

Toolbits

Versatile Cold-Weather Gloves.

According to the manufacturer, *ProFlex 816 Thermal Flip-Top Gloves* provide the warmth of fleece-lined mittens when you need it — but when a task requires manual dexterity, you can flip back the finger and thumb covers and use your fingers

without having to take off the whole glove. Hook-and-loop tabs keep the covers in place, whether open or closed. The gloves are machine-washable and come in sizes S to XXL. A pair costs \$23.25.

Ergodyne,
800/225-8238,
ergodyne.com.



Strong Silent Type. Outfitted with a steel plate, a roll cage, and “no-flat” tires, the *GripRite GR2540* single-tank compressor certainly appears tough enough for the rigors of the job site — but it draws a mere 12 amps of current and is significantly quieter than most compressors, says the maker. Its 2.5-hp (1,725-rpm) motor can keep two framing or roofing nailers running simultaneously. It costs \$380.

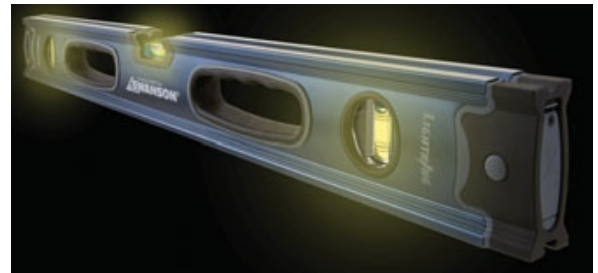
Prime Source Building Products, 800/676-7777,
grip-rite.com.



Tool-Op Vacuum Retrofit.

Thanks to the RRP law, it's easy to find a decent HEPA vac for a reasonable price, but few have a tool-operated feature. *Tool/Sync* is a simple two-cord workaround. You insert the Vacpod cord between the vacuum and the power supply, and the Toolpod cord between the tool and its power source. A wireless connection between the two cords starts the vac whenever the tool is switched on. Because the two cords can be plugged into different circuits, ToolSync also minimizes the chance of blown fuses or tripped breakers. It sells for \$199.

Dustless Technologies, 800/568-3949,
dustlesstechnologies.com.



Luminous Level. Swanson probably had aging baby boomers in mind when it devised the *Lightening Level*, but anyone who has to work in low-light conditions should appreciate the tool's very visible benefits. Even in total darkness, the LED-powered acrylic block vials are easy to read, says the company. The level is powered by two triple-A batteries and has an auto-shutoff feature to maximize battery life. It's sold with or without a magnetic edge, in 24-inch and 48-inch lengths; the 24-incher costs \$45.

Swanson Tool Co., 815/469-9453, swanson
toolco.com.