



Primo Pinner

Okay, I admit it: I have a weakness for nail guns. Still, the *Cadex CPB 23.50 Pin and Brad Nailer* is the nicest one I've seen in a long time. It accepts both brads and headless pins from $\frac{5}{8}$ to 2 inches (the longest pin available). The magazine holds 120 fasteners and includes a sight window, so you know when you're running low. Other thoughtful features include a belt hook, a swivel air fitting, rear exhaust, and a built-in dust blower. The nailer sells for about \$350 online.

● Cadex, 604/876-9909, www.cadextools.com



Demo-Hammer Dust Port

Using a breaker hammer on an indoor slab is a surefire way to stir up a lot of lung-clogging dust. However, with the *EnviroBoot*, you can cut the amount of dust produced by 80 percent, says the manufacturer. The easy-to-install rubber boot fits on the bottom of most 90-pound electric-breaker hammers and includes a 2-inch port for connection to a dust-collecting vacuum. The company is planning similar products for smaller hammers; they should be available by March. The EnviroBoot sells for \$120.

● Environmental Safety Solutions, 212/922-9001, www.enviroboot.com



Choice of Battery

At this point, everyone knows the advantages of lithium ion rechargeable batteries: They're lighter and have longer runtimes than both nicad and niMH batteries. Bosch has taken a unique approach to the new technology. The company's new 36-volt lithium ion tools work with two different battery packs. The *FatPack*, the larger option, offers a longer runtime for demanding applications; the *SlimPack* weighs about the same as a 14.4-volt nicad pack, for greater portability and less user fatigue. The companion drill, *Model 38636-01*, provides up to 600 inch-pounds of torque and features a metal ratcheting chuck and a 15-position clutch. You can find it on the Web with two SlimPack batteries and a case for \$400. An optional FatPack battery costs about \$160.

● Bosch Tools, 877/267-2499, www.boschtools.com