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Any suggestions or experience with any subsoilers ? I'm looking for a subsoiler / ripper with a 3 point hitch for my 2 wheel drive 49hp cat. 1 tractor (Ford 3610 diesel). I'm looking at this one from Bush Hog (about \$1300):

[[bushhog.com](#)]

Or this one from Rankin (about \$800):

[[rankinequipment.com](#)]

I figure deeper is better, but there is probably a limit to how deep I can go in our heavy clay?

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Hey Josh -

Your depth to bedrock, soil conditions, and your tractor are the limits to how deep you can go. I would say that 49hp isn't going to allow you to use the Bushog or Rankin at full (23") depth in heavy clay soils. The ranges I have used in the past are 30-50 hp per shank. However, your tractor is not 4WD (so traction becomes an issue) and you don't mention whether it is gas or diesel (diesel is a larger engine). I would also suggest that the following: [Tractor Supply Ripper](#). I have used this a number of times in heavy soil with a tractor bigger than yours and it goes through real easy. Not as deep, but works for what I needed it for. Plus its cheaper. Lots cheaper than the Rankin or BH, Good luck.

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Mike -- thanks for that suggestion -- I looked at this but thought I needed something heavier-duty. But at a fraction of what I was considering spending, I think I'll give it a shot.

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For what it is worth, they are pretty heavy duty and you'd have hit something big and fast in order to break it. Good luck!

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