BACKSAVER SOIL PROBE

Jim Clements, a former SCS soil scientist now in business as JMC Services, has developed a new soil sampling device. His brochure describes it as follows:

The Backsaver Handle is a revolutionary piece of hand operated soil investigation equipment. It has three features which no other probe handle has: 1) The Backsaver Handle eliminates bending over to “pull” the core out of the ground. 2) The soil sampling tube is pushed into the ground by foot pressure. 3) A special cleaning device is mounted on the side of the Backsaver Handle.

Many serious back injuries have resulted from “pulling” a soil probe. With a conventional probe handle and rod combination the handle becomes closer to the ground with each successive section of soil.