

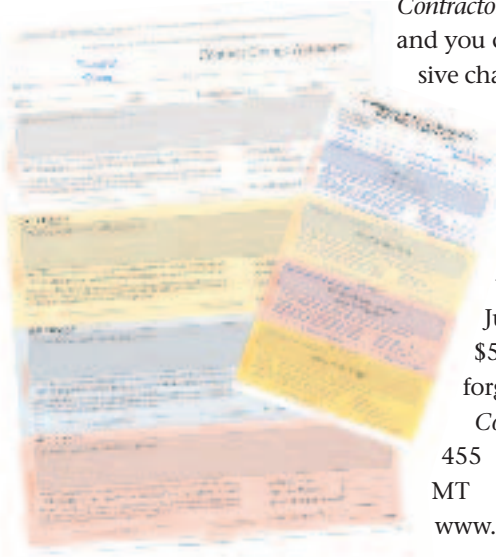
Products

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Five-Part Harmony

Keeping track of change orders is an absolute necessity if you're interested in getting paid for those last minute extras. Keep *Star Contractors Forms* handy on the job, and you can document four progressive changes in sequential order on a five-copy, 8 1/2x11-inch sheet. Give your client a tear-off copy, showing the cumulative damages, for their records. Got all those numbers straight? Just one more; the price is \$57 for a package of 50. Don't forget to get them signed.

Contact: Star Business Forms, 455 Iowa Flats Road, Eureka, MT 59917; 406/889-5889; www.starform.com.



Power Storage

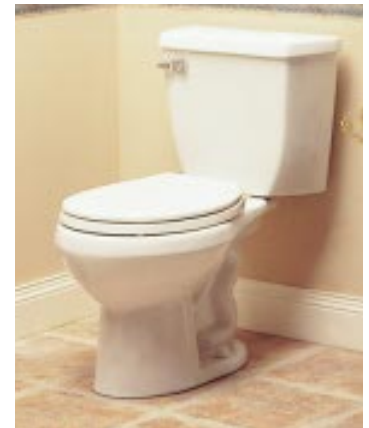
If you've got a kitchen client for whom access is a problem and money is not, they may appreciate knowing about the *Kitchen-Triever Automated Storage/Retrieval System*. The all-steel vertical carousel comes in four sizes: 48x48x86 or 96 inches, and 78x48x86 or 96 inches. Powered by a 1 1/2 hp 110V motor, operation is said to be quieter than a dishwasher. The "interfaceable control" provides economical operation, determining whether forward or backward rotation accesses the selected compartment in the shortest travel. Prices range from \$15,000 to \$19,000.

Contact: Kardex Systems, P.O. Box 171, Marietta, OH 45750; 800/234-3654; www.kardex.com.



Fearless Flushing

Bug-chasing scientists confirm the production of a germ-laden aerosol mist with every flush. Closing the lid before activation may stifle its spread, but how do you watch the whirlpool then? Virtually any toilet can be converted to a microbe-and-odor-sucking super john, by routing the intake from the *Cair-Flo* system's proprietary in-line fan through the flush ports under the toilet rim. With only an infrared motion-sensing activator on the wall to tip you off, you'd never guess that the humble toilet was actually doing double duty as a powerful bathroom ventilator. Fans up to 125 cfm are available to whisk away the



microbial mist. Models include single toilet units and dual toilet/room exhausts, and range in price from \$325 to \$699.

Contact: ADVent International, P.O. Box 2269, Chino Valley, AZ 86323; 888/552-3836; www.advent-intl.com.

Rolling Thunder

Is there a weight limit for so-called “portable” equipment? If so, most generators have some explaining to do. The *Universal Wheel Kit* is made to wheel around



framed generators up to 25½-inches wide and up to 800 pounds. The kit offers quick assembly, and can be ordered with rubber pneumatic tires for \$142. A kit with semi-pneumatic tires is available for \$125.

Contact: Gen/Tran, P.O. Box 1001, Alpharetta, GA 30004; 888/436-8726; www.gen-tran.com.

Acrylic Glazing

The decorative possibilities of glass block are stretched further with lightweight acrylic blocks that weigh 70 percent less than their glass counterparts. Hy-Lite Diamond Block windows are available in fixed or operable units, with aluminum or vinyl frames, clear, frosted, or colored wave-pattern blocks, and decorative muntins. The 2-inch-thick blocks are said to offer the same thermal performance as standard dual-glazing. Standard and custom sizes, mixed glazing, and flexible feature options provide a broad design palette. Prices vary.

Contact: Hy-Lite Products, 101 California Ave., Beaumont, CA 92223; 877/712-4013; www.hy-lite.com.



Toilet Remodel

The smallest bathroom job you'll ever be loved for could be getting the toilet to stop running. No, you don't take away its sneakers — all it takes is a *Model 528 Fill Valve*. With a 5½- to 11-inch fill range, quiet operation, few moving parts, and tool-free installation, this should also be one of



the easiest jobs you'll do. And you're not even a plumber. Glory comes cheap at \$9.97.

Contact: Hunter Plumbing Products, 1775 La Costa Meadows Dr. #130, Dept. P, San Marcos, CA 92609; 800/486-8371.

Production Painting

An irony of addition work is that, at times, the construction process takes up all the available space — you could really use an addition to work in. The modular *DorRAK System* holds up to 18 doors, weighing up to 125 pounds each, in a 4x8-foot area. You can individually spray, rotate, slide, and stack every door in a single session, saving time, space, and labor. The loaded rack can be rolled out of the way for drying. It is available in units with a 5-door capacity for \$1,375, a 10-door unit for \$2,525, and the 18-door combo for \$3,850. Attachments are available for shutter, cabinet door, window sash, and trim painting.

Contact: The Bullstrong Company, 22 Armstrong Circle, Braintree, MA 02184; 888/325-0072; www.dorrak.com.



Bod-Mod's

If you're not quite ready to tackle major motorsport modifications, perhaps you'd care to cut your teeth on a wheelbarrow first. Two new accessories could make your barrow the baddest in the land: ABC's "chiropractor-approved" *E-Z Dump* kit costs \$125, fits almost any conventional barrow, is made of 1/4-inch steel, and jerks out on tipping to add a snappy power dump to the old heave-ho. Cool.

When careless carpenters scatter nails in your path, run 'em right over — the nails, that is — with a flat-proof *Carefree Tire*, made of tough, 100% microcellular polymeric urethane. The \$50 tire is said to roll easier, have greater capacity, and last four times longer than its primitive pneumatic ancestor.

Contact: ABC Builders and Designers, 3158 Ames Ave., Omaha, NE 68111; 402/451-4552.

Contact: Carefree Tire, 5141 Firestone Place, South Gate, CA 90280; 877/352-8776; www.carefree-tire.com.

