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A few weeks ago I attended the 65th annual International Builders' Show. Here's a recap of some of what was new.



## 2009 Editors' Choice Awards

Our annual award for innovative leadership in construction tools and accessories.

—By *Tools of the Trade* Editors

No one in our industry has been immune to the deep economic downturn, including tool and accessory manufacturers. They're being forced to make the same tough business decisions as the rest of us. But judging from the steady stream of innovative products that continues to flow from their development teams, there has been no downturn when it comes to creativity, technology, and quality. If anything, increased competition for sales and market share has driven a fiercer search for breakthrough products, high-performance features, and new categories in every sector. As a result, we had a wide range of professional-grade job-site and shop solutions from which to select our 2009 Editors' Choice Award winners.

We are also, for the first time ever, presenting an Editors' Choice award to a trade association. The Power Tool Institute has received a Grand Award for its leadership in establishing new performance standards for testing—a well-deserved honor that's been a long time coming.

So now, in the midst of so much bad news, we are happy to bring you some good news—and 12 great tools—that will help make your work safer, easier, and more productive. In the end, if new tools can save you time, boost output, help maintain quality, and last for many years without trouble, they actually can increase your profits.

We're proud to present this year's class of Editors' Choice Award winners, which run the gamut from large stationary shop equipment to job-site power and cordless tools and accessories to a very unique hand tool and an ingenious framing "persuader." Enjoy.

— *The Editors*



### 2009 Editor's Choice Awards



#### Woodratchet Framing Puller

Builder Keith Kennedy invented the WoodRatchet as a partial substitute for a human helper on framing jobs and found that it could also help with tough two-man jobs like plumbing and bracing walls, dragging a sheathed wall in to a layout line, and pulling the crown out of bottom-supported joists. Basically a ratcheting chain binder fitted with spiked nailing plates, the WoodRatchet lets you push or pull stubborn framing members into position with great force, control, and accuracy before nailing them off. And it can be used in place of clamps, come-alongs, or ratcheting straps to pull wall sections together, a practice especially common in SIPs construction. WoodRatchet Framing Puller: \$70. 570-223-0527.

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