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Entry-Level Thermal Imaging

A single-spot IR thermometer with a thermal camera's power, Flir's compact TG165 offers emissivity adjustment and a 24:1 distance-to-spot ratio. It operates between -13°F and 716°F and helps users check seals, spot areas of missing insulation, pinpoint electrical hotspots, and locate water leaks or clogs. It costs \$500. flir.com



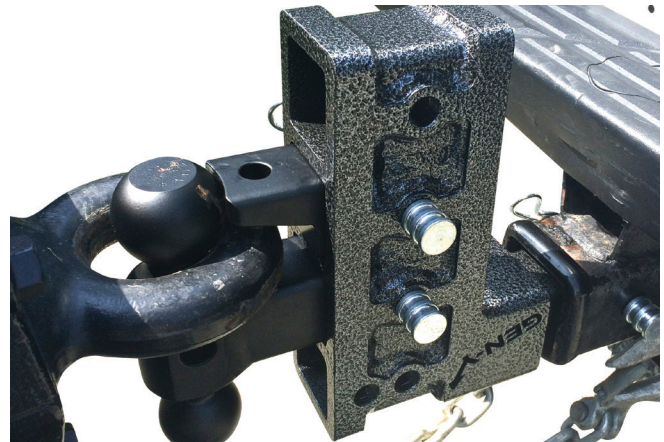
Elegant Hardware

A sleek, arching design is the hallmark of Top Knob's Tango series in the Mercer hardware collection. Because the hardware lets users see through to the cabinetry underneath, each visible edge is carefully polished, according to the maker. The series comprises two sizes of knobs and pulls, available in five finishes. Prices vary from \$5 to \$7 per piece. topknobs.com



Carpet, Cleaner

Already hardwearing and soil-resistant, Mohawk's Smart-Strand carpet now offers SmartStrand Forever Clean with Nanoloc—an added nanoparticle layer of protection designed to lock out spills and make the carpet even easier to clean. Mohawk says that carpets with Nanoloc release soil at three times the rate of other carpets. mohawkflooring.com



Let's Get Hitched

At 15,000 pounds, Geny Industries' new GH-524 hitch offers a higher capacity for 2-inch hitches, with the versatility and ease offered by the maker's Versa-Ball connection and pintle lock for hook-up to any trailer. Constructed of heavy-duty steel, sandblasted, and coated with a durable silver-vein powder coat, the GH-524 costs \$260. genyhitch.com



Keep It Trim

Known for its clean, smooth finish, Fypon is expanding its product line to include two dozen pieces in the Classic Woodgrain collection. Components such as crown, casing, baseboard, and more feature a woodgrain texture suitable for painting or staining. The PVC material is moisture- and pest-resistant. A sandstone finish is also forthcoming. Check with dealers for pricing. fypon.com



Water Watcher

Wireless waterproof sensors placed in the home monitor appliances and plumbing fixtures for the LeakSmart system. When a leak or temperature variance is detected, the sensors alert homeowners through a smartphone app. The system includes sensors, a system hub, the app, and a patented automatic water shut-off valve for less than \$1,000, and can integrate with a variety of smart home platforms. getleaksmart.com



Decorative Post Caps, No Pre-Drilling

Coming to the U.S. from Denmark, four of Kokille's post-cap designs feature an integrated nail for quick and easy installation with no pre-drilling. Available in aluminum, copper, or brass depending on the design, the post caps protect cut post ends, while adding a decorative detail. Pricing ranges, based on material and size, from \$5.75 for an aluminum cap for a 4x4 post to about \$36 for a set of two 6x6 post caps in copper. kokille.dk



Self-adhesive Weather Barrier

Grace's Vycor enV-S self-adhered WRB requires no mechanical fasteners for installation, no taping, and no special joint treatments, and is designed to create a watertight and airtight seal around fasteners used for siding and exterior trim. The maker says third-party testing showed enV-S provided energy savings compared with traditional housewrap on northern U.S. homes. Check with distributors for pricing. graceresidential.com



Features for Work and Play

Redesigned for the midsize category, the 2015 Chevrolet Colorado features amenities including Chevy MyLink with an optional built-in 4G LTE Wi-Fi hotspot. Available in four-door extended or crew-cab models, the Colorado has a 7,000-pound trailer rating. A standard two-tier loading feature allows a platform to effectively split the bed into upper and lower sections. MSRP starts at \$20,120. chevrolet.com



Laundry Goes High-Tech

The Whirlpool Duet dryer with HybridCare heat-pump technology recirculates its own exhausted heat to reduce energy consumption by up to 53%. Even without generating new heat, the dryer maintains a standard 60-minute drying cycle. The unit is also ventless, making installation easier and more versatile. With new technology comes higher price tags: HybridCare MSRP is \$1,800. whirlpool.com



Smart Thermostat With Layers of Data

Carrier is the latest comer to the smart-thermostat world, with Cor, a device that lets users peel back layers of energy-use data. In addition to offering remote access with Wi-Fi connectivity, Cor shows users their energy consumption, comparisons to other Cor users' consumption, energy efficiency tips, and more. The Cor thermostat will cost around \$250, and is compatible with most brands of home comfort systems. carrier.com



Versatile Sealant

Titebond Roof Plus Sealant can be used on shingle and tiled roofs, sheet roofing, metal and flashings, edge and ridge tiles, and liquid-applied roofs. The wide working temperature range between 20°F and 100°F enhances the sealant's versatility on a variety of jobsites. The clear formulation blends with most substrates, or can be painted. Pricing will run around \$6.50 per 10.1-ounce cartridge. titebond.com