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Double-Duty Angle-Finder.

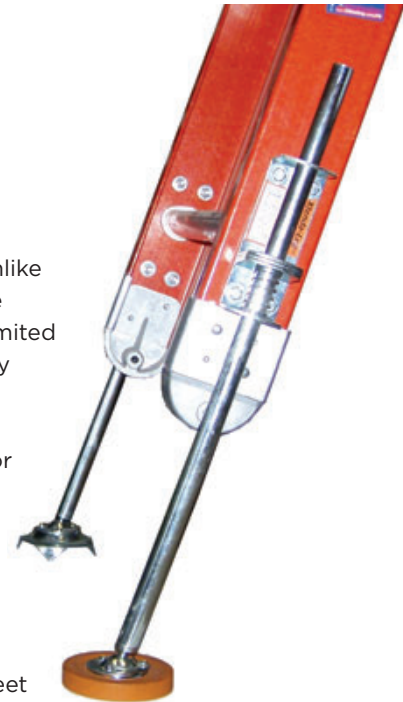
General's *Digital Sliding T-Bevel* can be used to replicate an angle or determine its exact measurement. The tool features an 8-inch stainless steel blade and an ABS handle. Electronic high-lights include a large LCD display, push-buttons that reveal complementary angle settings, and an auto-shutoff option. It runs on one 3-volt lithium battery (included) and costs about \$35.

General Tools & Instruments, 800/697-8665, generaltools.com.



Ladder Levelers. Unlike most leveling devices, the *Xtenda-Leg* offers an unlimited range of adjustability. Fully extended, it can support an 800-pound load, says the maker. It's designed for use with Type IA, I, and II ladders up to 32 feet long. Model 600 (\$85) has rubber feet for use on firm, non-slippery surfaces, and model 700 (\$95) has metal-cleated feet for use on soft ground. Interchangeable replacement feet are also available.

CE Tooling, 702/736-2958, ladderlevelersllc.com.



Smooth-Cut Blades.

Thanks to teeth that face in two directions, *Dual Cut* jigsaw blades can perform burr-free cuts on both sides of a workpiece, says the maker. The company also claims that a three-layer fabrication process gives the blades greater resistance to breakage and a longer lifespan than other, comparable blades. Twelve-packs of the 3-inch-by-⁵/₁₆-inch jigsaw blades and 2-inch-by-³/₁₆-inch scroll-cutting blades are available online for about \$20.

L.S. Starrett Co., 978/249-3551, starrett.com.



Small-Scale Vibrator. Until now, if you wanted to vibrate a small concrete pour, you either rented a commercial-grade vibrator or banged on the forms with a hammer. According to its maker, the *Vibe-All* provides a middle-ground solution. It consists of a steel paddle, stranded cable, and a replaceable plate that connects to a reciprocating saw. Total reach (with motor included) is 4 feet. The product is available directly from the manufacturer for \$40.

Vibe-All, 919/796-9984, vibe-all.com.

