

The Journal's pick of curious, interesting and useful products.

Sound Advice

by Clayton DeKorne



Muff-Style hearing protector provides light-weight comfort. "Silver Star" from American Optical Consumer Markets has no metal parts (so it won't conduct electricity), is adjustable to three positions, and has a 22 decibel noise reduction rating (which means it doesn't provide the maximum protection, but does provide good "medium-level" protection). For more information, contact Customer Service, American Optical Consumer Safety Products, 14 Mechanic Street, Southbridge, MA 01550; 617/765-9711.



Pneumatic Coil Nailer

Coil-nailer drives nails with lengths from 1 1/2 to 4 inches. Stanley-Bostich's Model N100C 10.7 pound coil-fed nailer can be used for metal, concrete, and hardwood construction. According to its manufacturer, the nailer is ideal for framing and decking. For more information, contact Stanley-Bostich Inc., East Greenwich, R.I. 02818.

Electronic Mailer



Voice mail system lowers telephone bills and avoids communication delays for smaller businesses. The Lanier Integrated Voice Exchange (LIVE) from Lanier Voice Products Division (LVPD) of Harris Corpora-

tion, accommodates up to 200 people using a personal computer to record, store, and play back messages. It includes such features as password protection and message delivery notification. For more information, contact Lanier Voice Products Division, 1700 Chantilly Drive, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30324; 404/329-8000.

Sturdy Scaffolding



Self-Standing Scaffolding System is stable and mobile. The Vers-A-Tower from Alum-A-Pole Corporation is adjustable; reaches a shoulder working height of 20 feet (up to 50 feet with additional bracing) and holds a maximum intended load of 500 pounds. Because it is made of lightweight aluminum and can roll through a standard 36-inch door, it is easily transported from one work area to another. A Saf-T-Net guardrail system encloses the 12-foot long work area. For more information, contact Alum-Pole Corporation, P.O. Box 030066, Staten Island, NY 10303-000; 718/447-2608.



Portable Communicator

Two-way radio is handheld and crystal-controlled. The Communicator from T-Berry Electronics Corporation is available in VHF or UHF with six-channel capacity. Five watt production gives a range of several miles. Designed for tough working condition, the product comes with a 9.6 volt

mA/hour NiCad battery pack, wall-mount battery charger, and a one year limited warranty. For more information, contact T-Berry Electronics, 15 Technology Drive, Noblesville, IN 46060; 800/648-8683.

Choice Calculations



Hand-Held calculators compute in standard measurements. Sharp Electronic Corporation's EL-374 Yard/Foot/Inch (top) solar-powered calculator features length, area, and volume functions for square footage calculations and shows fractions up to 1/64 inch. For more information, contact the Personal Electronics Division, Sharp Electronics Corporation, Sharp Plaza, Mahwah, NJ 07430-2135; 201/529-8872.

The Electronic Addometer II (bottom) from Addometer Company features conversion to metric and automatic constant and an inch/fraction mode. For more information, contact Addometer Company, 14901 Evans Avenue, Dolton, IL 60419; 312/841-1106.

Loss Literature

LOSS PREVENTION TEST KIT

Publication helps firms reduce professional exposure to liability claims and losses. The 60-page ASFE Loss Prevention Test Kit from ASFE/The Association of Engineering Firms Practicing in the Geosciences consists of five case histories followed by a series of questions. Cases focus on liability and negligence, and are particularly suited to civil engineering firms. For more information, contact ASFE, 8811 Colesville Rd, Suite G106, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; 301/565-2733. ■