

# Toolbits | by Tom O'Brien



**Scaffold Builder's Multi-Tool.** The *Wright-Grip Scaffold Ratchet* is designed to lighten the load for scaffold builders. It features a 7/8-inch socket wrench, a 7/8-inch open-end wrench, and a non-sparking hammer with a replaceable plastic face. Interchangeable hammer inserts are available in brass or steel; an extra-deep socket is also an option. The tool costs \$175.

**Wright Tool Co.**, 800/321-2902, [wrighttool.com/sb](http://wrighttool.com/sb).



**Multipurpose Hammer Drill.** The new *KHE 76* combination hammer is equally suited to drilling large holes in concrete and heavy chiseling, says Metabo. It offers a single-blow energy of 16 joules, 1,500 watts of input power, and a maximum impact rate of 2,735 blows per minute. Active vibration dampeners in the handles reduce operator fatigue, and an automatic safety slip clutch protects the user from kickbacks. The 18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-pound tool can drill 2-inch holes in concrete using solid bits, and 6-inch holes using core bits. It costs about \$1,200.

**Metabo Corp.**, 800/638-2264, [metabo.us](http://metabo.us).



**Compact Foam Sprayer.** Graco claims that the *Reactor E-8p Portable Plural-Component Sprayer* is the first foam sprayer specifically designed to apply the new no-heat polyurethane formulations. Although it weighs 96 pounds, the wheeled unit is skinny enough to fit through a doorway, and it has telescoping handles so two people can carry it up and down stairs. The 15-amp motor plugs into any standard 120-volt residential outlet. The sprayer alone costs \$6,850; with a gun and hose, it goes for \$8,250.

**Graco**, 877/898-1241, [graco.com](http://graco.com).

**Do-It-All Saw.** According to Irwin, the new *Universal Handsaw* is the only saw you'll ever need. The blade's triple-ground tooth design cuts three times faster than a typical saw blade, produces cuts with a fine, smooth finish, and won't bind, the company says. Irwin also claims that the saw's ergonomic handle-to-blade configuration makes it easier to start a cut. The tool comes with a 15-inch blade (\$19) or a 20-inch blade (\$22).

**Irwin Tools**,  
800/464-7946,  
[irwin.com](http://irwin.com).

