

Products

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Upscale Eye Gear

If you refuse to wear eye protection unless it looks way cool, grab a pair of *Classics*. The Lexan polycarbonate lenses are curved like a sphere, so there's no visual distortion (which can lead to headaches). And the glasses come with removable side shields, so they offer 210 degrees of protection. The soft nose pad will keep the glasses from sliding down your nose, and the arms can be bent slightly for a more comfortable fit at your temples. But superior eye protection and high styling don't come cheap — *Classics* sell for \$80 a pair.

Contact: MSA/Gargoyles, P.O. Box 426, Pittsburgh, PA 15230; 888/461-3937.



Vinyl Door Trim

It's a challenge to create good-looking trim details with vinyl siding, especially at prehung entry doors. *Perma-Trim* was developed especially for this high-visibility location. Each packaged kit includes pre-mitered side and head jamb trim, and the side jambs are designed to be field-trimmed for the correct height. The kits are sold in white, tan, and clay colors for a variety of door sizes and styles, including double doors and doors with sidelights. Prices start at \$29.99. Contact: Benjamin Obdyke Inc., 65 Steamboat Drive, Warminster, PA 18974; 800/346-7655.

Easy-Mix Epoxy

Two-part epoxy systems are nothing new on the job, but this one has a slick mixing system that may appeal to low-volume users. *Power-Bond* pump cartridges pack the epoxy and catalyst in a single container that blends them with a built-in handle. After prepping holes and fasteners, pull back the handle and pump it 30 times to mix the adhesive; after mixing, remove the handle to expose the dispensing nozzle. Both the nozzle and handle are preassembled to the tube, which is sized to fit a standard caulking gun. Each single-use tube sells for about \$30 and is intended primarily for use with lighter loads.

Contact: Powers Fastening, Inc., 2 Powers Square, New Rochelle, NY 10802; 914/235-6300.



It's A Wrap

The next time you install vinyl over existing wood siding, try wrapping the building first with XP14. Packed in 4x50-foot fan-folded bundles, the 1/4-inch-thick polystyrene insulation sheets add R-1 to the insulating value of the wall. Perforations let the substrate "breathe," and a tough plastic



cap sheet resists common job-site abuse. The sheets can be trimmed with a utility knife, and are fastened with aluminum or galvanized roofing nails. A unique "hinge" allows this underlayment to lay flat against the existing siding, which will help prevent a buckled appearance when the new siding is installed. The retail price starts at around \$33 per bundle.

Contact: Tenneco Building Products, 2907 Log Cabin Drive, Smyrna, Georgia 30080-7013; 800/241-4402

In the Bag

Traditional hard-shell tool boxes take up a lot of room and don't provide much protection for the tools inside. A new line of soft-sided tool totes called *Expedition* bags provide a zippered main compartment that's roomy enough for a saw or other power tool, and the multitude of pockets inside and out keep tools organized and out of harm's way. These bags are also lightweight, and the nylon shell is much kinder to finish sur-

faces than traditional metal tool boxes. Sold in 2-for-1 combo packs with an 'Expedition Junior' sack at a suggested retail of \$34.95, these bags seem right for stashing the oddball collection of tools required for pick-up work.

Contact: McGuire-Nicholas Company, Inc., 2331 Tubeway Avenue, City of Commerce, CA 90040; 800/367-6425.

