

Product Watch

■ PRODUCT FOCUS: HAND TOOLS

SMALL ROUTER PLANE

If you need to cut small recesses, grooves, or dados, Veritas offers this small router plane for fine woodworking. At 7 ounces, the plane is 3 ¼-inches wide and 2 ¼-inches deep with a ¼-inch wide high-carbon steel blade and a cast-iron body. Position the blade inboard for closed-throat use, or outboard for bullnose work. Behind the blade is a clamping knob that allows for visibility and chip clearance. ■ Price: \$49, replacement blade \$9. 800-267-8735. leevalley.com. Circle #202.



PARALLEL CLAMP

Fans of the Bessey K-Body clamp that is being discontinued need not worry, according to the maker. The K-Body REVO has a 30% larger clamping surface, 1,500 pounds of clamping force, a larger comfort-grip handle, precise parallel clamping with jaw-protection caps, quick conversion to a spreader, rail protection pieces, and a removable tail piece. With an adapter accessory, it can be outfitted for accurate adjustment of corners and offset edges. ■ Price: Unavailable. 800-719-2856. besseytools.com. Circle #205.



ADJUSTABLE TROWEL

Marshalltown's new DURAdjust brick trowel has a dial that lets the user adjust the handle's diameter throughout its length, from just below the smallest on the market to just about the largest, for personalized comfort. Changing the diameter throughout a day of use helps decrease arm and hand fatigue, the maker says. It is available on 19 different trowels, and is made with the same high-quality bumper material as the standard DuraSoft handle. ■ Price: \$45. 800-888-0127. marshalltown.com. Circle #203.



SLIDE SQUARE

C.H. Hanson introduces a compact, new multifunction layout tool made of tough polystyrene that'll make a nice addition to your tool pouch. In addition to its use as a pocket square and angle finder for marking layout on framing, the Slide Square also includes a novel sliding anchor-bolt layout function for transferring bolt locations onto sills for accurate drilling. The sliding feature also works as a caliper for gauging thickness and diameters. ■ Price: \$9. 800-827-5834. chhanson.com. Circle #204.



CHALK LINE

Among several new chalk reels from Irwin is the Mach6, with a redesigned body and steel handle with a larger center clutch. A 6-to-1 gear system retrieves the line six times faster than typical reels, according to the company, and the polyester/nylon, 100-foot line is twice as durable than a polyester line. A wide-prong hook secures the line to a work surface, and an EZ Access Door lets the user remove the back panel with a Phillips-head screwdriver for spool changes and line cleaning. The tool holds up to 2 ounces of chalk. ■ Price: \$13. 800-464-7946. irwin.com. Circle #206.

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