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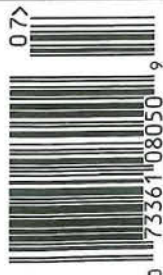


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## PRODUCT REVIEW

By Chris Maida

# 20-TON HYDRAULIC PRESS

*This one can handle everything a home or shop mechanic needs*



DO YOU LIKE WORKING ON YOUR OWN bikes, cars, and trucks? Then you know having the right tools keeps things flowing smoothly. In fact, the only thing that brings a project screeching to a halt faster than not having the right parts is not having the right tool. Personally, I hate having to stop when I'm on a roll, so for years I've cobbled something together whenever I needed to press something together or apart. Okay, so sometimes I'm cheap. Well, I almost took off a finger the other day, so it was time to stop being a jerk and buy a proper press.

Since Harbor Freight has been advertising in *AIM*, I went to its web site to see what a decent one would cost. What I found was a Central Hydraulics 20-ton press (#32879) that was on sale for only \$199.99! Man, that's about what it would cost to build one! This steel H-frame press is a great unit. All the welds are good, the construction is heavy-duty, and even the paint is nice. The working area is big enough for both bike and most car parts, and the

return springs on the ram retract it smoothly and quickly. In fact, this is the press we used in the Led-Sled kicker install in this issue. The press' vertical capacity is 32", and the distance between the channels (horizontal capacity) is 22-1/4". You adjust the worktable's height by moving the holding pins to one of eight locations.

Bottom line: this is a great press for an incredible price! **AIM**

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