand to mud yet minimizes turf damage when on delicate lawns.

CADTrac can even be more versatile with the use of other attachments like CADDigger, CADSplitter or CADPull. CADTrac's hydraulics powering CADSplitter allows you to make quick work of your firewood needs. CADPull lets you connect CAT I attachments such as a scraper blade or rake and quickly complete the tasks you need to do. The lift arms of CADPull can even be powered by CADTrac's hydraulics giving you attachment control right from the operator's seat.

One of the best features of CADTrac is the low cost. CADTrac typically costs 1/3 or less of a comparably sized tractor. Since you build CADTrac, you insure quality, and should the need arise, you will know how to service anything in the machine.

CADTrac has 9” of ground clearance to let you go over rough terrain and obstacles. Moreover, should you encounter something higher, CADTrac's drive components are skid plate protected allowing you worry free operation on rough terrain.

For ease of construction, ruggedness and handling, CADTrac is designed with thick section metals. This thick metal is easier to weld and gives the durability you need. Also the thicker metals gives you the machine weight necessary for traction, keeps the center of gravity low and insures no frame flexing occurs when you use CADTrac.

The plans include details for the CADTrac with loader as shown in the accompanying photos.

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CADTrac can be powered by a larger engine, but the machine power will not be increased.

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CADplans Corp— Your source for the plans you need to “Build It Yourself—When Only The Best Will Do!”
CADplans has developed the 600 Series of machines to fit the needs of the landscaper, plumber and electrician. Similar to our other plans, the 600 Series can be built by the homeowner, no machining necessary.

The Model 608 fits the “mini-diesel” or larger Category 1 hitch equipped tractors. You power it from the tractor hydraulics or add a PTO pump.

The Model 628 is a freestanding version of the 600 Series that needs no tractor. As a freestanding it can move itself around the worksite using the bucket, or move the wheels to the opposite end and tow the Model 628 to the next worksite.

The Model 610 is the Model 608 plus plans to convert the Model 608 to freestanding. In this form the Model 610 performs like the Model 628: self moving and convertible to a towable or 3 point hitch version.

The 600 Series has five feet of digging depth and a bucket width of 5 1/2” to 15” making these machines perfect for the many jobs. Low cost easily available components, insures simple construction.

The smaller size of the 600 Series keeps your costs down and guarantees the machine can fit where it needs to go. Easy storage is also a benefit of the size of the 600 Series.

Most customers build at least 2 sizes of buckets. The plans include instructions for a 5 1/2” and a 15” width bucket. The buckets are easily changed by pulling 2 pins.

The drawings are easy to understand. CADplans has spent the time making the design of the 600 Series easy to fabricate. No micrometers or milling machines required. Simply cut and weld. The CADDigger 600 Series machine is up and running FAST! Your plans will also specify all of the valves, pumps and engines so your CADDigger will function properly without you having to “research” these components.

To make your fabrication even easier, CADplans has even arranged to have MetKit Corp offer any or all of the materials and components you need to build your CADDigger. Buy some of the parts of the complete kit. You decide how to acquire the materials. MetKit even offers a steel kit with all parts precut and predrilled, ready for you to start assembly. MetKit Corp can ship these kits by UPS direct to your home or business so you will not have to worry about how to get the materials to you. MetKit offers everything from the tires to the seat to make your construction simple. MetKit will even supply steel custom cut to your requirements so you can make the custom attachment you want.

One of the best features of the CADDigger is the low cost. CADDigger typically costs 1/4 or less of a comparably sized machine. Since you build CADDigger, you insure quality and should know how to service anything in the machine.
The large tires of the freestanding versions of the 600 Series lets CADDigger move easily around the jobsite. Other machines of this type have small tires, limiting their capability to get over the “mounds and humps” that are there when you are digging.

For ease of construction, ruggedness and handling the 600 Series is designed with thick section metals. This thick metal is easier to weld and gives the durability you need. Also the thicker metals gives you the machine weight necessary to keep the center of gravity low and insures no frame flexing occurs when you use your CADDigger.

The CADDigger Model 650 is designed specifically for the CADTrac. The Model 650 is like the other 600 Series CADDiggers except for a few unique features. The 650 slides into the CADTrac's keel frame tube and is held in place by 2 bolts. It is powered by the CADTrac's hydraulics. It also has hydraulic stabilizers. The addition of the Model 650 makes CADTrac a unique excavating machine. To remove the Model 650 you remove 2 bolts, pull one pin, uncouple the hydraulics and drive CADTrac away. The Model 650 is shown on Page 17.

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The CADDigger Model 508 is identical to the Model 608 except:
1) Designed for Category “0” hitch equipped garden tractors
2) Machine weight is 400 pounds
3) Digging depth is 4 1/2 feet
4) 5 1/2" to 10" wide bucket
5) 1200 psi operating pressure

**CADDigger Model 508 Plans-$119.95**

NOTE: Some customers rigid mount the Model 508 to their tractor frame if they do not have a 3 point hitch. This is not detailed in the plans, but, it is easily done.
The CADDigger Model 728 was the first CADDigger and still is very popular. Similar to our other plans the 700 Series can be built by the homeowner, no machining necessary.

The Model 708 fits the 2000 pound or larger Category 1 hitch equipped tractors. You power it from the tractor hydraulics or add a PTO pump.

The Model 728 is a freestanding version of the 700 Series that needs no tractor. As a freestanding it can move itself around the worksite using the bucket, or move the wheels to the opposite end and tow the Model 728 to the next worksite.

The Model 710 is the Model 708 plus plans to convert the Model 708 to freestanding. In this form the Model 710 performs like the Model 728, self moving and convertible to a towable or 3 point hitch version.

Up to seven feet of digging depth and a bucket width up to 14” makes these machines perfect for the mid size jobs. Low cost easily available components insures simple construction.

The mid size of the 700 Series keeps your costs down and but still offers the longer reach of a larger backhoe.

Most customers build at least 2 sizes of buckets. The buckets are easily changed by pulling 2 pins. This adds to the versatility of the CADDigger 700 Series. The drawings are easy to understand. CADplans has spent the time making the design of the 700 Series easy to fabricate. No micrometers or milling machines required. Simply cut and weld. The CADDigger 700 Series machine is up and running FAST! Your plans will also specify all of the valves, pumps and engines so your CADDigger will function properly without you having to “research” these components.

To make your fabrication even easier, CADplans has arranged to have MetKit Corp. offer any or all of the materials and components you need to build your CADDigger. Buy some of the parts or the complete kit. You decide how to acquire the materials. MetKit even offers a steel kit with all parts precut and predrilled, ready for you to start assembly. MetKit Corp. can ship these kits by UPS direct to your home or business so you will not have to worry about how to get the materials to you. MetKit offers everything from the tires to the seat to make your construction simple. MetKit will even supply steel custom cut to your requirements so you can make the custom attachment you want.

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The large tires of the freestanding versions of the 700 Series lets CADDigger move easily around the jobsite. Other machines of this type have small tires, limiting their capability to get over the “mounds and humps” that are there when you are digging.
For ease of construction, ruggedness and handling the 700 Series is designed with thick section metals. This thick metal is easier to weld and gives the durability you need. Also the thicker metals gives you the machine weight necessary to keep the center of gravity low and insures no frame flexing occurs when you use your CADDigger.

**CADDigger NOTE:** Reach is the distance the CADDigger can place the bucket straight out in front of the CADDigger. It is measured from the pivot to the bucket teeth on level ground.

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**High Performance Upgrade Available**

The 700 Series Digging Depth, Ripping Power and Operating Pressure can be upgraded to 7 feet, 4000 pounds, and 2000 psi respectively with special High Performance cylinders offered by MetKit. Contact MetKit for details at 1-540-387-4995. Only the 700 Series machines are upgradeable in this way. Ask for the High Performance Option.
After many calls from Minnesota and Wisconsin asking for a machine that could dig to 9 feet, the CADDigger 800 Series was developed. When development started, it was decided that this series would have greater ripping power than previous series. It would have 12 feet of reach, 9 feet of digging depth, 5400 pounds of ripping power. The CADDigger 800 Series was ready to do the most a machine this size possibly could. Similar to our other plans the 800 Series could be built by the homeowner, no machining necessary.

The Model 808 fits the 3000 pound or larger Category 1 or 2 hitch equipped tractors. You power it from either the tractor hydraulics or add a PTO pump.

The Model 821 is a freestanding version of the 800 Series that needs no tractor. As a freestanding unit it can move itself around the worksite using the bucket, or move the wheels to the opposite end and tow the Model 821 to the next worksite.

The Model 810 is the Model 808 plus plans to convert the Model 808 to freestanding. In this form the Model 810 performs like the Model 821, self moving and convertible to a towable or 3 point hitch version.

Nine feet of digging depth and a bucket width up to 18” makes these machines perfect for the larger jobs. Low cost easily available components, insures simple construction.

Surprisingly, the larger size of the 800 Series costs only a little more than the 700 Series. One more cylinder, a little more steel, a few extra hoses and a larger engine are all that it takes to build a 800 Series CADDigger compared to a 700 Series. The larger 800 Series machines do take more space to store.

Many customers ask if they should build this Series of machine. If you have clay or hardpan, the 800 series is the machine to have. Digging around ponds or other tasks where the long reach of the 800 Series is an advantage, makes this size the machine to build.

Stumps are the other job that the 800 Series easily handles. Sure the smaller series machines can do this too, but not as fast as with the ripping power of the 800 Series.

Most customers build at least 2 sizes of buckets. The buckets are easily changed by pulling 2 pins. This adds to the versatility of the CADDigger 800 Series. The drawings are easy to understand. CADplans has spent the time making the design of the 800 Series easy to fabricate. No micrometers or milling machines required. Simply cut and weld. The CADDigger 800 Series machine is up and running FAST! Your plans will also specify all of the valves, pumps and engines so your CADDigger will function properly without you having to “research” these components.

To make your fabrication even easier, CADplans has even arranged to have MetKit Corp. offer any or all of the materials and components you need to build your CADDigger. Buy some of the parts or the complete kit. You decide how to acquire the materials. MetKit even offers a steel kit with all parts precut and predrilled, ready for you to start assembly.
MetKit Corp. can ship these kits by UPS direct to your home or business so you will not have to worry about how to get the materials to you. MetKit offers everything from the tires to the seat to make your construction simple. MetKit will even supply steel custom cut to your requirements so you can make the custom attachment you want.

One of the best features of the CADDigger is the low cost. CADDigger typically costs 1/4 or less of a comparably sized machine. Since you build CADDigger you insure quality and should the need arise you will know how to service anything in the machine.

The large tires of the freestanding versions of the 800 Series lets CADDigger move easily around the jobsite. Other machines of this type have small tires, limiting their capability to get over the "mounds and humps" that are there when you are digging.

For ease of construction, ruggedness and handling the 800 Series is designed with thick section metals. This thick metal is easier to weld and gives the durability you need. Also the thicker metals gives you the machine weight necessary to keep the center of gravity low and insures no frame flexing occurs when you use your CADDigger.

The Model 831 is identical to the Model 821 except it has the Split Hydraulics designed in.

### Specifications: 808, 821, 831, 810

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**Accessories for the 800 Series CADDigger**

- **CADThumb**
  - A Grapple attachment that allows you to easily pick up objects.
- **Extra Length Boom Extension**
  - Deeper depth digging and extra reach.
- **Hydraulic Stabilizers**
  - Quick touch of a control leveling.
- **Hard Ground Stabilizers**
  - Gets the rear tires off the ground for more digging force.
- **Split Hydraulics**
  - Reduce the cycle time of digging.

See Page 11 for these options.

### CADDigger Plans-

- **Model 821 $139.95**
- **Model 808 $159.95 (includes Model 821 plans)**
- **Model 810 $179.95 (includes Model 821 and Model 808 plans)**
- **Model 831 $159.95 (same as Model 821 except Split Hydraulics)**

Order by credit card, check or money order
Landscapers started building the CADDiggers and they soon let us know that a new CADDigger was sometimes necessary. They needed a machine to get over pretty lawns without any damage. A wheel driven machine using hydraulic motors was the answer. Simplicity of fabrication and ease of acquiring parts was our main concern. The Model 841 led us to develop “split hydraulics” which are now an option for the other CADDiggers.

With split hydraulics we are able to power the CADDigger digging functions as well as power the wheels and hydraulic stabilizers. The split hydraulics gives individual control to each of the 2 hydraulic wheel motors, allowing the motors to also serve as the steering function.

The CADDigger 821 was the basis for the design. This proven CADDigger was enhanced with split hydraulics, hydraulic stabilizers and wheel drive. The result is a full featured machine that has great digging force and mobility capabilities. Also the split hydraulics makes quick work of your digging jobs as 2 controls can be operated simultaneously. Lift the boom and swing to the side at the same time. In most digging, the cycle time between buckets is cut to close to half.

The hydraulic stabilizers are individually controlled. In fact, the same lever that operates the stabilizer also operates the wheel drive motor. Simply stop the motor and actuate the stabilizers with a simple motion of the joystick. You don’t even have to reach for another control.

The Model 841 is also convertible to a trailer unit like the other freestanding CADDiggers so a trailer is not needed. Similar to our other plans the Model 841 can still be built by the homeowner, no machining necessary.

Nine feet of digging depth and a bucket width up to 18” makes these machines perfect for the larger jobs. Low cost easily available components insures simple construction.

Many customers ask if they should build the Model 841 or the Model 821. If you have rough terrain or do not mind the small marks the Model 821 stabilizers make as it moves, the Model 821 is the best value.

Digging around ponds or other tasks where lack of traction is a concern, the Model 821 is better.

If easier mobility and the added features of the wheel drive is an advantage, the Model 841 is the answer.

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### Specifications: For the Model 841

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**CADDigger Model 841 Plans:** $179.95

Order by credit card, check or money order
**CADThumb**
This is the most frequently requested option. The ability to pick up objects makes the CADDigger much more versatile. The CADThumb is a pin in place option that allows the CADDigger to pick up rocks, wood or other objects 24" in diameter or less. Pull one pin and CADThumb flips out of the way for digging with the CADDigger. Pull two pins and the CADThumb is completely removed. The CADThumb fits all 800 series CADDiggers and is easily attached to any previous 800 Series with a simple addition to the boom extension.

**Plans Price:** $40.00 (or $20.00 with any CADDigger plans purchase)
**Application:** Models 808, 810, 821, 831, 841, previous or new
**Capacity:** Up to 24” objects, lifting capacity depends on CADDigger counterweight.

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**Extendable Boom Extension**
Cleaning out a ditch or pond requires all the reach possible. The Extendable Boom Extension was developed for this use. This accessory replaces the standard boom extension on any 800 Series CADDigger. Two forms of the optional extension are detailed in the plans, pin adjustable and hydraulic.

Extend the boom extension for the deep or long reach digging requirements, retract the boom extension for full power digging.

**NOTE:** This option can not be used with the CADThumb.

**Plans Price:** $40.00 (or $20.00 with any CADDigger plans purchase)
**Application:** Models 808, 810, 821, 831, 841, previous or new
**Capacity:** Up to 20” additional reach and digging depth.

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**Hydraulic Stabilizers**
Uneven ground requires the stabilizers to be adjusted. This option allows adjustment at the touch of a control rather than pulling a pin and manually readjusting the standard stabilizers. Also when its time to convert the Model 821, 831, or 810 to trailering, the hydraulic stabilizers just flip up out of the way, simplifying the change.

These stabilizers are designed to go right on your 800 Series CADDigger. Using a power beyond valve, the control connects right into the hydraulics of your CADDigger, making hookup a snap. If installed with the Hard Ground Stabilizers, only one 4 section valve is needed to control all of the stabilizers.

**Plans Price:** $40.00 (or $20.00 with any CADDigger plans purchase)
**Application:** Models 808, 810, 821, 831, previous or new

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**Hard Ground Stabilizers**
Yes, even a 800 Series CADDigger can encounter ground that is hard to dig. That is why we developed the hard ground stabilizers. Hard ground tends to make you lift the front stabilizers during digging. This causes the tires to roll as you curl the bucket or boom extension. Simply put down the rear Hard Ground Stabilizers and there are 4 stabilizers holding the CADDigger in place. Also the Hard Ground Stabilizers are individually adjustable, giving you even more capability to level the CADDigger in uneven ground situations. These stabilizers also help when it comes time to connect your CADDigger to your truck. Simply put down the stabilizers to raise the rear of the CADDigger.

If installed with the Front Hydraulic Stabilizers, only one 4 section valve is needed to control all of the stabilizers.

**Plans Price:** $40.00 (or $20.00 with any CADDigger plans purchase)
**Application:** Models 810, 821, 831, previous or new

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**Split Hydraulics**
Split Hydraulics is a system that was developed for the Model 841. We now offer these plans for any CADDigger. Its advantage is two controls can operated at the same time. Lift the boom and swing to the side at the same time. Cycle time between buckets of dirt is almost cut in half. Of course, twice the flow is required, so a larger pump and engine are required. This is all detailed in the plans. On 3 point hitch CADDiggers your tractor needs twice the recommended flow of the CADDigger you are building (or built) or you will have to add a PTO pump.

**Plans Price:** $40.00 (or $20.00 with any CADDigger plans purchase)
**Application:** ANY CADDigger Except Model 831 and 841, previous or new
Customers quickly asked for loader plans after we started offering backhoe plans.

First came the CADLoader Model 507. The Model 507 was designed to fit the typical garden tractor that has 23" tall rear tires. The loader frame was designed to stiffen the tractor frame rather than depend on the tractor for support.

The Model 507 is a one armed loader. This design was selected to reduce the frame weight on the front of your tractor thereby increasing the load carrying capacity.

The one arm design is rigid. No flexing occurs during use. The arm is on one side, but, the bucket is located towards the center of the tractor.

When the stiffness of the arm and the location of the bucket are combined, twisting and off center loading of the tractor are eliminated.

The CADLoader Model 507 is best suited to garden tractors that weigh 500 to 1000 pounds. The lighter tractors will require more rear weight.

The CADLoaders Model 907, 1007, and 1207 were designed for the 2 and 4 wheel drive tractors with “farm tractor like” features. The high arm design clears the larger tires of 4 wheel drive tractors and the “straight arm” design allows the use of easily available cylinders as well as higher loading heights.

The CADLoader Model 907 was developed for the “mini-diesel”. This is the import tractor that weighs 1000 to 1800 pounds. It is a perfect match for the Kubota 5xxx, 6xxx, and 7xxx tractors and similar sized Yanmars, John Deeres and other imports.

We have had many customers add the Model 907 to larger garden tractors (800 pounds and more). Typically this can be done, but, we recommend using a narrower 38" bucket rather than the 48" bucket specified in the plans.
To make your fabrication even easier, CADplans has even arranged to have MetKit Corp. offer any or all of the materials and components you need to build your CADLoader. Buy some of the parts or the complete kit. You decide how to acquire the materials. MetKit even offers a steel kit with all parts precut and predrilled, ready for you to start assembly. MetKit Corp. can ship these kits by UPS direct to your home or business so you will not have to worry about how to get the materials to you. MetKit will even supply steel custom cut to your requirements so you can make the custom attachment you want.

One of the best features of the CADLoader is the low cost. CADLoader typically costs 1/4 or less of a comparably sized machine. Since you build CADLoader you insure quality and should the need arise you will know how to service anything in the machine.

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**Plans**: $139.95 $139.95 $139.95 $139.95

**CADplans Note**: The CADTrac Loader is similar to the CADLoader Model 907
CADLift Model 101
CADLift is a forklift designed for the rear of your tractor. It can be installed or removed with the ease of an other 3PT hitch attachment. CADLift will handle pallets and other materials like a forklift would. It can raise the load to a height of 60 inches. The beauty of CADLift's design is that it adds weight to the rear of your tractor, increasing the stability of your tractor. The angle of the forks are adjustable be varying the length of the top link.

OPTIONS
If your tractor does not already have hydraulic remotes, a 12 volt power pack can actuate the lift cylinder.

Plans Price: $109.95
Application: 2000 pound or heavier tractors with CAT I or II 3 point hitch
Capacity: Up to 1000 pounds of lift depending on the tractor weight

Grapple 3PT Model 102
Grapple 3PT is an attachment for your tractor that lets you grab items such as brush or logs with the hydraulic hooks. This attachment attaches like any other 3PT hitch attachment. The hooks are hydraulically actuated. To dump, simply lift the hooks, trip the latch and raise the 3 point hitch. The grapple will also handle most pallets.

OPTIONS
If your tractor does not already have hydraulic remotes, a 12 volt power pack can actuate the grapple.

Plans Price: $109.95
Application: 2000 pound or heavier tractors with CAT I or II 3 point hitch
Capacity: Up to 1000 pounds of lift depending on the tractor weight

Trencher Model 103
Trencher is a 3 PT hitch attachment that allows you to bury wire, cable, water pipe and phone lines with your tractor. Make a pass with Trencher to make sure there are no obstacles, then go back and lay the cable. Trencher has an adjustable skid depth control. Trencher can also be used as a single shank ripper to loosen difficult soils. The length of the top link controls Trenchers digging angle.

Plans Price: $49.95
Application: 2000 pound or heavier tractors with CAT I or II 3 point hitch
Capacity: Up to 12" deep

CADScoop Model 104
CADScoop is a compact and simple to operate scoop that allows you to move dirt and gravel with your tractor that is equipped with a 3pt hitch. CADScoop is completely reversible, since it has 3pt hitch attachments at both the front and rear. This allows you to operate the scoop while you move forward or backward, depending on the mounting location you choose. CADScoop can be dumped by a light pull on the trip mechanism. The length of the top link effects the scoop height. By adjusting the top link, the bucket can be tipped forward a few degrees to allow it to scoop more effectively.

Plans Price: $49.95
Application: 2000 pound or heavier tractors with CAT I or II 3 point hitch
CADSplitter Model 210
A vertical-horizontal woodsplitter requiring the fewest number of holes possible. Other than the cylinder mounting holes, a few holes to pivot the beam and stabilizer foot, the Model 210 frame is all “cut and weld”. This model incorporates an 8 inch “H” beam so you have plenty of strength whether you choose the 4 inch cylinder for speed or the 5” cylinder for power. In the horizontal position, Model 210 is a convenient height so you are not bending to split smaller wood. Then just flip up the beam to split the big logs you don’t want to lift. The guide rails for the splitting wedge even act as a tray to help keep the log from rolling off the beam.

Plans Price: $49.95
Application: Freestanding, 5 hp engine powered woodsplitter.
Capacity: 24” logs (24 inch stroke, 4” cylinder), force depends on pump pressure.

CADSplitter Model 211
A vertical-horizontal woodsplitter similar to the Model 210 except that it is a 3 point hitch tractor mounted version. The Model 211 mounts transversely to keep the splitter in close to the tractor. In many cases you can pull your wood trailer from your drawbar with the Model 211 attached. We recommend you power the Model 211 from the tractor hydraulics. (A PTO pump can cost as much as a pump and engine for the Model 210).

Plans Price: $49.95
Application: 1000 pound or heavier tractors with CAT I or II 3 point hitch
Capacity: 24” logs (24 inch stroke, 4” cylinder), force depends on tractor pressure.

CADSplitter Model 208
A horizontal splitter for CAT I 3pt hitch tractors of all weights. This is a simpler design than the Model 211. A quick and easy to build woodsplitter that takes advantage of your tractors hydraulics.

(It is recommended that this splitter not be powered by a PTO pump, as the PTO pump can cost as much as a pump and engine for the Model 218).

Plans Price: $39.95
Application: Tractors with CAT I or II 3 point hitch
Capacity: 24” logs (24 inch stroke, 3.5” cylinder), force depends on tractor pressure.

CADSplitter Model 218
A free-standing horizontal splitter with self contained engine and hydraulics. Easy to build and low cost to own and operate the Model 218 is the best woodsplitter for many applications.

Plans Price: $39.95
Application: Freestanding, 5 hp engine powered woodsplitter.
Capacity: 24” logs (24 inch stroke, 3.5” cylinder), force depends on pump pressure.

CADSplitter Model 221
A free-standing splitter similar to the Model 218 except the Model 221 uses the CADDigger Model 821 (or 831 or 841) for power.

Plans Price: $39.95
Application: Freestanding, CADDigger powered woodsplitter.
Capacity: 24” logs (24 inch stroke, 3.5” cylinder), force depends on pump pressure.
Grapple Model 402
A Skid Steer attachment that lets you grab items such as brush or logs with the hydraulic hooks. This Grapple attaches like the bucket and the hooks are actuated by your skid steer’s auxiliary hydraulics.
When you want to dump, simply lift the hooks and dump as you would dump the bucket. The Grapple will also handle most pallets.

Plans Price: $109.95
Application: “Bob Cat” style mounting skid steers
Capacity: Up to 1000 pounds of lift depending on the tractor weight

CADBucket Model 404
A Skid Steer replacement bucket you make from 3/16” steel and re-enforced high carbon steel cutting edges. The plans include two designs, one using a preformed shell, the other is made from all flat stock with no bends. You can also choose a plain edged bucket or a toothed edge bucket.
The plans are for a 60” bucket, but you can easily vary the width to make the bucket the size you need. Details are for mounting on most late model skid steers. You can adapt the mount if you have an older design.

Plans Price: $49.95
Application: “Bob Cat” style mounting skid steers
Capacity: N/A

CATDigger Model 408
A mini backhoe attachment for a skid steer. This model has a digging depth of 4 ft and 4000 pounds of ripping power. Installation is as quick and easy as changing buckets. The low weight of the attachment and small size make it easy to always have this mini backhoe on the trailer ready to do those quick trenching jobs you run into.
CATDigger can be built as a hydraulic version or an unpowered bucket with various fixed positions for the bucket, allowing this attachment to be used on machines that are or are not equipped with auxiliary hydraulics.

Plans Price: $79.95
Application: “Bob Cat” style mounting skid steers with or without aux. hydraulics
Capacity: Up to 48” deep

CADDigger Model 609
A backhoe attachment with a 5 ft digging depth for a skid steer. This model is designed for quick attachment on most late model skid steer machines that installs or removes with the ease of any other quick hitch attachment like the bucket.

Bucket Options
CADDigger Model 609 can be built in two bucket configurations. Build a narrow bucket for trenching or a standard bucket for regular digging. Change buckets by pulling two pins. Both these options are described in detail in the plans.

Plans Price: $139.95
Application: 500 pound or greater tipping weight machines with Bob Cat mounting
Capacity: Up to 60” deep, up to 15” wide bucket
**CADDigger Model 809**

A backhoe attachment with 9 ft of digging depth for a skid steer. This model is designed for quick attachment on most late model skid steer machines with a bucket lifting capacity greater than 1000 pounds. Install or remove CADDigger Model 809 with the ease of any other quick hitch attachment like the bucket. CADDigger Model 809 will perform the same tasks that you can do with expensive ready-made machines.

**Bucket Options**

Plans contain two bucket configurations. Build a narrow bucket for trenching or a standard bucket for regular digging. Change buckets by pulling two pins.

**Plans Price: $139.95**

**Application:** 1000 pounds or greater tipping weight machines with Bob Cat mounting

**Capacity:** Up to 9ft digging depth, up to 18" wide bucket.

Other specs similar to other 800 Series Machines shown on page 9

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**EZ Cart Model 330**

Here is an easy cart to build, an easy cart to dump and an easy cart to latch and unlatch. This cart is designed to reduce the human effort required during a manual dump. The trailer and axle pivot as one unit allowing the wheels to roll forward as the cart is dumped, facilitating the load to be fully dumped. The cart also has a simple and low effort dumping mechanism that will unlatch with a light pull, and will automatically relatch simply by setting the cart back to its original position. This cart is very strong, durable and reliable. It will give you many years of great service.

**Plans Price: $39.95**

**Application:** Full sized garden tractor or ATV

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see page 5 for specification on CADDigger Model 650

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Ken Califf’s Model 808 on a JD 1070

"I have used this unit so far to dig up 5 big pine stumps and it really performs well."
"This has proved so far to be a strong addition."

"After using the machine for dozens of hours, I appreciate how much care went into your design.
Everything is just the right size, and the balance is perfect."

Timothy Masters
Model 628

George Heffner’s Model 628
Boyd Smith's Models 608 and 907

"The plans were so detailed that anyone who could strike an arc and read a ruler could build these plans."

Angelo Massaro's Model 907

"Thanks to your plans, I've created a masterpiece and I can't believe how easy it was to build!"

"But most important of all is that every time I called you with a question, you were there to answer it and I appreciate that very much."

Kevin Oachs Model 508

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Monongalia County Technical Education Center
John “Chris” Toothman
"my class re-drew all of your drawings full scale using AutoCAD and welding put together the pieces with templates."

North Central Technical College building the Model 841

From CAD to hydraulics to welding the CADDiggers have been used extensively in schools as educational tools. One school even made its own cylinders from raw stock.
"Thank you for such a fun and practical project to build and use."

"This was a first time project using hydraulics and I must admit I was skeptical as to my ability to complete the loader. After 5 minutes at the controls working on 17 tons of crusher run gravel, all doubts were removed as to the capabilities of the 507 loader."
Before And After of a $150 Bolens and a Color Matched Combo

Ron Phillips
Models 507 and 508

"I first built the CADLoader (Model 507) and it proved to be so reliable, I decided to add the CADDigger (Model 508)."

"So far after using the CADDigger for approximately 20 hours, it seems to be working better than expected."

"Here are some pictures of my digger. I am very happy the way it turned out."

Angelo Massaro's Models 728 & 907

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Frank Neal
CADLoader 507

It looks like it killed 3 shovels!

Paul Wells
CADDigger 708

Dick Williams
CADDigger 608

Tim Wheeler
CADDigger 508

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Most commonly asked questions about our products:

What exactly do I do to build CADDigger?
Simply cut the pieces as shown in the instructions & weld. CADDigger is designed around cut & weld techniques. Most parts are square cuts that a 4x6 metal cutting band saw provides. Some acetylene torch cuts are needed but if you don’t have a torch you can have a welding shop do that for you far more economically than purchasing a torch setup.

What if I can’t weld?
No problem! A number of CADplans customers have completed this project in an evening Vo-Tech adult education class for welding. This supplies them with a new skill and a project for the class, (far better that a bar-b-que or a woodstove). Plus, some Vo-Tech classes supply all the equipment to make CADDigger a simple project.

I don’t know hydraulics!
That’s OK, you simply follow a simple line drawing, hook up the hoses and you’re ready to go. And if you have any questions, call CADplans between 6:00PM and 10:00 PM EST.

Are these machines rugged?
The heavy wall square tubing and other materials used in the construction is the key. Not only do these materials afford strength to the machine, but it simplifies the assembly and welding. Since no thin walled steel (typically used in commercially available equipment) is used, the parts are easier to weld together. You can spend your time using CADplans machines, rather than worrying how to weld “thin” parts together.

How can CADDigger cost so much less than other machines?
Markup, markup, and middlemen! Here, you buy the parts, you supply the labor, you apply the paint. With all those middlemen gone, you pay for the machine, not the markup! Typical costs include:

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CADLoader costs will vary from 15% to 30% of a commercially available loader, depending on the tractor being used. In its simplest form, installation on a tractor presently equipped with hydraulics, you can build CADLoader for the cost of the hydraulic cylinders, hoses and steel.

Are there hidden costs with CADDigger?
No! When you buy other machines you must buy backhoe attachments for thousands of dollars, a trailer for thousands of dollars, licenses for the trailer etc. CADDigger converts into a single purpose trailer that requires no lights or licenses in many states (like a cement mixer or woodsplitter), check with local authorities. CADDigger uses only a couple of gallons of gas a day. Hydraulics are not hard duty on the engine insuring long life. Periodic oil changes and a few shots of grease each day is all that is needed to keep CADDigger running. THAT’S IT! No chains, rollers, or tracks to tighten or wear out. No expensive tires & batteries to replace. CADDigger puts money in your pocket, not in parts and service!

Will CADplans supply the parts?
No, but we do recommend sources. Many customers have local sources of steel and hydraulics. Almost every do-it-yourselfer has a used engine just waiting to bring a CADDigger to life! (In case you don’t have a local source for a part, CADplans supplies sources for mail-order of all needed parts.) Applying materials they already have or can get locally, some CADplans customers build CADDigger for only a few hundred dollars.

Can I make money with CADDigger?
Sure! When CADDigger has completed your projects, you can put it to work earning extra cash. CADDigger is perfectly suited to small jobs commercial contractors won’t touch, bringing in $$$$. By charging $25.00 per hour with a $75.00 minimum you can complete jobs that can’t be done by hand and your friends & neighbors previously let go undone because of contractors charging $300 minimum. From trenches & footers to stump removal & burying farm livestock, CADDigger can complete the small jobs to make you BIG MONEY. And since you build CADDigger, CADDigger pays for itself in a couple of months of spare time, not years like other machines. This means money in your pocket right away, not interest payments to the bank!

How come the cost estimate does not match MetKit’s pricing?
MetKit is doing much of the work for you. All of the steel is cut and drilled. Parts are accurately torch cut. Top of the line hydraulics are being supplied. You will save half of the time required to build a CADDigger. If your time is worth a couple of dollars an hour, MetKit is the way to go. If you like to fabricate, just get the plans and save more money.
11 Reasons You Should Build a CADplans’ Machine

1) **Easy to Maneuver** Finger tip control of the hydraulic cylinders and perfect balance make the CADplans machines nimble enough to scoot where you want them to go - around trees and buildings to places a full size backhoe can't go.

2) **Safe on Slopes** Low center of gravity lets the CADdigger machines work on slopes.

3) **Less Expensive** Not only do you save money by building CADdiggers, but no trailer is needed. Just hitch it to you car and go!

4) **Stores Easily** CADplans machines take just a bit more space than a riding lawn mower.

5) **Easy on Your Lawn** CADplans machines’ stabilizer pads stab into the ground only when digging, while heavy backhoes weighing 20,000 lbs. Leave ruts, compressed soil and damage to your lawn.

6) **Faster** The easy transport of our machines will let you complete jobs it can handle while a large machine would still be getting off the trailer.

7) **Low Maintenance** With few moving parts, and no transmission or drive train, our machines can be maintained with a few shots of grease and a quick change of engine oil.

8) **More Power** CADplans give twice the ripping power of machines that cost three times more than ours.

9) **Fun to Use** CADplans machines let you do jobs that can’t be done by hand and frustrate you when you try to hire a large machine. The low platform height and swivel seat makes getting on and off our machines an enjoyable experience.

10) **You Build it Yourself** No special machining equipment required to build our machines. You can do it! And when it’s done, you will have a machine you can be proud of.

11) **Help is Available** Technical support is available when building a CADplans product. Help finding/obtaining parts. Help cutting and drilling steel. Help welding.

**Meet CADplans Chief Design Engineer: John Mikulas**

John Mikulas is the chief engineer who develops CADplans products, and it is his job to make available the plans for the machines our customers request. John has been engineering equipment for over 25 years.

The mixture of his Manufacturing Engineering experience, Design Engineering experience and his natural love for equipment, has enhanced the CADplans designs. John states, “As a Manufacturing Engineer, I spent 10 years writing instructions for shop personnel that interpreted engineering drawings to easily understand steps for the manufacture of all types of mechanical devices. As a Design Engineer, I spent another 10 years designing new products using Computer Aided Design (CAD) and my knowledge and education to ensure the designs were correct.”

John continues, “I initially wanted the machines to use on our 20 acre farm, but, like others, could not justify the cost. This resulted in the first CADdigger being fabricated in the early 1980's. A magazine published an article about it and readers asked for the plans. With my experience at writing shop instructions and designing, I put the plans together for the first machine. We then had requests for larger and smaller versions of the CADdigger and requests for tractor mounted 3PT hitch versions. With a background of welding in the Navy and several summers of working on a 1000-acre farm, I was able to develop the plans for these new requests. I knew that the majority of our customers had limited shop facilities, so the designs could not require extensive equipment, which is not usually a limitation of manufacturing operations.” This was the main design goal of our new products.

All CADplans products are designed for the builder that has limited shop equipment, a welder, bandsaw, torch, and hand tools. Also, we knew our customers did not want to spend time deciphering engineering drawings or working with micrometers. This was also the basis for all of our designs and their drawings.

Soon we learned that the CAD software would have to be first class to help us develop the new designs. We switched to 3D “solids” software that allows us to design new products that are so perfect in the computer, we even know the finished machine weight before the first piece of steel is cut. Other software is used to show the range of motion and the forces on the machine being designed. All of this, plus our knowledge, lets us bring the new products to you at a low cost.”

The CAD Software also allows us to produce drawings that are easy for the customer to understand. The Customer doesn’t need a knowledge of computers or engineering drawings.

CADplans Corp. is located in the rural Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia which surrounds us with the types of activities that further inspires new designs. We see the needs of the small landowners and small business owners close up and continue to develop the products our customers want. John tries to personally answer all technical and inquiry calls so we can best service our present as well as future customers. We accept customer feedback on an ongoing basis and use it to continue to add the necessary information to the existing plans and develop the new products most requested by our customers.

Feel free to call John, in Virginia, if you have any specific questions at (540) 992-4758.
Free Plans for Hitch Adaptor

Many customers ask, “How detailed are the plans and instructions?” So we decided to include a free set of plans to show an example. Due to space limitations, we have selected a simple project to show the style, format and detailing of the CADplans drawings. This Hitch Adaptor is one of our creations.

The Hitch Adaptor is fabricated from two (2) sizes of square tubing, some flat stock and three (3) pins. We recommend welding Hitch Adaptor with a high strength welding process such as 6011 or 7018 stick welding. We don’t recommend small MIG welders (under 200 amps) and easy weld rods such as 6013 because they produce inferior welds on the thickest parts found on CADplans equipment.

- Start by determining the distance from the receiver hitch on your truck to the tailgate, when the tailgate is down. Use this dimension to adjust the length of Item 03 shown on Sheet 01. Fabricate the parts of Hitch Adaptor out to Item 06.
- Using the long straight edge or string, determine the distance from the bed of your truck to Point "A" shown on Sheet 01. Subtract 2" from this dimension and this is the length of Item 07. This must be done with the unit partially assembled (up to Item 06) and installed on the truck to account for the clearances in the square tubing you have acquired. This will result in the support surface of Hitch Adaptor being slightly higher than the bed of your truck. That’s OK, when it is loaded the assembly will flex down a little. After determining the dimension, complete Hitch Adaptor.
- Paint Hitch Adaptor a nice shade of red and add a couple of reflectors so everybody can see it. Always add a flag to your load per local authorities for regulations concerning Hitch Adaptor prior to use.

As you can see the dimensions are kept to a minimum to keep the drawings as clear as possible. All necessary information is in the plans and the instructions. Rather than cluttering the drawings with dimensions, many times it is better to give part details like size and length in the Item Description area of the drawing. This keeps the drawings free of extra dimensions so details are shown better.

Remember this is a load stabilizer. It is intended to stabilize long loads, not necessarily heavy loads. Hitch Adaptor can be bent if you attempt to carry excessive weight with it. Also, remember CADplans makes no claim of fitness of Hitch Adaptor for any purpose. The builder accepts all liability and responsibility including safety and compliance with provisions of any laws or acts. CADplans Corp. accept no liability for the use of these plans.

If you have any questions, feel free to call John at 1-540-992-4758.
Look at how our Burnouts

"STACK UP"!!

We have used and manufactured steel parts for over 20 years, and during that time we have found the best ways to flame cut parts. Sure, laser cut parts are the best, but usually you can't afford them. We looked at the latest plasma, oxy-fuel and other cutting processes and decided they were either too inaccurate or not cost effective. So we developed our own flame cutting machine!

We offer the best possible shaped parts per dollar. Our computer controlled machine torch virtually eliminates variation from part to part. In fact, many shops that have flame cutting capability will buy our components rather than try to compete with our proven quality and precision.

We offer Precision & Quality
- Consistent from part to part
- Usable holes as cut for many applications
- Square cut edges, no beveling

Accuracy that allows you to eliminate secondary operations

Process Capabilities:
- Max part size 16" x 38"
- Ferrous Steels
- Min hole size = Material Thickness
- Material Thickness-1/4" & Up

Parts shown are 1/2" and 1/4" thick, 6" X 9.75" With a 2" hole.

We're ready to quote your part!
Fax or mail your dimensioned sketch or drawing to us at the address above or email your dxf file to metkitcorp@aol.com.

If you specify critical and non critical surfaces we can keep the cost low.

If you have the mating part(s) we can make the burnout match that part.

Be sure to include material type and quantity!

First Piece Guarantee:
Place your order with MetKit and we'll make the first part FREE.
The balance of your order will be processed after your approval.($200 minimum order for first piece offer, all parts the same)

Questions?? Call Phone 540-387-4995
Visit our website at www.metkit.com
Dear Valued Customer,

Many customers ask, “Okay, CADplans got the plans, where do I get the parts?” The answer is MetKit. We are a source for the components to complete the CADplans plan sets. We know that CADplans has designed their plans to allow you to complete your machine from locally available materials. But we offer one more step towards making your project easy, the parts. We know you will like reaping the benefit of “one call does it all” like our other customers have.

“Kit” is part of our name, and that is our specialty. But that doesn’t limit our service. 1 part or 100, we plan everything we do around you, our Valued Customer. We are driven to improve our processes and services every day. That is what makes MetKit stand out from other suppliers. We believe if we give the customer what they want—when they want it—at a fair price—with first class service... you will get their business and keep it. That is our goal.

Check out the CADplans News. Select a plan set that suits your needs. Call, e-mail or fax us if you have questions on kit pricing.

I take it to heart when you are not completely satisfied with everything we do to make your experience a positive one. I am extending an invitation to each one of you to take advantage of the effort we have put forth in bringing the components together for your next CADplans project and become a MetKit Customer.

Bob
Manager of MetKit
MetKit, where –

“One Call Does it All!”

We Offer:

**EVERYTHING KITS**

Everything Kits include the Metal, Hydraulics, Power and Accessories kits, which is everything you need to complete a basic CADDigger or CADLoader Model except paint, hydraulic oil, and battery. These items are not included because of shipping restrictions.

**METAL KITS**

All metal required in the CADplans machine (square tube, plate, bar, pins, bearings, pipe, angle, cutting edge, bucket teeth, Roll pins, diamond plate)

All parts are precut, All patterns are burned to size, All holes are predrilled (except 1/4” & 5/16” retaining holes)

**HYDRAULIC KITS**

All hydraulics parts required in the CADplans Machine (control valves, pumps, cylinders, hoses, adapters, filters, strainers)

**POWER KITS**

Engines and related items such as pump mounts, couplings etc...

**ACCESSORY KITS**

All the accessories you need such as seats, pins, grease fittings, etc...

The Plans Come with a List of What is in the Kits

For Current Kit Availability and Pricing, Visit our website at www.metkit.com

and We Offer: Any of the above items in the quantity you need. Even pre-welded kits!

**NOTES ON HYDRAULIC COMPONENTS:**

- The cylinders supplied are USA made, welded construction, screw in end replaceable seal type with red oxide paint. chrome plated rods and minimum 3-1 safety factor for bursting. This is the best cylinder we could find for the CADDigger. These are not the snap ring assembly cylinders that can not be disassembled without destroying the seals. Seal kits are available.
- The hoses are made in the USA 1 wire, 2500 psi working pressure. All fittings are also high quality plated high pressure selected specifically for the CADDigger. Certain suction and return fittings are not plated by design but can be painted.
- The FPS valve assembly should be ordered with Power Beyond if you wish to operate another hydraulic valve (like a loader) off the same circuit and/or pump. Instructions included.
At MetKit Corp. we know building the best CADplans product is important to you, the customer. That is why we have taken the extra effort to make sure the kit components are the best possible and exactly what you want.

From the hydraulics to the steel, we make sure you are getting the best possible value. Our years of effort searching for quality vendors, and working with vendors to maintain high quality, makes our components the best to complete a project like this.

**The Accuracy Counts, and we will Prove It!!**

Our accurate burnouts, precut and predrilled parts make assembly of the CADplans projects a snap. You don’t have to do the layout, cutting and drilling. You don’t have to buy the tools. You don’t have to look for the parts to build with. You do the finish welding and assembly easily with the accurate parts.

If you are still undecided, we recommend you select a burnout you would like to evaluate. Order two of the burnouts. Check the dimensions, repeatability, and finish. We know you will be sold on MetKit’s quality. If you then order the complete kit, we will deduct the cost of the burnout parts and their shipping from the cost of the kit. If the evaluation burnouts are not accurate, return them for a refund.

**The Hydraulics**

You have to decide whether to get the hydraulics locally or from MetKit. We feel we are supplying the best Ag-Type cylinders available. Sure you can get lower cost tie rod type cylinders. They will be the imports. We could supply them, but we don’t. Our personal experience shows the import cylinders are manufactured with lower quality seals and other components, therefore contributing to a much shorter cylinder life.

All of our cylinders are screw together type welded construction. They have a minimum 3 to 1 safety factor in the design. The ends and ports are designed specifically for the CADplans applications. We supply FPS/Parker control valves. All of this goes together to make your project as easy as possible to assemble.

**The Changes to the Kit**

Many customers want the kit their way. They want a CADTrac seat on a CADDigger, a different engine, different tires, a different width bucket, a custom cutting edge for their loader, backhoe teeth on their loader buckets, joysticks on their control valves. None of this is a problem at MetKit. The shop paperwork for each kit is computer generated at the time of order. If you want a change, parts are added and/or deleted to your order before it is released to the factory floor. It is then accumulated and packed custom for you.
Now Available,  
The Excavator Style Super Boom  
For the  
CADDigger 800 Series Machines!

Visit our website at www.metkit.com

MetKit has developed an Excavator Style Super Boom for the CADDigger 800 Series machines including the 808, 809, 810, 821, 831 and 841. This unique boom allows deeper digging at one spot without having to relocate the machine. This new boom also allows you to dig a foot deeper. The new boom incorporates an additional pinning location for the boom cylinder to give full loading height and the greater depth by simply relocating a pin.

The Excavator Style Boom for the 800 Series is supplied in a ready to weld kit with the necessary instructions included.

To introduce the Super Boom, MetKit is making a special introductory offer.

You can order the Super Boom and also receive a 6" 800 Series bucket or CADThumb for only $350 shipping included. The Super Boom kit alone is $275 plus shipping.

Order today and enhance your 800 Series CADDigger! (Offer good within the continental US, higher shipping elsewhere.)

The MetKit Super Boom Kit;

This is a “drop in” replacement for the CADDigger 800 Series machines, no other changes are necessary.

Use the same cylinders, hoses and pins.

The 30 degree bend of the boom greatly enhances the digging characteristics of the 800 Series machines.

Yes! Send me the MetKit
- Super Boom with CADThumb (350)  
- Super Boom with 6” bucket (350)  
- Super Boom, CADThumb & 6” bucket (499)  

Name: ___________________________________________  
Address: ________________________________________  
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Questions??  
Call 540-387-4995

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**The MetKit Excavator Style Super Boom!**

**Extra Holes, Extra Versatility:**
The extra holes in the Super Boom allow your choice of deeper digging or full loading height. Also an extra hole is added so you can support the boom in the upright position for transport.

**The Super Boom Kit Includes:**
- Square tube
- CNC cut burnouts
- Two Mechanical tubes
- Two 63/64" x 5" pins and retainers
- Complete instructions

**Deeper digging Without Moving the CADDigger:**
The 30 degree angle of the Super Boom causes the end of the boom to be 16" lower, allowing deeper digging without moving the CADDigger.

**CADThumb can pick up most round and irregular shaped objects up to 24" in diameter.**

**Self Fixturing:** The design of the Super Boom makes assembly almost error-proof. Simply align the parts per the included instructions and weld.

**The optional CADThumb shown here is holding a 400 pound, 17 foot long, 9 inch diameter pressure treated pole from one end.**

**The CADThumb folds out of the way for self-storage when not needed.**

**The Super Boom raises 15 degrees higher than the standard boom giving greater clearance during truck loading.**

**The Super Boom can be substituted in a MetKit Everything Kit, call for details.**

**Questions?? Call 540-387-4995**
Hydraulic Stabilizers

MetKit has developed an easy to assemble set of hydraulic stabilizers for the 508, and 608 three point hitch CADDiggers. The stabilizers are controlled by their own valve that connects to your existing hydraulics. The stabilizers have over 120 degrees of rotation so they can be located at any position from 65 degrees up to 19° below the pivot. The Stabilizers are angled 30 degrees out to each side, giving a wider stance than the standard CADDigger stabilizers for more stability.

Many customers have used the hydraulic stabilizers to convert the 508 and 608 to rigid frame mount backhoes on their tractors, eliminating the free motion of the three point hitch mount. The Hydraulic Stabilizers are supplied in a ready to weld kit, including precut steel and hydraulics and instructions.

The Hydraulic Stabilizers fit 508 & 608 CADDiggers.

600 Series Super Boom

The Super Boom is an angled boom that enhances the digging of the CADDigger. This unique boom allows deeper digging at one spot without having to relocate the CADDigger. Also since the boom rotates higher, you have greater clearance during truck loading.

The Super Boom is supplied in a ready to weld kit, including precut steel and instructions.

The Super Boom fits 508, 608, 628 and 650 CADDiggers.

600 Series Thumb

The Thumb is our most frequently requested attachment. The Thumb allows you to pick up objects rather than just dig dirt. Rocks, branches and logs are easily maneuvered by the Thumb. The Thumb is pinned in place with 2 pins making removal and installation a snap. The power of the bucket curl makes the thumb a powerful accessory.

The Thumb fits 508, 608, 628 and 650 CADDiggers.

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CADDigger Accessories

The lower section of the Super Boom raises 15 degrees higher than the standard boom for greater clearance during loading.

The self fixturing design of the accessories makes assembly almost error-proof!

Deeper digging without moving the CADDigger. Dig 12” deeper because of the 30 degree angle of the Super Boom.

Range of Hydraulic Stabilizer motion from full up to full down.

Mark DeGroot’s Model 508 with Super Boom and Hydraulic Stabilizers

The Thumb powerfully clamps objects up to 18” with the power of the bucket cylinder.

Thumb Lifting Note:
This image shows the CADDigger 821 lifting a log with the Thumb. The Thumb for the CADDigger 500 and 600 Series machines can safely lift loads mostly dependent on the operators safe operating skills. Lifting capacity of the 600 Series machines should be around 200 pounds, depending on the operators skill.

The Super Boom, Hydraulic Stabilizers and Thumb can be substituted in a MetKit Everything Kit, call for details.

Yes! Send me the MetKit
- Hydraulic Stabilizers ($699+$60 S&H)
- Super Boom ($169+$36 S&H)
- Thumb ($50+$16 S&H)
- (call for shipping on the above items outside lower 48 states)
- All Three including shipping ($750,S&H included)

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Address: __________________________
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signature for CC: ______________________

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CADplans Corp has approved these accessories for the CADDigger 500 and 600 Series machines.

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How do I pick a CADDigger Model?

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