

The incrediBULL testing trailer

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Proper bull evaluation involves lots of expensive equipment, often used in less-than-ideal environmental conditions. Texas A&M University has outfitted a utility trailer with electricity, a large work surface, secured drawers, and customized shelving and racks to organize all of our BSE equipment to take into the field when we test bulls. It helps ensure high quality work independent of the elements.

The trailer is a 6' x 8' economy enclosed cargo trailer with a vented roof. On the right side of the trailer is a desk with drawers that are held closed by a removable rod that drops down through a drilled hole in the desk top and into a divot in the floor. Metal braces and eyebolts (for bungee cords) attach to the wall above the desk that allow for containment of a sharps container and bottles for lube, alcohol, and other supplies. A power strip and paper towel holder

also hang on the wall. The microscope case is held on the tabletop with bungee cords and eyebolts. During travel, the chair is held up against the desk by bungee. A plexiglass-enclosed shelving unit at the front of the trailer stores gloves, sleeves, and extra disposables. Hooks on the front wall of the trailer hold extension cords. Floor brackets hold stainless steel buckets in place. On the left wall, a collapsible table is strapped to the wall to be used chuteside. A padded shelving unit contains electroejaculator units, whose cords run through the back to a power strip so that they charge while the trailer is plugged in. Brackets hang on the side of these shelves to hang collection cups.

A capped PVC pipe is bracketed to the wall to contain trich pipettes.