

# Toolbits | by Tom O'Brien



**Super Sucker.** According to Metabo, the new *ASR 35 Vacuum Cleaner* was specifically designed to stand up to the rigors of continuous use in operations that generate clouds of dust. An electromagnetic filter cleaner keeps the vacuum operating efficiently so there's no need to stop work to blow out the dust, the company says. Extra-large wheels and industrial-grade casters make for easy transport around the job site. The standard model costs \$600; a HEPA version costs \$710.

**Metabo Corp.**, 800/638-2264, metabousa.com.



**Multi-Purpose Square.** The maker of the *Combination-3D* try square claims that it can do the work of a saddle square, a marking gauge, a bevel gauge, and a combination square — with no loss of accuracy. Hand-made in England, the tool is cast from aluminum stock and has a Sheffield steel blade that's factory-set to a tolerance of less than .01 degree over its length. If the C3D is dropped from, say, a scaffold, the blade can be reset or replaced. The tool costs \$50.

**M. Power Tools**, 613/525-3328, m-powertools.com.

**Easy-Driving Nails.** Switch to Paslode's *Engineered Lumber Nails* and you can eliminate the tedium of fixing proud nails and pulling bent ones, says the company. The full round-head nails (30-degree paper-tape collated) are designed to sink flush in dense materials like LVL, LSL, and PSL — without any need to turn up the compressor.

Prices for a 1,000-count box of 3-inch x .120, 3-inch x .131, or 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-inch x .131 nails range from \$30 to \$40.

**Paslode**, 800/222-6990, paslode.com.



**Unplugged.** Milwaukee has expanded its lineup of hand tools to include such new items as *Tongue and Groove Pliers*, *Reaming Pliers*, *Aviation Snips*, and a *PEX/Tubing Cutter*. The company has also introduced a whole family of "6 in 1" pliers designed to perform a range of tasks; among them are *Long Nose Pliers*, *Diagonal Cutting Pliers*, *Combination Wire Pliers*, and *Lineman's Pliers*. Prices for the new tools range from \$18 to \$35.

**Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp.**, 800/729-3878, milwaukeetool.com.