

Toolbits | by Tom O'Brien



Dust-Catcher. The *SawBuddie* is a flexible rubber shroud — lined with bristles — that attaches to a recip saw. According to the maker, it captures as much as 99 percent of the dust generated by the saw without obstructing the operator's view of the cut line. When attached to a certified HEPA vacuum, it complies with RRP guidelines as a point-of-origin dust control system, the company says. It fits a variety of saws and costs \$80. An 18-inch-long hose adapter is available for \$20.

Dustless Technologies, 800/568-3949, dustlesstools.com.



Nonmarring Pry Bar.

Stiletto's new 15³/₁₆-inch *SSFB15* flat bar is made of stainless steel, so there's no risk of rust stains tarnishing valuable trim elements. In addition to the typical straight and right-angle ends, it has a staple puller designed for ⁹/₁₆-inch-by-1³/₄-inch flooring staples and a nail puller for extracting 16d commons. It also has a bottle opener. The tool costs \$40.

Stiletto Tools, 800/987-1849, stiletto.com.



No-Clog Nut Driver. Removing metal shavings from a magnetized driver bit has never been an easy task — until now. DeWalt's *Cleanable Nut Driver* has a thumb slide that allows the user to push the magnet above the edges of the socket and simply wipe off the debris. It comes in five socket sizes (¹/₄ inch, ⁵/₁₆ inch, ³/₈ inch, ⁷/₁₆ inch, and ¹/₂ inch), all of which have a ¹/₄-inch quick-release hex shank. Prices range from \$6 to \$11.

DeWalt, 800/433-9258, dewalt.com.



Safer Drilling. Studies have shown that frequent exposure to concrete dust can lead to lung disease, so it makes sense to take precautions. Makita's *Dustless Hammer Attachment* fits the company's SDS-plus corded and cordless rotary hammers and hooks up to a standard job-site vacuum. According to the maker, it provides superior suction without being cumbersome. It comes with a 17-inch hose and a sliding depth stop and costs \$60.

Makita USA, 800/462-5482, makitatools.com.

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