

Subject: Hat Rim Ordeal**Gregg (TN)**

Posted 09-27-2015 at 21:30:47

• Hat Rim Ordeal

Being hard headed and cheap I decided I would try my best to find a hat rim at a good price. Ha, easier said than done. I looked, on and off, for three years while I worked on other things on my 8n. I finally found one for 150 dollars but had to drive 180 miles each way to get it. I proudly toted home my loaded hat rim and wore out old tire not realizing I still had work ahead of me. Once the old tire was pried, hacked, air sawed off there it was again rust. But not too bad, only one spot really needed more than electrolysis/sandblasting/wire wheel/D.A. work. My neighbor who is a darn good welder said I should cut a piece from my old wheel and he would weld it for me. Just picked it up yesterday and got it all reprimed, ready for paint, along with every thing else that is suppose to be grey. I attached a photo of my neighbors good work, you can barely see the square of my old rim that he welded in. Its a whole lot easier working on the cast iron red part of the paint job than getting all this stuff ready to go grey. And thank goodness all the hard to find items, like this rim are behind me. Starting to see the light at the end of a long tunnel.

Charles (N.C.)

Posted 09-28-2015 at 11:59:38

• Re: Hat Rim Ordeal

Swell work,,and another original Ford part saved from the scrap. Your friend is a "keeper". Now you might hold on to the doaner rim because someone else might need a "chunk".

Gregg (TN)

Posted 09-30-2015 at 10:19:41

• **Re: Hat Rim Ordeal**

Right with you sir on the idea of saving my old wheel for future donor pieces.I have a friend who is car hoarder/ex-junk yard owner.He has a "back forty" full of old vehicles.I spoke to him about putting my old wheel inside on of the old vans or an ambulance to store it.

Tyler (MD)

Posted 09-28-2015 at 04:40:10

• **Re: Hat Rim Ordeal**

Nice work on the hat rim!

Tyler
