

Replacing the PTO Yoke on Your Ford Posthole Digger

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We purchased a Ford Post Hole Digger, Model 22-63, from our state salvage location. This digger was missing the PTO yoke that attaches to the PTO shaft on the tractor. Should have been an easy fix, but we found out differently! Since the Ford posthole digger was manufactured around 1963 or 64, it was American made and used inch measurements. The only PTO yokes available around here are Euro design, which are metric.

- The solid shaft of the Ford posthole digger is a rectangle shape, 1 inch by 1-1/8th inch. The euro shaft has a 1 inch square (inside measurement) tube.
- Cut the euro tube about an inch behind the PTO yoke.
- Then cut the old yoke off the Ford shaft as close to the yoke as possible.
- Since the old shaft is a rectangle, you need to trim 1/16 inch from two sides, making an inch of the old shaft 1 inch square.
- Place the old rectangle shaft inside the new tube shaft and weld together.

We found the second hand euro shaft at a rental tool location for \$20.00.

