

# TOOLS TO

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PPOSABLE THUMBS AND huge frontal lobes are great, but one of the key attributes that make man King of the Jungle is his use of tools. We have progressed beyond sticks and fire, and several tools on the market can make your life much easier in the garage and on the trail. While the tools in this guide vary wildly in price, the one thing that they all have in common is they provide you with the opportunity to learn more about your rig and save money compared to paying someone else for labor. Whether you are a professional fabricator or just learning how to change your own oil, there is something for you in this guide.

# MILLER SYNCROWAVE210 WELDER

Ideal for any type of welding on your 4x4, whether you are a professional or hobbyist, the inverter-based Syncrowave 210 supports, TIG, MIG, and stick welding processes in one machine. The Syncowave 210 can weld up to ½-inch-thick material in a single pass and is now available as a complete package with a Spoolmate 100 spool gun. INFORMATION: Miller Electric, 920.734.9821, millerwelds.com.

## SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT ENGINE STAND

A Summit engine stand will hold your engine steady while you're working on it. They are available in 1,000- and 1,250-pound capacities, both featuring a 360-degree rotating head. One model is even available with a 63:1-ratio-geared head to make engine rotating a breeze.

INFORMATION: Summit Racing Equipment, 800.230.3030, summitracing.com.

# CRAFTSMAN LOCKING ADJUSTABLE WRENCH

The 10-inch Craftsman Extreme GRIP Locking Adjustable Wrench includes a locking mechanism that provides maximum gripping force in working with fasteners. The lock offers over twice the gripping power on rounded fasteners compared to a standard adjustable wrench. Equipped with adjustable wrench jaws that open up to 1 inch, they fit nearly every fastener on your 4x4. INFORMATION: Craftsman, 800.349.4358, craftsman.com.

### PITTSBURG 4-TON FLOOR JACK

This 4-ton steel floor jack features a lifting range from 4 to 20½ inches to elevate your 4x4 in only 3½ pumps! A protective foam bumper on the floor jack keeps your vehicle or materials from being damaged while lifting or lowering. With a knurled aluminum handle for a steady grip and solid, welded steel construction, this rapid pump floor jack is built for comfort and heavy use. INFORMATION: Harbor Freight Tools, 800.423.2567, harborfreight.com.

# EASTWOOD PRO FORMING TUBING BENDER

The Eastwood Pro Former Tubing bender lets you bend steel and chromoly tubing in diameters from 3/4 to 13/4 inches. The ridged steel frame construction and 8-ton forming jack offer a sturdy, reliable base that will not move across the bench when in use. Steel forming dies and cast followers offer accurate bends without flattening or deforming

the edges. INFORMATION: Eastwood, 800.343.9353, eastwood.com.











### **# U.S. GENERAL TOOL CHEST**

This tool cabinet has 13 drawers to store all of your tools and accessories, and rolls easily to your work area. The heavy-duty industrial steel cabinetry has internally welded joints to provide durability for years to come. The ball bearing slides, powdercoated finish, 5-inch casters, and 2,633-pound load capacity are features typically found in rolling tool cabinets that cost much more. INFORMATION: Harbor Freight Tools, 800.423.2567, harborfreight.com.

# SUMMIT RACING EQUIPMENT PARTS WASHER

Versatile and tough enough for both professionals and do-it-yourselfers, Summit Parts Washers are built from heavyduty steel and feature fully adjustable flexible nozzles, 30-gph solvent pumps, and reliable 120-volt motors. For use with water-based cleaners only. INFORMATION: Summit Racing Equipment, 800.230.3030, summitracing.com.

### MILLER DIGITAL ELITE HELMETS

Miller recently released two new graphics to the Digital Elite Series Helmet lineup: Blue Flame and Hot Rod Garage. The helmets feature a 9.22-square-inch viewing area, four operating modes, four arc sensors for superior lens response, and an automatic on/off power control that triggers the lens at the strike of an arc. INFORMATION: Miller Electric, 920.734.9821, millerwelds.com.

