

Kitchen & Bath

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JETTED TUBS

Positively Intoxicating. On the one hand, you've got folks trying to unwrinkle their aging skin. On the other, you've got those same people going all pruny in their *Champagne Bubbler* tubs without giving



it a second thought. Available in nine different models, the all-acrylic tub sends heated air fizzing through the bathwater from as many as 82 air portals. Suggested retail runs between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

Lasco Bathware,
800/945-2726, www.lascobathware.com.



Ahhhhh. A bestseller says something positive about quality — except, perhaps, in the case of poor Billy Ray Cyrus. The bestselling *Infinity* line is almost certain to heal anything achy and breaky, with a combination of sequenced shiatsu-massage jets, a pulsating neck-jet pillow, heated air jets, and a fast-fill waterfall spout. Prices range from \$7,695 to \$8,895, depending on options.

Aquatic Whirlpools, 800/555-5324, www.aquaticwhirlpools.com.



Instant Massaging. With their new tub's recirculating pump creating a lulling waterfall sound, your clients are unlikely to hear the phone ring (that's you, looking for a check). So don't call at bath time. The *Westbrook Falls* extravaganza pulls out all the stops with options like five- or seven-point massage jets and heated air ports. The cast-acrylic-over-fiberglass vessel holds 93 gallons and measures about 6 by 3¹/₂ feet, with a 22-inch depth. Prices start at \$2,900 and peak at \$8,000 for the Ultra package.

MTI Whirlpools, 800/783-8827, www.mtiwhirlpools.com.



Air- and Mind-Blowing Bath. The *Healthmasseur System* — shown incorporated into the compact *Nirvana* tub — features spring-activated air injectors that provide a vigorous massage without the pummeling of water jets. The air channels are designed to drain when inactive, allegedly starving bacterial growth. Prices run from \$2,455 to \$5,602.

Acryline USA, 800/794-4667, www.acrylineusa.com.

RANGE HOODS

Stainless Steel.

Part of the *Elite 61000 Series*, the compact, no-nonsense *Ballista* hood sports a telescopic flue that can accommodate 8- to 9-foot ceiling heights, with optional extensions available. A concealed slide control operates the three-speed blower, which delivers 450 or 900 cfm, depending on the model. (The hood also comes with an exterior-mount blower — 61000EX — that boosts output to as much as 1,500 cfm.) The interior-blower models cost between \$1,678 and \$1,898.

Broan-NuTone, 800/548-0790, www.broan.com.



Art Ducto. Eliminating that shallow, inaccessible cabinet above the range — which is usually half-filled with ductwork anyway — violates no known law, and installing a handsome range hood with an integral duct shroud looks darn good. The *Cantabria* comes in white, black, stainless-steel, and copper finishes, and it's 36 inches wide for excellent coverage over a standard 30-inch range. Its three-speed blower produces up to 500 cfm. Suggested retail prices start at \$1,450, depending on the finish.

Air King, 877/304-3785, www.airkinglimited.com.



Pro Blower. They call the wind Maria, but this hood goes by the less poetic moniker *Pro-Line Series*. Still, it produces a mighty draft of its own, with 600- and 1,200-cfm blower models available. Options include a stainless-steel backsplash, a chimney-extension kit, and full-width duct covers. Prices range from \$1,769 to \$1,819.

Whirlpool, 800/253-3977, www.whirlpool.com.



Italian Design.

Without the directional assistance provided by a backing wall, an island hood has to be bigger and badder than the rest while meeting center-of-attention requirements. The *Torino* steps up to the challenge with its aerodynamic profile and high-capacity blower. It moves 715 cfm at a quiet 6 sones and can be operated by infrared remote. The glass canopy comes in red, green, blue, and yellow. Prices for the island model start at \$3,400; a wall-mount version starts at \$2,300.

Zephyr Ventilation, 888/880-8368, www.zephyronline.com.