

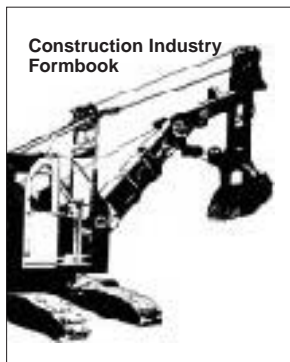
Splinter Grabbers

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Miracle Point Tweezers are the best splinter removers I have ever seen. The two stainless steel sides have been brought together and sharpened to a single point so they can get into a wound or under the skin more easily. Each side has a slight burr on the inside edge that provides good gripping power. *Miracle Point* offers a variety of cases to hold these "surgical instruments," such as the hard plastic sheath pictured above or a soft vinyl sheath with an adhesive strip that can be secured to the inside lid of your first-aid kit...or toolbox. For more information, contact *Miracle Point*, P.O. Box 71, Crystal Lake, IL 60014; 815/477-7713.

Paperwork Clarified



The *Construction Industry Formbook* is both a guidebook to construction documents and a blank formbook. It is divided into three sections. The first covers agreements for the prime contractor; the second, agreements for subcontractors and suppliers; and the third, contracts to secure and obtain payment. In addition to blank copies of the industry forms (such as contracts, daily reports, and purchase orders), this formbook includes copies of many AIA and AGC documents with notes and commentary, and recommendations for common changes. Yearly supplements are printed that include document updates and new blank forms. For more information, contact *Shepard's/McGraw Hill, Inc.*, P.O. Box 1235, Colorado Springs, CO 80901; 800/525-2474 or 719/577-7707 (in Colo.).

Clamp-Lamp Replacement



Tired of replacing bulbs in those clamp-lamps? The *Kenall Job-Lighter* is a portable lighting fixture that is made to take the abuse of a job site. It has a 10-watt high-pressure sodium bulb that reportedly has a longer life than conventional incandescent lights and puts out more lumens per watt. The bulb is protected in a shock-absorbing socket, a cast aluminum housing, and a high-impact polycarbonate refractor lens. A gasket around the lens enables this lamp to be used in the rain. For more information, contact *Kenall Manufacturing Co.*, 1020 Lakeside Drive, Gurnee, IL 60031; 708/360-8200.

Cold Weather Dexterity



The *Tempo Fingermit* has been developed by a manufacturer of firefighter's safety gloves to provide EMTs with greater finger control in cold weather. Unlike a hunter's mitten that exposes only the trigger finger, the *Fingermit* can expose all four fingers and the thumb so you can have complete manual dexterity without freezing your entire hand. It is knitted from 100% wool and the cap is lined with *Thinsulate*. In addition, the company makes the *Tough Paw*, a leather palm that can be slipped over the *Fingermit* to prolong the life of the knitted fabric. For more information, contact *Temp Glove Manufacturing, Inc.*, 3820 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53208; 800/558-8520, or 414/344-1100 (in Wis.).

Construction Thermostat



For winter working, the *American Stabilis Construction Stat* may be useful for controlling the temperature of a job site before the permanent thermostat has been installed. It has two settings: "safety," to protect against freezing at 45F, and "heat," to keep the site at a workable 65F. The thermostat uses solid state circuitry in a durable plastic housing. It can reportedly be kicked around the site; it doesn't need leveling and is resistant to dust. It sells for about \$10 and can be ordered directly from *American Stabilis, Inc.*, P.O. Box 1289, Lewiston, ME 04241; 208/784-9389.

Cord Control



Every builder seems to have his own method of avoiding a tangle of extension cords. Here's one invented and sold by a building contractor: *Super Binder* is a double-sided Velcro tape that can be secured to an extension cord with a nylon string loop. The tape is easily wrapped around a coiled cord to make a quick, neat package. It is available in 6-, 8-, respirators; a full selection of eye and ear protection; plus fire extinguishers, first-aid kits and specialty equipment. This catalog is not the most comprehensive I've seen, but the selection is well chosen. For a free catalog and information, contact *Kenco Safety Product Div.*, 70 Rock City Road, Woodstock, NY 12498; 800/341-4103, or 914/679-5246 (in N.Y.).

Safety Supplies

In light of changing OSHA regulations, increasing concern over health issues, and a flood of marketing hype, it's not easy to choose the right safety equipment for a particular job. Of the safety suppliers I have used, *Kenco Safety Products* stands out for giving clear advice on the kind of equipment I need. *Kenco* offers protective clothing, including *Carharts*; boots, including *Red Wings*; gloves, including *Tempo*; 12-, and 16-inch lengths.

The smaller lengths I have found to be useful for storing power tool cords in their boxes. And the Velcro doesn't seem to pick up much debris from dragging around the job site. They are also useful for making a fast, strong connection between a power cord and an extension. The larger lengths are especially good for controlling air hoses. For more information, contact *Megamark Products Company*, 231 Kennedy Drive, Malden, MA 02148; 301/828-6464. ■

