

Toolbits | by Tom O'Brien

Fine-Honed Framer. Bosch says its new *Daredevil Framing Blade* delivers a straight cut and stays sharper longer than the competition. Key features include impact-resistant thin-kerf carbide teeth that are factory-sharpened on three sides, and an extra-hard steel plate that allegedly resists bending and is heavily slotted to promote cooling. The blade is sold in sizes from 6½ inches to 8¼ inches and costs about \$10.

Bosch, 877/267-2499, boschtools.com.



New Hammers. The company that reinvented the framing hammer has come out with a whole new lineup of striking tools. Each of the company's nine hammers features an angled drive face, a magnetic nail set, a side nail puller, and a side nail strike. Milled-face and smooth-face hammerheads are available in weights from 18 to 25 ounces. Handles come in hickory, fiberglass, and steel. Prices range from \$25 to \$40.

Hart, 800/776-5191, harthandtools.com.

Dust Buster. Looking for dust protection that a worker might actually want to wear? Consider the *RZ Mask*. Invented by a dirt-bike enthusiast concerned about dust and fumes, this neoprene face cover has an N99 active carbon filter that the company says filters out 99.9 percent of all air-borne particulates and absorbs odors, allergens, and fumes. It comes in a wide variety of colors and patterns and costs about \$30.

RZ Mask, 888/777-9422, rzmask.com.



Stylish Safety. Women in the trades no longer have to put up with personal-protection equipment designed for men. Gateway Safety's *GirlzGear* collection includes four styles of safety glasses sized to fit women, and an adjustable hard hat that can be made to fit almost any size head. All products meet the ANSI Z89.1 impact standard. You like pink? They got it — along with a number of other colors.

Gateway Safety, 800/822-5347, gateway-safety.com.