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Laser Measuring Tools

Leica Geosystems' fifth generation Disto handheld laser distance measuring tools includes the Disto Lite⁵, which is compact and lightweight and features an ergonomic keypad, and the Disto Classic⁵ with built-in 2x telescopic viewer, integrated calculator, indirect height and distance (Pythagoras) measurement functions, and 15-measurement storage. Both units have a built-in leveling bubble, can measure distances from .7 to 650 feet, and have an accuracy of ¹/₈ inch. They retail for \$375 and \$495. For more information, contact Leica Geosystems, 800-367-9453; www.disto.com. *Circle #236*.



Air Compressors

The Invector technology of Coleman Powermate's six new air compressors provides the oil- and maintenance-free benefits of a direct-drive system, but with a universal motor that requires only half the starting current of traditional induction motors, the company says. The units run 30 percent cooler than direct-drive models. The compressor line ranges from a 3-hp motor with 4-gallon pancake tank to a 5.5-hp motor on a 27-gallon vertical tank. They cost \$129 to \$249. For more information, contact Coleman Powermate, 800-445-1805; www.colemanpowermate.com. *Circle #238*.





Dump Truck Bed

The Load Hog dump truck option, available on new Chevy and GMC pickup trucks, features a pneumatic system that will tilt the truck bed to slide off heavy loads. The seamless, invisible system adds about 120 pounds to the vehicle's total weight. The option can be ordered pre-installed for about \$3,000. For more information, contact Load Hog, 888-462-3867; www.loadhog.com. Circle #239.