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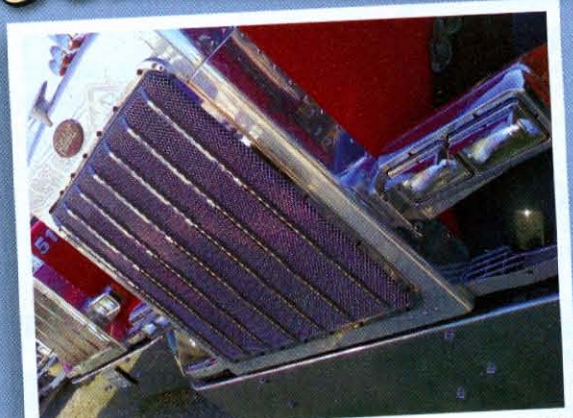
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HOT GRILL

HOG Enterprises new line of Hog Grills for the Peterbilt 379 are sure to set your custom rig apart from all others. HOG uses 304 Stainless Steel stock and plates it with high-quality chrome for a durable shine and superior brilliance. Their line of grilles is very customizable and is available in four patterns. A highlight is the one-piece trim ring featuring a sharp outer edge, which sets the sunlight flying. Retail: \$995-\$1,200.

(888) 305-8999 www.skstruck.com

KOUL TOOLS

Since stainless braided hose was invented, racers, mechanics and custom truck builders have been fighting the problem of installing the hose into the socket part of the assembly. KOUL Tools assembly kits, with parts made of a high-tech composite, address those issues. Just insert the socket into the tool and twist the hose in. No vise marks. No wearing out. Perfect first time, every time. New Pro Combo Kit (\$150) fits hoses from -4 to -16.

www.koultools.com; (928) 854-6706



FASTER WRENCH

GearWrench's new XL X-Beam Reversible Wrench not only offers the opposite ends set 90-degrees from each other, it has a reversible lever so you can alternate from loosening to tightening without flipping the wrench over.

The unique 15-degree offset provides clearance for users' hands. The wrench features a flex hinge on the box end allowing you to adjust the offset angle when working in tight spaces. www.gearwrench.com; (800) 688-8949



SPLINE TIGHTENERS

Installers will find the new GearWrench XL Splin-eratcheting Wrench works on a wide assortment of fasteners including spline, six-point, six-point rounded, twelve-point, square, and E-Torx. The GearWrench Surface Drive Plus feature reduces fastener rounding and delivers up to 25 percent more torque than standard wrenches.

www.gearwrench.com; (800) 688-8949



SNOW INJECTION

The new Snow MPG MAX system (\$950) from Snow Performance is the only Class 7/8 water/methanol injection system that increases fuel economy 35 percent in all load states while improving horsepower and torque, the manufacturer says. It also reduces exhaust gas temperatures more than 250 degrees under full power without affecting engine durability or reliability.

www.snowperformance.net; (719) 633-3811

SUPER SEALER

Custom painters will love Big Sky Performa-Seal, which is a non-sanding 2K acrylic urethane sealer from ChemSpec that applies smoothly and maintains superior color and gloss retention for high-quality finishes. All three shades of sealer may be mixed to provide the painter with a variety of gray shades.

www.chemspecpaint.com; (800) 328-4892



OUTLAW BRACKETS

Steal the show with Outlaw Customs Criminal Headlight Brackets (\$375). A direct bolt-on headlight replacement for Peterbilt 379s and Jones Performance Truck Rodz hoods. A sleek design allows for a two light mounting system affording one headlight and a second light of your choice.

www.outlawcustomshd.com; (303) 952-8109



PIMP YOUR HORNS

"Go Ahead Punk ... Make My Day!" Imagine this familiar voice blaring out from your truck. Or maybe as you're sitting at a stoplight, your truck gives a ferocious growl. With the new Horntones FX-550 3-piece system (\$299), the possibilities are endless. This is the first mobile audio system that supplements the sound of a vehicle's horn function by sounding any MP3 audio clip. The company's website includes a Virtual Player that allows users to completely configure the FX-550 online and then simply save the resulting file to a USB thumb (flash) drive. The thumb drive is then plugged into the FX-550 and the new tones are automatically loaded. www.horntones.com; (949-) 429-7900



LEAK SEEKER



Tracer's Cobra and Cobra-Plus lights feature a combination of white and UV LED lights that enable technicians to inspect hard-to-see components without expensive disassembly. Tracer says the UV LED is ideal for detecting leaks in fuel systems, radiators, A/C evaporators and EVAP systems while the white LED is great for inspection of components such as pistons and intake valves. The TP-9350 Cobra (\$450) has a 10-mm, 24-in. shaft, while the TP-935036 Cobra-Plus has a 10-mm, extra-long 36-in. shaft for inspections requiring additional reach.

www.tracerline.com; (800) 641-1133.

X-FACTOR LIGHTS

Want the coolest looking and hottest performing auxiliary lights on the road? VisionX's weatherproof, low-profile Xmitter LED Light Bars produce more light than a 35-watt HID while drawing only 4 amps and boasting an astonishing 50,000 hour life span. Each is manufactured of die-cast aluminum ends and extruded aluminum body measuring less than 3-in. tall and 3-in. deep. They are available in lengths from 4 in. to 52 in. and come standard with flat surface mounts and rubber shock isolators. Prices start at \$500. www.visionxoffroad.com; (800) 994-4460



MOTION-DETECTOR

Grote's sleek \$100 Dome Lamp features built-in infrared motion activation, eliminating the need for installation of an independent switch, and a low-profile, energy-efficient LED design. The sensor is calibrated to recognize the heat signature unique to humans, and turns on when it detects movement by a person within 15 feet. The lamp will remain on as movement continues.

www.grote.com; (800) 628-0809



PERFECT SENSORS

Never back blind when your custom truck utilizes Auto-i Corporation's new OEM-style T400 Parking Sensor System. The head unit features an LED digital display with top-mount or in-dash mount, meter or feet display. Kit comes complete with sensors and detachable cables - perfect for commercial truck uses.

www.auto-i.ca; (416) 727-8699



CLEVER STORAGE

Storage of small items is always a challenge, which is where Covercraft Industries PocketPods come to the rescue. PocketPods can include one to three storage pockets, depending on the application, with a closure latch in each pocket lid. PocketPods are constructed from heat-formed carpet and mounted on an ABS backing. Each storage unit contains a mounting kit of automotive grade fasteners and/or 3M adhesive tape.

www.covercraft.com; (800) 426-8377

RIDE QUIET AND COOL

QuietRide Solutions has designed pre-cut, ready to install AcoustiShield Cool and Quiet insulation kits for certain Freightliner, International, Peterbilt and Volvo tractors. Each kit (\$500-\$600) includes state-of-the-art, multi-stage acoustic/heat insulation for the floor, cowl, firewall, rear cab, roof and doors. www.quietride.com; (209) 942-4777

