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Flexible Vise Clamps To Work Surface

The IQ vise™, introduced by Work IQ Tools™, puts a modern spin of functionality and infinite positioning on a common farm shop tool. The unique design earned the 2024 Rising Star Award presented to the top new product at the National Hardware Show.

“The all-metal IQ Vise has a ball and socket joint that is extremely sturdy with a hardened steel ball,” says Brandon Smith, director of business development. “It has all of the functionality of a normal bench vise, and with it placed on the edge (of a bench), you can lean it over to work on items like chainsaws or string trimmers.”

It has a patented locking pin for heavy-duty holding strength that accommodates 130 ft.-lbs. torque. To adapt to different uses, Work IQ Tools offers five double-sided job-specific jaw covers. For example, the Pipe-Fit™ Jaws have a metal jaw on one side for welding and grinding galvanized or black pipe and a rubber-coated side for tubular and copper pipes, which is heat resistant when sweating joints. The woodworking jaws are wider and taller, with a stiff foam side to hold molding and other irregularly shaped objects.

“It’s more ergonomic,” Smith says of the vise’s design, adding that some customers

use grants to purchase the vise because of its safety and ergonomic features, allowing you to move the workpiece to you instead of moving your body to the workpiece. The vise sells for \$280, and the jaw covers are additional.

Work IQ Tools also offers IQ Connect™ (\$109), a hands-free system to hold accessories such as a cellphone to watch or make a how-to video while working on a project, a 5-in. magnifying glass, and a detachable flashlight.

IQ Connect can be plugged into one of four ports on the vise, screwed or clamped onto a bench, or used with a magnetic mount when working on farm equipment or vehicles, for example.

Work IQ Tools products come with a 5-year warranty and can be purchased from the Minneapolis-based online store and at stores such as Ace Hardware, Do It Best and various other hardware stores. Check the website for details on where to find them near you and videos of them in action.

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Cleaner Keeps Vehicles Bug Free

Farmers, musicians and car enthusiasts are catching on to a product motorcyclists have been using for a couple of decades. BugSlide® was created by a Wisconsin man who rode a motorcycle and was looking for a way to remove bugs. Working with a chemist, he developed a product that removes bugs, cleans and polishes without the harsh petroleum chemicals found in most bug-cleaning products.

“It’s designed to be an everyday cleaner, says Laurie Ziegler, director of sales for the Maple Plain, Minn., company Everline Products, LLC. “The polymer base builds up and repels dust and bugs, so they release easier.”

Just spray it on and wipe, or let it set for about 30 seconds to loosen baked-on bugs or dirt, then wipe with a microfiber cloth. BugSlide is safe for all nonporous materials such as glass, chrome, plastic, aluminum, stainless steel, fiberglass, plexiglass, leather and vinyl. The Minnesota-made product dries crystal clear with a UV filter for added protection and has no yellowing, buildup or powdery residue.

Farmers are discovering BugSlide and how it can protect their tractors, farm equipment and semis. Musicians clean and polish instruments such as guitars.

“I use it in my house to clean stainless steel appliances and countertops. I like it because there are no harsh chemicals,” Ziegler says, adding she keeps a bottle in her car to keep her windshield bug-free and clean.



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BugSlide comes in different sizes, from a 4-oz. travel kit with a cloth for \$12 to the most popular 16-oz. size with a cloth for \$22, and three sizes of refill bottles. It’s available in most Harley-Davidson dealerships, Cycle Gear and J&P Cycle stores, and independent shops throughout the U.S. and on Amazon. The company also sells it through its online store.

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Stewart MIG gun holder.

Handy Holder For MIG Gun

Matt Stewart got the idea for a MIG gun holder from a friend a few years ago. When he decided to make his own, he added a holder for MIG gun pliers. Using pieces of scrap he had lying around, it didn’t cost him anything, but it quickly proved handy to have.

“I started with a rusty, old, vise grip-style C-clamp,” says Stewart. “For parts, I cut 2-in. lengths of 1 by 1-in. angle iron, Schedule 40 1 7/8-in. O.D. steel tubing and 1/8-in. wall 1 by 1-in. square tubing.”

The idea was to weld the angle iron to one jaw of the C-clamp for a secure attachment to the welding table. To do that, he needed a flat spot on the angle iron.

“I made a few passes on the center of the angle with a hack saw and then filed them down,” he says. “I tightened the clamp jaw on the flat spot and welded it in place.”

He used a second C-clamp to hold the round tubing to the side of the jaw arm and welded it in place at an angle to accommodate the MIG gun.

“I rearranged the second C-clamp to hold the square tubing in a vertical position on the other side of the jaw arm and spot welded it in place,” says Stewart. “The holder only took a few minutes of time, but it works great. The MIG gun is held securely, as is the pliers.”

Stewart made a video of the build for his YouTube channel (@matthescrapwhisperer). It proved popular enough that he later made a second one as a giveaway when his YouTube channel hit 1,000 subscribers.

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Premium silicone means the latches are hand-washable and won’t crack, break, split, or get brittle with age. Instead, they’re soft enough to prevent scratching while robust enough to keep things secure.

Silicone Bungee Cords Made To Last

The Link Latch offers a revolutionary alternative to conventional bungee cords through straps crafted from premium food-grade silicone. “Unlike one-trick bungee cords, the Link Latch adapts to a multitude of applications,” says company representative Amanda Hughes. “They work for light-duty indoor or outdoor use, both for the home and professional projects. These can include securing cargo, organizing gear or bundling items together. You can bid farewell to the limitations of traditional bungee cords that wear out or snap over time.”

The silicone construction is gentle on every surface, ensuring a secure hold on delicate surfaces or items that require extra transport care. Still, the latches are resistant to UV rays and extreme temperatures. Premium silicone means the latches are hand-washable and won’t crack, break, split or get brittle with age. Instead, they’re soft enough to prevent scratching while robust enough to keep things secure.

“With the Link Latch, there’s no more wrestling with tangled bungee cords,” says Hughes. “It remains neatly coiled and ready for use whenever you need it, saving you time and frustration.” Each set of two can expand from a minimum size of 8 in. to 36 in. with the quick-pull Link Latch design.

To use, first adjust the length of the Link Latch band. Next, interlock each hook, pulling back until you feel a click. Firmly push the two clips together, then separate

them. The end loop can be looped back through the clip if there’s extra band. The link latch hook can be removed, and the end loop can be secured to other objects and tie-down points while the holes in the band can accommodate the hooks. Finally, link the clips to self-enclose or add more Link Latches for a longer chain.

The Link Latch is a product of Mella Home. “It’s a women-owned business, and we’ve innovated silicone solutions to everyday challenges,” says Hughes. “Our products stand out not just for their uniqueness but also for their consistent performance, earning the trust of countless customers.”

Customer reviews aren’t shy about calling the Link Latch genius. They rave about the adjustable sizing, the durability of silicone (especially with UV), and versatility. Others found that the holes stretched, causing the hooks to fall out over time.

The Link Latch retails for \$27.99 per three-pack on Amazon and the Mella Home website. It comes with a 1-year warranty. FARM SHOW readers can receive 25 percent off with the code “link25.” A similar Mella Home product, the Lid Latch, secures pot lids for a spill-resistant travel option. It’s made from food-grade silicone and retails for \$16.99 per two-pack.

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