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Stop Prying

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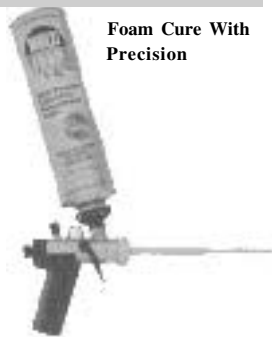


Use your power drill to remove cutout plugs from your hole saw. The Quikijex saw mandrel attaches to stationary or portable reversible drills, and according to its manufacturer helps you remove wood, metal, or plastic plugs in less than one second. The gadget accepts standard hole saws 1 1/2 inch diameter or larger with 5/8-18 mounting thread and 1-inch torque-hole spacing. For more information, contact Quikijex Tool Corporation, Box 8700 Notch Road, Mendon, VT 05701; 802/879-9151.

Safe Scaffolding



Staging that won't twist out and won't upend. Alum-A-Scaffold and Saf-T-Lok, two new products from Alum-A-Pole, improve on the company's aluminum pump-jack system. The Saf-T-Lok goes up through any pump-jack and then secures two aluminum planks (Alum-A-Staffs) in a positive joint. It can also secure staging to a pump-jack by going through any aluminum staging run and then through the pump-jack platform. For more information contact Alum-A-Pole, P.O. Box 030066, Staten Island, NY 10303; 718/447-2608.



Foam Cure With Precision

Stop infiltration quickly and precisely. Multi-foam 1G is a closed-cell urethane product that stops the passage of water and air. The gun applicator assures control over the amount and placement of the foam, minimizing waste and trimming.

Because it expands as it cures (53 times) an aerosol can of the stuff delivers 10 gallons of cured foam, and can produce a 1/2 x 1/2-inch bead of foam over 750 feet long. A special syringe attachment is available for filling very narrow gaps. For more information, contact Todol Products, Inc., 20 Charles Street, Natick, MA 01760; 617/879-7741.

Sheetmetal Connection



Incorporates toe-nailing technique with joist-hanger support to drive nails in double instead of single shear. The Strong-Tie connector allows common 10d or 16d nails to be directed, at an angle, through die-stamped slots. The penetration is not only through the joist but through the header. Double-shear nailing speeds up installation time, and according to the manufacturer, increases the load values of the connectors themselves. For more information, contact Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., 1450 Doolittle Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577; 415/562-7775.

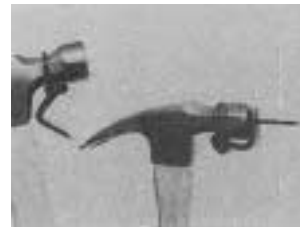
Attachable Level



Keep your hands free with Strap-On-Level. Velcro straps secure the level

to poles, posts, or stringers up to 8 inches in diameter. In addition to the straps the level contains an acrylic recessed-tube level for horizontal leveling and an acrylic bulls-eye level for vertical plumbing. A hang-up eyelet at one end of the level makes for easy storage. For more information contact Halkist Industries, Inc., 88 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601; 914/454-3200.

Nail Starter



Hit the nail on the head. Sure Hit fits on any hammer, and works with all types and sizes of nails. Looks good for overhead nailing and hard-to-reach places. Two prongs hold the nail against the hammer face to start the nail. Once you've started the nail, Sure Hit flips down out of the way. For more information contact Lamar Hammer, Inc., 3029 Fleetwood Ave., Baltimore, MD 21214; 301/426-6377.

Clarifying Claims



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Tote Your Truss



Lift trusses into place fast without a crane. The aluminum telescopically designed Tote-em-Pole is lightweight and compact, yet it can lift 500-pound loads up to three stories high according to the manufacture. The top and bottom of the extended pole is secured to the framing, and a remotely controlled electric winch lifts the truss or other material to the desired level. For more information, contact Ruger equipment, 615 West Fourth St., Uhrichsville, OH 44683; 614/922-3000.

An End to the Bends



Triangular shanks makes this aluminum nail stiffer, and less likely to bend than regular round shank aluminum trim nails. Bend-Less nail comes in 1-, 1 1/4-, and 1 3/4-inch lengths and in eight colors that match the company's soffits, gutters, and trim. For more information, write Nichols-Homeshield, P.O. Box 1617, Aurora, IL 60507; 312/851-5430.