

New Laser Level

by Bill Brockway



James Bond couldn't shoot holes in his archenemies with this laser, but he could project a level reference line up to 100 feet away. The *Finish Line* laser runs on three AA batteries and can be attached to a standard photographic tripod with a 1/4-20 thread. The manufacturer claims that the beam is accurate to within 1/4 inch in 100 feet, but even with 5-arc-minute vials (about seven times the sensitivity of a standard 4-foot carpenter's level), I think that's a little optimistic. My experience with similar levels is that a dot out at 100 feet can move about 1/2 inch vertically without any movement registering on the bubble. But either way, this system is certainly accurate enough for most work. The *Finish Line* laser level comes with a carrying case and sells for about \$159. Accessories such as a leveling base and beam splitter will be available sometime this year.

Contact: David White Inc., P.O. Box 1007, 11711 River Ln., Germantown, WI 53022; 414/251-8100.

Cool Shades



A common argument against wearing safety glasses is that they make you look like a dork. (It's not a good argu-

ment, but we all hear it.) Strike back with 8300 *Panalite* safety glasses. The multicolor frames will make anyone look good. Your hip workers will be hipper, the geeks on the crew will start to get dates. And the one-piece, replaceable polycarbonate lens will protect your workers' eyes from small flying objects, as certified by ANSI, CSA, and other organizations that make a science of finding out how hard you have to shoot a small metal ball at a pair of glasses before they shatter.

Contact: H.L. Bouton Co., P.O. Box 840, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532; 800/426-1881.

Trimming Trusses



Supporting a floor with open-web trusses instead of 2x12s has many advantages. Running mechanicals is a breeze, for example, both because of the wider on-center spacing and the open web design. One drawback, though, is that you're usually stuck with standard lengths that can't be trimmed in the field. The new *Ultratrim 480* offers one solution to that problem: It has a 12-inch-long solid wood web on one end that you can trim to fit. The trusses are available in either 12- or 14-foot lengths. Pricing hasn't been set yet, but will be competitive with standard open-web trusses.

Contact: Wood Structures Inc., Box 347, Alfred Road Business Park, Biddeford, ME 04005; 800/341-9612.



addresses the way workers do their individual jobs. The *Concrete Wall-Form Lanyard* from DB Industries is designed to protect form workers as they climb around securing form panels together. The clip snaps into the same slot used to key the forms together, and the lanyard is available in both chain and web versions. The

Expanding Foam Gun

Polyurethane foam systems are useful but messy — some even require you to clean out the dispensing gun with a solvent before storing it. The *Insta-Pro* from Insta-Foam Products is designed to stay attached to the cans of sealant and remain ready to use for several



cost is around \$120.

Contact: DB Industries, 3965 Pepin Ave., Red Wing, MN 55066; 800/328-6146.



weeks, according to the manufacturer. The plastic gun sells for about \$25; the 24-ounce cans of sealant sell for around \$6.

Contact: Insta-Foam Products, 1500 Cedarwood Dr., Joliet, IL 60435; 800/800-3626.

Safety Clip for Form Workers

Safety equipment is becoming more and more specialized as OSHA

Easy Clean Paintbrush

Good paintbrushes are designed with small reservoirs between the bristles that help them hold paint longer. This is great while you're painting but makes cleanup a little tedious. The *Easy Clean* brush from Caldwell Industries has a small hole drilled through the base of the handle that saves both time and water when rinsing the reservoir. Easy Clean brushes are available in several sizes. Prices are comparable to other premium brushes.

Contact: Don Caldwell Industries, 1425 Russ Blvd., Suite T-109E, San Diego, CA 92101; 619/702-7096. ■