

Closing the Slot Makes No-Till Successful

Finely tuned planters are essential for successful no-till. After all, it may be the only tool that touches the soil. There are many available attachments that can help modify your planter for no-till, but the place to start may be at the back of the planter. Conventional rubber closing wheels force the furrow closed from the top, while spiked closing wheels pinch the bottom of the seed trench while keeping the soil above it loose. They also crumble the sidewall, preventing sidewall compaction. Spiked wheels actually work better with very little down pressure, since they are designed to work the seed trench from the bottom. Rubber wheels work best in dry soil, but as moisture levels go up, especially in high-clay content soil, spiked wheels are much more effective at closing the seed trench. What follows is a list of commonly available closing wheels. There are more options out there, but most of the styles are shown here. Every planter model is different so wheels should be ordered for a specific model. Tailpiece conversion kits are available in some cases if needed.

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Bidirectional 15" spike wheels can be run as a pair or one spike and one rubber wheel

Single direction paddle wheels ensures sidewall fracturing and help warm soil

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2 Paddle Wheels



\$227

2 Spiked Wheels



\$197

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Close-n-Till wheels help break up clods and fine up top soil, and are better in dry no-till conditions

Finger Till wheels help break up clods and help reduce sidewall compaction





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