

Tackling PTO guard safety

AN innovative new PTO safety cover, which will be launched at the FTMTA Machinery Show in Punchestown on 10, 11 and 12 February, could be set to make Irish farms safer places to work.

The Reliance Bearing and Gear Company in Cork were recently awarded the sole agency for Ireland for the world patented 'Bare Co' safety guard. As it is, Reliance is the largest distributor of PTO's in the country, selling in excess of 20,000 shafts per annum to dealers around the country. Bare Co is an Australian-based family owned business that has become one of the biggest manufacturers and distributors of tractor parts in the southern hemisphere.

According to Peter Creighton, managing director at Reliance; "We firmly believe this PTO guard will be revolutionary for the agri market

in Ireland and will help make the farm be a safer place. The best thing about the cover is that it is not too expensive, can be reused and will fit practically every shaft in our market. It is also very easy to remove and put back on again, allowing for easy re-greasing of the PTO shaft knuckle joints without the use of any tools. We have spoken and demonstrated it to many of our agri dealer partners around the country, and they all think it is a great new concept."

Unlike conventional shaft covers, on the Bare Co the user can pull the shaft guard back easily to facilitate engagement of the PTO shaft and easy joint maintenance. Those interested in seeing a video clip of the Bare Co shaft working can visit their website at www.bareco.com.au/ and click PTO movie. Prices are expected to start at €85 for the Bare Co shaft cover.

