

Toolbox | Transport | by Patrick McCombe



Armored Guard. Business electronics are among your most expensive and fragile tools, so it makes sense to protect them. OtterBox makes heavy-duty plastic cases for everything from iPods and cellphones to laptops and cameras. They're waterproof and have a lifetime guarantee. Shown (from left) are the 1933 *Blackberry 8800* case (\$50), the 7030 *laptop* case (\$170), and the 1900 *PDA* case (\$100).

OtterBox, 888/695-8820, www.otterbox.com.



Anti-Rust Plastic. The problem is simple: Tools rust. But toolbox-maker Flambeau claims to have a solution. *Tuff Tainer*, *Professional*, and *Brute* series toolboxes, organizers, and bins are made with "Zerust" plastic, which the company says emits an odorless, harmless vapor that protects tools from corrosion. A 20-inch Brute Toolbox (model 6520ZR) like the one shown costs about \$25.

Flambeau, 800/457-5252, www.flambeauhardware.com.



On the Move. There are lots of ways to move tools around a job site — in a shopping or food-service cart, on a dolly, even in a little red wagon — but Milwaukee's *Trade Titan* is actually made for the job. Waist-high, it provides a stable work surface on durable casters capable of supporting 450 pounds apiece. It comes in two models: the 48-60-5010, with an open bottom (\$344); and the 48-60-5015, with a cabinet bottom (\$430).

Milwaukee, 800/729-3878, www.milwaukeetool.com.

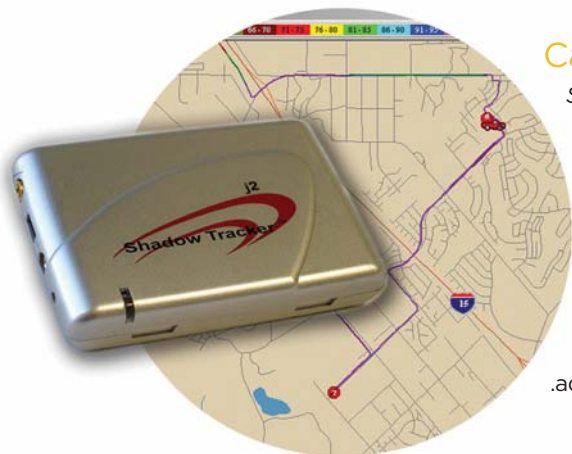
Night Watchman. Dark, unoccupied job sites and trailers are easy targets for would-be thieves. Level the playing field with a *Rover Portable Security System*. The components install in minutes without damaging underlying surfaces, making the system particularly suitable for rented office trailers and other temporary spaces. The basic setup consists of a 110-volt alarm controller with battery backup, a weatherproof siren with a flashing light, an infrared detector with a 25-foot cable, and two key-fob remote controls. Prices start at \$700.

Trailer Dog, 877/632-6364, www.trailerdog.com.



Car Track. Keep tabs on your company vehicles with a *Shadow Tracker j2* GPS tracking system. Measuring a mere 2 inches by 3 inches by 1/2 inch, the device — which includes an antenna and a DEC power cord — works with software to generate reports describing when and where a vehicle was being used, where and how long it was stopped, and whether it exceeded a predetermined speed. Packages cost \$295 and up.

Advanced Tracking Technologies, 800/279-0035, www.advantrack.com.



Follow the Alarm. Most stolen equipment is never retrieved, which means you have no choice but to shop for replacements after being ripped off. Plus you'll probably face higher insurance premiums. However, DeWalt says its *Mobilelock DS500 GPS Locator* can increase your chances of getting stuff back. The unobtrusive alarm attaches magnetically to a job box or heavy equipment and calls up to three numbers when it's moved or tampered with.

Then — by logging on to a computer-based account — you or the police can track the equipment in real time. GPS alarm kits start at \$500; monitoring costs \$20 per month.

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