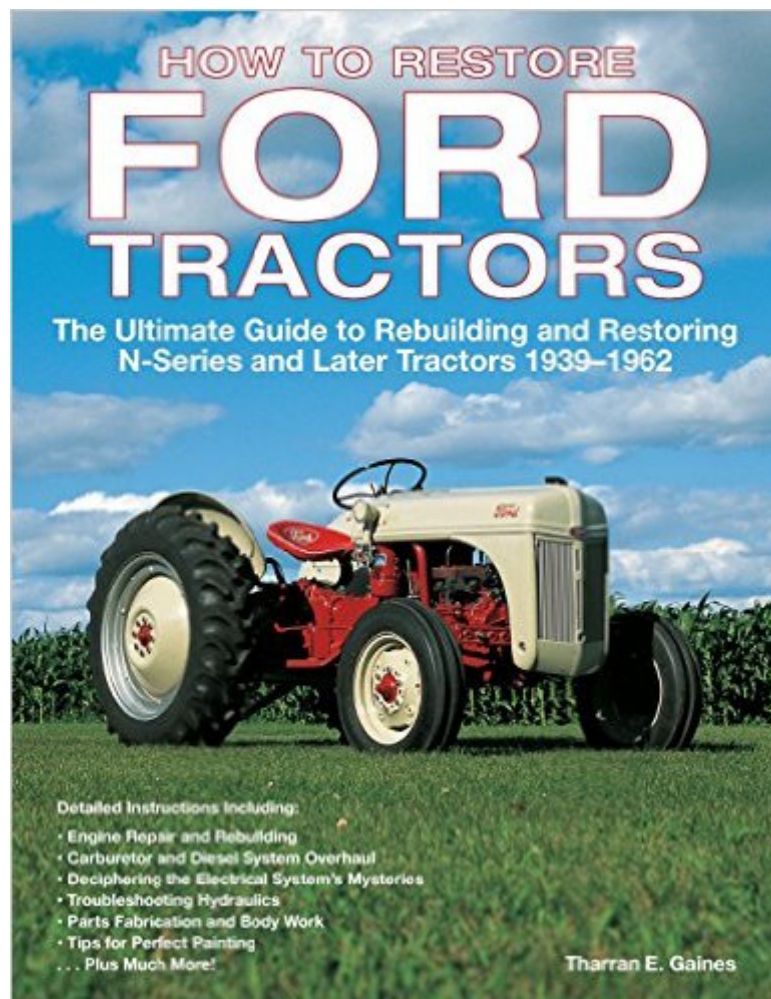


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# How To Restore Ford Tractors: The Ultimate Guide To Rebuilding And Restoring N-Series And Later Tractors 1939-1962



## Synopsis

To the admirer of farm machinery in all its gritty splendor, the tractor is more than the mechanical workhorse of the modern field. It is a testament to American know-how, a work of mechanical art truly in the American grain. Among these hard-working machines, Ford tractors hold a special place after nearly a century of bringing innovation, dependability, and good old American muscle to farms and fields worldwide. This book provides a hands-on guide to restoring these venerable machines from the ground up, from the first models made to those produced as recently as 1965. With hundreds of full-color photographs, the guide is not just clear and easy-to-follow, but also a feast for the eyes for tractor aficionados. Beginning at the beginning--how to choose and buy your tractor--Tharran Gaines takes readers through step-by-step directions for the complete restoration of Fordson, Ford-Ferguson, and Ford tractors. In straightforward terms he covers everything from troubleshooting and disassembly to engine and gearbox rebuilds, electrical work, reassembly, painting, and post-restoration care and maintenance. Informative photographs and proven tips, techniques, and money-saving advice from experienced restorers make the book an invaluable resource for amateur mechanic and professional alike. Also included is an appendix listing sources for parts, decals, tires, etc., as well as addresses for tractor clubs and collector associations.

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This is a great resource for the first time buyer or restorer of vintage Ford tractors. It is particularly focused on the most common 8N tractor developments but does provide a good history from the 9N

of 1939 forward to the blue/grey models of 1964. A lot of the improvements from one year to the next could help the beginning collector decide on their next purchase. There are lots of detailed color photos to picture each model as well as excellent reference material to date the tractor and model based on the serial number. There is good advice about what to look for in a used tractor as well as chapters on engine repair, hydraulics, electrical system, cooling system and basic info you would want to know on other components. The only thing that prevented me from giving this book 5 stars was that the examples of the restoration work focused on the 8N series tractor and did not reference the 600-900 series. Since I happen to own a '56 Ford 961 row crop I found this a bit of a fault. However the many color photos document the development of all these vintage tractors including the hundred series and the ones that came after. Since many of these vintage tractors were modified by previous owners over the 50 years or so that they have been at work on the farm, the photographs of correct restorations are particularly helpful.

Don't think you can buy this one book and restore that old tractor that's been sitting in the field next door for 20 years. No one book can do that. This is a good starter book if you are interested in Ford tractors and think you want to take one on as a project.

The book is good, but there are several things that I think should be addressed. 1 Clearances - specs for valve clearances 2 Crankshaft bearing specs. 3 Torque ratings, head, bearing caps, connecting rods. 3 tires torque specifications 4 A little more information about the PTO and some of its action with accessories.

It's a good overview for Ford tractors. To cover several models there has to be some generalization. On overhauling, I probably get more from watching videos on youtube. It is always wise to read and view a variety of opinions before jumping into a project. The book is good bedtime reading for guys who love tractors.

This is, quite possibly, the most useful book on Ford tractors ever written. In addition to identification and repair of tractors, it contains contact information for parts and services. A "must have" manual for anyone who loves and uses their old Ford tractor.

it has held my husband captive for the past month. he is ready to restore my dad's old ford 8n now.

I bought this to gauge whether my grandfather's old '52 8N in my garage was restorable or not. The book is not a Chilton or Haynes manual (you've been warned), but it does have lots of good color photos of a tractor in various states of disassembly/restoration. It helped me locate serial numbers to date the tractor I have and pointed out some problem areas to look at if considering restoration. It also includes a very informative history of the Ford N-series tractors. I also find this book very helpful for talking about and explaining this tractor to other people who don't have much experience living in the country or being on a farm. Overall very satisfied with this book.

I work on computers for a living and when I pick up "A Guide for Dummies" book about computers I shake my head in disbelief that anyone needs such simple information. I do my own wrenching around the house, so when I read the glowing reports about this book, I thought it must have some value. I won't go so far as to say I hate it, but I can get this kind of information off the Net. It ranks right there with the Dummies in my mind. I bought the Kindle version, so I don't know what size some of the pictures might be in the paper version, but they are worthless in the electronic version. If I can get my money back I will.

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