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Editor's round-up



FEIN launches new MultiMaster 2013 sets

FEIN is releasing four new MultiMaster sets that will replace the existing line of oscillating power tools. The START set will provide an entry-level oscillating machine, with an Allen key-based accessory-changing system. It comes complete with 24 accessories.

The MultiMaster QUICK START set replaces the SELECT PLUS set. Like the START set, users get 24 accessories for the most common renovation tasks, but with the added advantage of FEIN's QuickIN 8-star rapid accessory-changing system. The 8-star tool mounting transfers virtually all the power of the FEIN MultiMaster to the accessory to ensure efficient work progress with an original FEIN accessory.

The TOP set comes with 59 accessories aimed at an extensive range of applications. The high number of original FEIN accessories included in the set makes it the most cost-effective of all the sets. They include the new 65 and 35mm wide bi-metal E-Cut long-life saw blades for wood, designed to achieve very high cutting speeds and last up to three times longer than a standard wood cutting blade.

The fourth machine is the cordless MultiMaster AFMM 14. It is powered

by a 14.4V, 3Ah Li-ion battery, weighs just 1.7kg and has the same enduring performance as the mains-powered machine.

Metalcraft catalogue

One of the country's leading manufacturers of metalcraft tools has recently launched their spring 2013 catalogue which features a range of new products for woodworkers. J & CR Wood Ltd, based in East Yorkshire, have been supplying handpowered ornamental metalworking tools for the past 63 years, and now





The 2013 catalogue features a host of new accessories including clock-building components, a new range of strong easy-to-assemble work benches, and four design pack projects, to add to the popular range of 17 design kits previously introduced.

DEROS from Mirka

The Direct Electric Random Orbital Sander or DEROS, plugs into an ordinary power supply, making it easy to move around, and is suitable for multiple sanding operations to produce a highly effective smooth finish. The DEROS is designed to deliver a rapid, efficient, consistently powerful performance comparable to a conventional 500W electric machine, even under heavy load. It is economical to use, reducing energy costs. This low-maintenance, extremely reliable sander has a long lifespan and features a 'closed construction' preventing dust from entering the motor, avoiding typical wear and tear damage experienced by electric machines. This product also has a range of innovative features.

F&C MINI TEST: Bosch GAS vacuum extractors

n a recent visit to the Bosch UK headquarters we were introduced to their new range of portable extractors, the GAS range. The general consensus among manufacturers and industry professionals is that the next big push regarding safe working practices will be to focus on the capture and disposal of dust generated by power tools at source. A couple of weeks down the line and we have been putting the GAS 35 L and 55 M through their paces to clean up everything from the back of the car to the inner workings of the 'shop tablesaw. As effective as they are at completing such mundane tasks, the proof of the pudding can be found when put to the test on the receiving end of a power

tool. The GAS range features two versions of an automatic filter cleaning system designed to keep the machine running efficiently over prolonged periods of use. Well, in short we can't find fault with either machine as they do precisely what they're supposed to do. If you're already kitted out with Bosch equipment and the L-BOXX system, then you'll be able to click and stack the boxes to transform the extractor into a transporter. Both units come with a host of accessories and are geared to meet with the current L and M classifications of hazardous dust. This subject is set to become the year's hot topic and we'll be returning to it later in the year, but in the meantime, Bosch Blue seem to have it covered. F&C

