

# Farm Jacks Explained: Because Sometimes You Need to Lift Something Ridiculous

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## What Even *Is* a Farm Jack?

A farm jack is basically the Swiss Army Knife of medieval torture devices, except it's for tractors, trucks, Jeeps and anything else you probably shouldn't be lifting alone.

It's tall. It's loud. It's dangerous if you treat it like a toy. And it's beloved by farmers, ranchers, off-roaders, and anyone who thinks hydraulic jacks are "too fancy." It's designed to lift things, pull things, push things, and clamp things.



## How a Farm Jack Works

Imagine a giant metal pogo stick that refuses to bounce and instead climbs a steel ladder one angry click at a time. Every pump of the handle:

- Moves the load up one notch.
- Makes a noise like a robot coughing.
- Reminds you that gravity is undefeated.



## What to Look for When Buying a Farm Jack (So You Don't Regret It)

- 1) **Load Capacity:** Most are rated around 2–4 tons, which is enough to lift a tractor, a truck as well as your hopes and dreams. If it's rated under 2 tons, it's basically a decorative yard ornament.
- 2) **Lifting Height:** Standard sizes include:
  - a. 34-inch — the "I'm pretending to be practical" size
  - b. 48-inch — the "I do normal farm things" size
  - c. 60-inch — the "my truck is lifted 14 inches for no reason" size
- 3) **Base Plate Stability:** If the base is tiny, congratulations—you've bought a tall metal disaster waiting to happen. A wide base = fewer YouTube-worthy accidents.
- 4) **Handle Smoothness:** A good handle feels solid, smooth and like it won't snap and send you into orbit. Some budget brands feel like they were lubricated with sadness.
- 5) **Safety Features:** Look for it to include anti-kickback, rated load labels and instructions that don't read like they were translated by a toaster.
- 6) **Versatility:** A real farm jack should lift, pull, clamp, spread and make you feel like a frontier blacksmith
- 7) **Corrosion Resistance:** If you store it on your truck bumper (like a true off-road influencer), it needs to be powder coating with zinc hardware. Only then will it have the ability to survive 4 years of Florida humidity.

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Category	What It Means	What GOOD Looks Like	Why It Matters
<b>Load Capacity</b>	How much weight the jack can safely lift	3.5 tons (7,000 lbs); minimum	Prevents bending, failure, and "surprise gravity events"
<b>Construction Material</b>	What the jack is made of	Cast steel	Determines strength, lifespan, and safety
<b>Lifting Height</b>	Maximum vertical lift	48" for general use; 60" for lifted rigs	More height = more versatility
<b>Base Plate Size</b>	Stability on soft or uneven ground	Wide, reinforced, anti-slip base	Prevents tipping and sinking
<b>Handle Quality</b>	Smoothness, strength, comfort	Thick steel, smooth ratchet action, isolator included	Affects ease of use and safety
<b>Ratcheting Mechanism</b>	The "climbing" system that lifts the load	Smooth clicks, strong pins, no binding	Determines how safely and smoothly it lifts
<b>Corrosion Resistance</b>	Protection from rust and weather	Powder coating + zinc hardware	Critical for jacks stored on vehicles
<b>Weight</b>	How heavy the jack is	30 lbs minimum (solid but manageable)	Affects portability and ease of use
<b>Finish Quality</b>	Coating, paint, hardware	Even coating, no sharp edges, clean welds	Indicates manufacturing quality

When comparing brands, here are some significant differences.

Feature	Hi-Lift	VEVOR	Torin BIG RED	Smittybilt	DNA Motoring	Ultra-Fab
<b>Load Capacity</b>	Up to 8,000lb	Up to 8,000lb	Up to 9,000lb	4,660 lb	6,600 lb	Up to 8,000lb
<b>Height Options</b>	36"- 60"	48" - 60"	48"	54"	48"	48" - 60"
<b>Construction</b>	Cast + stamped steel	Integrated cast steel	Stamped steel	Heavy-duty steel	Mixed steel	Cast steel
<b>Base Stability</b>	Wide, stable	Wide anti-slip	Decent	Good	Narrow	Wide, stable
<b>Mechanism Smoothness</b>	Very smooth	Smooth	Can bind	Slightly stiff	Rough	Very smooth
<b>Material Quality</b>	Premium cast components	Strong cast steel	Decent	Good	Mid-tier	Premium cast components
<b>Corrosion Resistance</b>	Powder coat + zinc	Good coating	Good	Good	Basic	Powder coat + zinc
<b>Hardware Quality</b>	High-grade	Solid	Mixed	Good	Variable	High-grade
<b>Warranty</b>	Lifetime	1-year	1-year	1-year	1-year	1-year
<b>Winching Capability</b>	Excellent	Good	Basic	Good	Minimal	Excellent
<b>Clamping</b>	Yes	Yes	Limited	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Spreading</b>	Yes	Yes	Limited	Yes	No	Yes
<b>Handle Quality</b>	Premium	Good	Average	Good	Basic	Premium
<b>Ease of Use</b>	Smooth	Smooth	OK	Slightly stiff	Rough	Smooth
<b>Stability Under Load</b>	Very stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Unstable	Very stable
<b>Price Range</b>	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$\$	\$	\$
<b>Best For</b>	Pros, off-roaders, farmers	Value buyers, heavy users	General farm use	Lifted rigs	Light-duty users	Pros, off-roaders, farmers
<b>Personality</b>	The old rancher who can still outlift everyone	The new guy who shows up jacked and shocks the whole crew	The dependable farmhand who never calls in sick	The off-road bro with a lifted Jeep and a GoPro	The cousin who helps you move but drops a few boxes	The reliable buddy that always has your back

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## **Final Thoughts**

A farm jack is one of the most useful, dangerous, brilliant, chaotic tools you can own. Treat it with respect, buy a good one, and it will serve you faithfully for decades.

When it comes to real-world lifting, recovery, and field repairs, you don't get second chances—and that's exactly why Ultra-Fab built its farm jacks to outperform the competition. Every jack is engineered with overbuilt steel, precision-cut components, and the kind of reliability that only comes from decades of designing hardware for people who actually use their equipment, not just store it in the garage. Whether you're pulling fence posts, recovering a stuck trailer, or lifting equipment in the mud, an Ultra-Fab farm jack gives you the confidence to get the job done without the drama.

If you're ready to upgrade from "good enough" to gear that actually keeps up with you, it's time to put an Ultra-Fab farm jack on your truck, tractor, or trailer. Dealers love Ultra-Fab, customers trust Ultra-Fab, and the performance speaks for itself. Don't wait for the next stuck axle or sagging corner to remind you why quality matters—step up to Ultra-Fab and lift with confidence!

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