

PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT NUMBER	START DATE	COMPLETION DATE
PICKUP TRK BED SLIDE RAIL SYS	OT00-10	APR 00	NOV 00

Product Evaluated: Pickup Bed "Slide System", made by Slide Systems, PO Box 3226, Syracuse NY 13220, 1-888-917-5433; **Website:**

www.slidesystems.com. The product incorporates a rail that allows movement of accessories anywhere along the truck bed, transforming a full size pick-up truck into a convenient working system. The roller-box is the only known toolbox that will move effortlessly from cab to tailgate for easy handling & accessibility. The system rails attach through the stake pocket holes of your truck and secure in place with a "Pocket-Lok". The Roller-box utilizes ball bearing construction, & is made of .080" bright tread aluminum, for the ultimate in looks & durability. Its flush profile allows the Roller-box to be used with an array of additional accessories. Slide Systems also offers a retro-fit kit that allows universally mounting of existing accessories to the rail, such as a camper shell. With Slide Systems, there is no drilling or bolting directly to the truck. **Project Monitor:** AETC MEEP Activity.

Comparison: Stationary toolboxes. **Project Results:** Product was installed on a full size pick-up truck by vehicle maintenance technicians. It mounts on the existing rectangle holes in the top of cargo bed side rail. The "Slide System took the place of two carry type tool boxes used by BCE electricians performing work around the base such as laying cable & other types of electrical work. Technicians liked the Slide System because it allows them to slide the box to the rear of the pick-up bed for easy excess to tools when needed, plus it allows them to use the tailgate as a workbench. The former method required workers to load heavy toolboxes (60 pounds each) on the vehicle at the beginning of the day, then unload them at the end of the day to secure them in the shop. Workers had complained of shoulder & lower back discomfort when performing that task.

Technicians were extremely pleased with the technology & easy use of the system that added to their safety. Users stated that there are two great advantages with the Slide System: it provides floor space on the truck bed that was not available with the carry type toolboxes; & it provides the ability to slide the unit from the front of the truck bed to the rear, which eliminated the need for workers to climb into the truck bed to remove or replace tools. No disadvantages were noted. The Slide System is designed to utilize cargo space that had previously been taken up with the toolboxes. This cargo space allowed technicians to carry more materials for use on various jobs. **Final MEEP Action:** This product is recommended for Air Force use. It could be a great benefit to any organization that transports tools & supplies to job sites. Procure using LP procedures. **Project Closed.**
