

How to Make Your Boat Trailer Tires Last Longer

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The sun is the worst thing for rubber tires. I found that a 30 gallon metal trash can lid *is* just the right size to cover the tire when mounted on 12" boat trailer wheels (Photo A) I still remove the wheels in the winter, but I cover them with trash can lids during the week.

The spare is mounted to the trailer tongue with a trash can lid on top (Photo B). It is easier to stand on when loading the boat.

We've sailed and trailered most weekends and Thursday nights for the last 15 years. Many small modifications have been made to the boat trailer to make it easier and safer.

Notice the small rubber flaps on the trailer fenders (Photo A). The one in the back is a mud flap to keep a little road dirt off the hull and to let the fender flex a little.

We've not lost a fender yet! The rubber comes from a conveyor belt we bought from a surplus yard.

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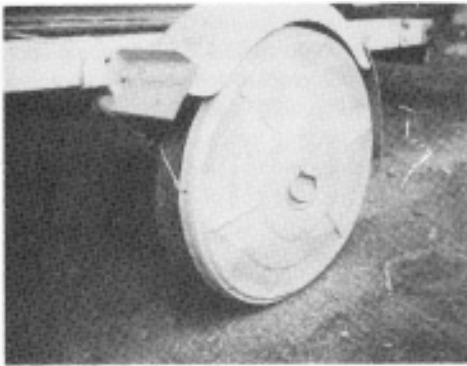


Photo A

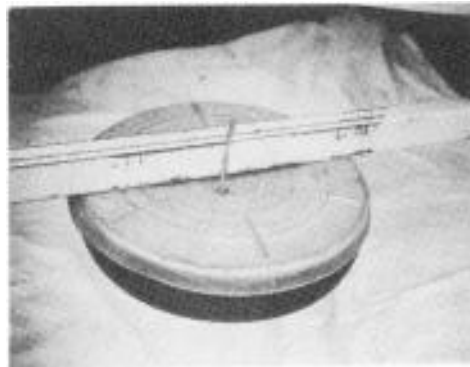


Photo B