



CASE CLOSED

I recently purchased two Avery molded friction call cases. I knew before I used them that I was likely to lose a striker, because there was no way to secure the striker to the case.

While scouting several weeks before the season, I lost my favorite striker. By that evening, I had designed and assembled an inexpensive and easy solution to my problem.

I purchased a foot of 3-inch-wide elastic belting along with four black coat loops/hooks from my local fabric store. Using an upholstering needle and Kevlar thread, I stitched 4½-inches of webbing to the small pouch that holds sandpaper. At the opposite end of the webbing, I secured the hooks. Now I can fold the webbing over the strikers and secure it to the base of the striker holders.

Dean Rapp, via e-mail

Thanks for the great tip. You have definitely saved me a few strikers this spring. The problem will be finding someone else to sew the elastic and fasteners. I still haven't washed out all the blood stains from my last sewing project. Enjoy the prize from the Reader Tips closet. — P.J. Perea, senior editor



LEGALLY LIT

Here's a great trailer hauling tip from NWTF members Sean and Terry Ehrman of Cranberry Township, Pa. They invented a bracket for trailers that saves the license plate from damage and keeps it legal for hauling. It's called the Plate Saver.

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The Plate Saver lighted license plate mounting bracket allows a license plate to mount above the standard trailer taillight or a trailer's rear gate. It features an integrated light that keeps the trailer owner legal.

Trailers typically have a steel, plastic or rubber license plate mount that attaches below the taillight, which illuminates the license plate using a clear plastic lens on the bottom of the taillight. However, it often limits the clearance of the trailer, resulting in license plate damage or even loss due to contact with road or obstacles when maneuvering the trailer.

For more information, visit www.pl8saver.com.

As someone who spent many summers working at a busy lakefront boat ramp, I can attest to the top three things lost to ramp obstacles — license plates, rear taillights and bearing hubs. The last two things can be easily replaced with a trip to the hardware store. But losing a license plate means a trip to the state department of motor vehicles or a ticket for hauling with an unlicensed trailer. This tip should save trailer owners a lot of headaches. — P.J. Perea