

New Hammer Has A Front-Mounted Claw

Once you've tried it you'll never go back, says the inventor of this new front-claw hammer.

Inventor David Stewart of LaFollette, Tenn., has 45 years of construction experience, and says his patented hammer is ideally weighted and balanced to drive long nails with only a couple of blows. The front claw pulls 12 to 20-penny nails with no need to flip the hammer over.

"It also holds a nail in the front claw so you can use only one hand to set or pull a nail over your head. Also, the front claw can be used to twist a stud when framing," says Stewart.

The Stewart Hammer comes in 16-oz. to 28-oz. head sizes. It's available with your choice of a smooth or serrated face and comes with a lifetime warranty. It has a pvc grip and the head is a single piece of forged 1070 carbon steel.

At www.stewarttools.com, the hammer prices range from \$22 to \$34 plus S&H.

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Super-Size Truck Brakes

Need better braking than you get with your stock brakes? You can increase brake torque by up to 36 percent over stock brakes with a heavy-duty brake system from Stainless Steel Brakes Corporation (SSBC). The company offers disc brake conversions and upgrade kits for a wide variety of trucks, performance cars, SUVs and Jeeps. But, if a simple upgrade is what you're looking for, SSBC's Quick Change kit for trucks may do it. The kit includes new brake pads, hardware and a pair of Tri-Power calipers with three stainless steel pistons instead of the one or two found on stock brakes.

"They distribute clamping power more evenly across the entire pad when braking, producing less pad deflection," says Mark Christenson, marketing manager, SSBC. "With one or two piston calipers, the outer ends of the pads can be pushed away from the rotor due to extreme heat. This effectively reduces your stopping ability."

Christenson understands the importance of good truck brakes. He grew up on a dairy farm in upstate New York and recalls using the farm truck to pull wagons loaded with 145 hay bales.

"I cringe when I think of how much strain that extra weight put on the truck brakes on



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even the smallest hill," he says.

Another feature of SSBC brakes is they are designed to fit stock wheels. Many aftermarket brake upgrades include larger-than-stock rotors, points out Christenson. Installing them requires installing larger wheels and tires, significantly increasing upgrade cost.

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Quick-Release Magnetic Pick-Up Tool

"Having a way to clean off the magnet is key to making a good tool for picking up nails and other small metal objects," says Mel Primrose, Westlock, Alberta.

His homemade magnetic pickup tool discharges its load with one easy movement of the handle.

To make the tool, Primrose slipped a metal rod through a slightly larger aluminum tube that has a wooden grip on it.

Next, he attached a magnet from an old radio speaker to the end of the metal rod. At the end of the aluminum tube he attached a plastic margarine container with a plywood disc in place of the lid.

To pick up metal objects, he slides the

magnet to the bottom of the plastic tube. To drop items off, he slides the magnet up so everything drops off.

"This tool works very well. I find that it's faster and easier than other metal pick-up tools because with them, you have to pick everything off by hand," Primrose says.

"With this thing, you just pull the handle back and the magnet moves inside the container, releasing whatever you've just picked up. It's handy to pick up metal filings like chop saw cuttings. The handle makes it easy to reach the floor."

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Hard-To-Start Tractor Idea

If you've got a hard-to-start tractor that sometimes needs a shot of ether to get going, you'll like this idea.

Bill Marley, Nokomis, Ill., came up with an easy way to give his engine a quick boost. He drilled a hole about 3/4 in. in diameter into the intake air pipe going to the carburetor. Then he covered it with a sleeve cut from a sock.

He slides the cover up when shooting the ether, then back down over the hole. The sock filters incoming air so the extra hole actually aids air flow.

A hose clamp attached below the hole keeps the sleeve from sliding down too far.

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Marley sprays ether into a hole drilled into the intake air pipe leading to carburetor. Then he slides sleeve down over hole.



Staple puller has a long point at one end with a flat driving plate behind it. You position point between post and staple and use a hammer to drive it in.

"Fastest Fence Staple Puller In The West"

Anyone who's ever had to pull big fence wire staples will appreciate this new-style staple puller.

The 13 1/2-in. long tool has a long point at one end with a flat driving plate behind it. You just position the point between the post and staple and use a hammer to drive it in.

"The square head bites into the wood and prevents slippage when prying out the staple," says inventor Tony Dinatale, Deer Park, Wash. "Besides being used as a staple puller, it can also be used as a hammer, safety punch, and wire stretcher."

Dinatale says he came up with the tool a few months ago when he had to move 1,400

ft. of fence on his ranch. "There were six or more staples on every post. Since we wanted to save and reuse the wire, we had to remove the staples completely. After about an hour of struggling with a pair of fence pliers, I made up two of these tools, one for me and one for my wife. Together we got the job done very quickly, easily and with no blisters or sore muscles."

Sells for \$11.95 plus \$5.95 S&H.

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