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Ken Brubaker, Senior Editor

➔ **Agri-Cover SnowSport HD Utility Plow**

Price: Prices start at \$1,450

Info: www.agricover.com

Living in an area that gets snow means you have to push it out of the way. A few years ago, I began using the SnowSport HD Utility Plow, and it has become one of the most useful tools on my truck. The SnowSport is about half the cost of other plows and it comes with everything needed including the vehicle-specific mount. There's no hydraulics or anything like that, so installation is easy. It's amazing how much of the white stuff the SnowSport will move. It just makes sense to put my 4x4 to work and it sure is nice not to have to sit out in the cold on a tractor or pay someone to plow the snow.

Robin Stover, Feature Editor

➔ **Mac's Custom Tie Downs Trail D-Vice**

Price: \$159.95

Info: www.macscustomtiedowns.com

I think the Trail D-Vice from Mac's Custom Tie Downs is the ultimate trail companion for anyone with a receiver hitch. It simply makes sense to have a vise to hold items while attempting trail repairs in the outback. The product features an assortment of ultra-smart attributes that you don't even know you need until the time comes to use them. For instance, got a stubborn bar pin to press in or out of a shock bushing? The D-Vice saves the day by allowing you to clamp said parts together much like the way you would with a hydraulic press. Need a hard flat surface to hammer some flexibility into the end of a stiff heater hose? The D-Vice includes a handy flat surface that is eager to take a beating. Need a way to tighten up that 2 $\frac{3}{16}$ -inch hitch ball on that new drop hitch? Simply clamp the ball into the aggressive pipe jaws of the D-Vice and tighten away—with both hands on one wrench. I could go on and on about the many uses of the Mac's D-Vice, but until you own one, you simply won't understand the versatility this particular tool adds to your arsenal. **FW**



TUNDR A GEARING OPTIONS

Owners of '07-and-later Toyota Tundra trucks may find it difficult to source lower gears for the factory axles. This is because until now, nobody offered any aftermarket ratios. Nitro Gear & Axle recently released a front and rear 4.88:1 gearset for axles found under all late-model Tundra and Land Cruiser vehicles. This solves a pesky problem for those who have installed suspension lifts and/or larger tires. **INFO:** Nitro Gear & Axle, 866/349-6801, www.justdifferentials.com



ROC JOINT

These new Roc Joints from Dave's Customs feature 1-inch threaded shanks, and 5/8-inch bolt holes. Each Roc Joint uses a unique bushing design that allows up to 20 degrees of misalignment, while the forged housing provides superior strength. Included are fluted polyurethane bushings and a heavy-wall DOM sleeve. These joints are a great alternative to traditional rod ends. **INFO:** Dave's Customs Unlimited, 602/639-1213, www.davescustomsunlimited.com

ALUMINUM-BODIED SHOCKS

Check out the new Black-Ops Edition Night Hawk shocks from Top Gun Customz. These new dampers are manufactured from aerospace-grade aluminum and feature fluting on the exterior to help dissipate heat. The black exterior treatment comes from a Mil-spec anodization process that, in addition to looking good, also creates extremely durable wear surfaces inside the shock. Available in 2- or 2.6-inch-diameter versions, these new shocks are ideal for lifted trucks and SUVs alike. **INFO:** Top Gun Customz, 877/274-9362, www.topguncustomz.com



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LIGHTWEIGHT STORAGE FOR JKs

Known as the Black Box, this lightweight aluminum storage vault is designed exclusively for the popular four-door Jeep Wrangler JK. Once installed, the setup utilizes a unique mounting system that allows for easy removal without the need for hand tools—handy for those times when you need to free up additional cargo space for bulky items. Additionally, the divided drawer features a sliding lid that doubles as a work surface. This makes a great place for preparing meals on the trail. We love the fact that the unit is lockable and features VersaTie tie-down tracking around the perimeter of the top of the box. We've tested this product in our project Silver Bullet JK for over six months and have yet to find a reason not to like the versatility it adds. The Black Box is made in the U.S. Info: Mac's Custom Tie Downs, 800/666-1586, www.macscustomtiedowns.com

