

Products

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Temporary Power

Designed to provide temporary power in compliance with the latest OSHA standards for ground-fault protection, this 50-amp, 125/250-volt device is UL-listed for outdoor use. Called simply *The Box*, the device is available with a choice of six 20A/125V and one 30A/250V locking receptacles, or six 20A/125V straight-blade receptacles and one 30A/125V locking receptacle. The high-visibility yellow housing has a steel-reinforced frame, a 50- or 100-foot 50-amp weather-resistant power cord, and a port-hole for viewing the trip status of breakers. Suggested retail is \$700.

Contact: Leviton, 59-25 Little Neck Pkwy., Little Neck, NY 11362; 800/824-3005; www.leviton.com.



Waterborne Polyurethane Glue

This water-resistant, flexible, nontoxic adhesive is suitable for interior or exterior use on wood and other porous materials. *BestBond* has an adhesive strength of 1,290 psi, and a working time of 20 to 40 minutes, which can be extended with the addition of water. The adhesive will pass 5 freeze-thaw cycles, and cleans up with warm water and a rag when wet, or can be scraped when hardened. Priced at \$7.95 for 6 ounces, \$15.95 for 16 ounces.

Contact: Abatron, 5501 95th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53144; 800/445-1754; www.abatron.com.



Reliable Motion Sensor

Unlike many exterior motion sensors, the *KnightWatch* is unaffected by moisture or height restrictions, and is not susceptible to false triggering due to wind, leaves, swaying branches, precipitation, and changes in temperature or barometric pressure, according to the manufacturer. High-quality circuitry and a unique lens design make for reliable, surge-protected, energy-efficient operation with a 140-degree horizontal view. A sneak-by guard prevents intruders from passing under the lens undetected.

Contact: Stonco, 2345 Vauxhall Rd., Union, NJ 07083; 800/334-2212; www.stoncolighting.com.

Easy Trailer

Designed for safe and simple operation, the entire bed on the *Workforce Escalate Equipment Trailer* lowers to the ground for loading, reducing the risk for operator injury by eliminating the need to tilt the trailer or use ramps with heavy equipment. A hydraulic cylinder raises the bed, which allows one person to load the trailer while it remains attached to a vehicle. Available in three different sizes from 40 x 86 inches up to 54 x 120 inches, with load capacities of up to 4,000 pounds, this trailer also features an automatic-lock winch, an adjustable hitch for different tongue heights, tie-down points, and a powder-coat finish. Prices range from \$2,295 to \$4,070.

Contact: Bil-jax, 125 Taylor Parkway, Archbold, OH 43502; 800/537-0540; www.biljax.com.



Corner Sander

The triangular shape of this dry-wall sander tapers to a sharp edge on all three sides, providing a 6-inch sanding surface to finish crisp, clean edges on ceilings and corners. The *Tri-Pad Drywall Sander* is available as a hand sander or as a pole sander that fits any standard 3/4-inch pole. The \$10 tool uses 120-grit sandpaper die-cut to fit, and is said to sand hardwood floors flush into corners where power equipment can't reach.

Contact: Warner Manufacturing, 13435 Industrial Park Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55441; 877/927-6378; www.warnertool.com.



Puncture-Proof Tires

A flat tire on the wheelbarrow isn't the most expensive on-site repair, but it can definitely slow you down. Solve the problem once and for all with the puncture-proof *Poly-U* wheelbarrow tire, a \$64 wheel, bearing, and tire assembly that also offers abrasion and chemical resistance.

Contact: Sterling Handling Equipment, P.O. Box 090438, Milwaukee, WI 53209; 414/228-7728.



Vinyl Privacy Fence

With the look of a stained cedar but without the maintenance of wood, these vinyl fence panels provide a 5- or 6-foot-high, 1x8 T&G profile in colors that replicate weathered grey cedar or a tan woodgrain design. The low-maintenance *Timberlast Privacy Fence* uses vinyl posts and rails in complementary or contrasting colors, and is designed to never need painting. Materials run about \$25 to \$35 per linear foot.

Contact: Kroy Building Products, P.O. Box 636, York, NE 68467; 800/933-5769; www.kroybp.com.



Insulated Siding

One inch of contoured foam backing provides several advantages over ordinary vinyl siding, according to the manufacturer. The 16- to 18-inch-wide *TechWall Plus* siding is said to have superior bridge strength without the use of a backerboard, less-visible seams due to increased rigidity, an R-value of 4.5, and wind resistance up to 180 mph — plus it won't kink while you're carrying it over to the wall. The material is also supposed to install faster, with 50% fewer seams than conventional 8-inch or 10-inch siding, and have better sound attenuation and higher impact resistance. A 4-inch Clapboard or 4 1/2-inch Dutchlap pattern is available in six colors; prices are said to be competitive with cementitious siding.

Contact: Vipco (Crane Plastics), P.O. Box 1058, Columbus, OH 43216; 800/366-8472; www.vinyl-siding.com.



Your Own Crane

How many times have you wished for one of these? The 1,100-pound *Portaloader II* can be towed at highway speeds on a standard 1 7/8-inch ball hitch, and has a maximum lift capacity of up to 2,000 pounds, with a working capacity of 750 pounds at the maximum extension of 28 feet and 75 degrees elevation. The 12-volt system includes a battery charger for 24-hour continuous use, plus safety features that include locking rear wheels, extendable outriggers, stabilizing jacks, an overload relief valve, and tilt warning devices. List price is \$13,295.

Contact: Ruger Equipment, 615 West Fourth St., Uhrichsville, OH 44683; 800/257-8437; www.rugerequipment.com.

