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Faces of the future

Derailed by recession, a new generation of drivers – resilient, results-oriented young people – are finding a home in trucking

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2015 was a good year for new products and gadgets designed to help make life on the road a little easier and a little safer. From multipurpose tools to electronics to truck parts/accessories, we saw some pretty cool stuff. Here are the Top 10 products – plus two bonus products thanks to a three-way tie for the 10th spot – that caught the attention of our readers.

1 The Trucker's Friend

Everyone needs a friend. That must be why The Trucker's Friend, featured in the February issue, was such a hit with readers. This multipurpose tool goes everywhere with you and is your first grab when it comes to hacking, prying or pulling. The tool has a curved axe, hammer and nail puller, spanner, pry bar and lever, tire chain hook, wire twist, and ice and debris remover – all in one convenient tool.



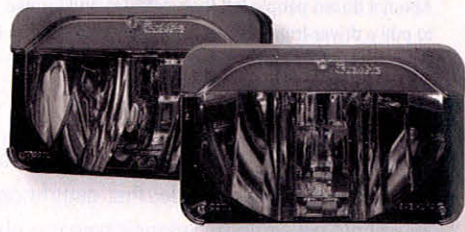
2 Cobra Dash Cam

Dash cams are a valuable tool for truckers for a variety of reasons, especially in the unfortunate instance of an accident. The CDR 825E Drive HD Dash Cam from Cobra Electronics features a built-in G-Sensor that automatically captures and secures critical footage before, during and after an accident in 1080p full HD video. It also optimizes storage with continuous loop recording that deletes old video to make room for new. The popular CDR 825E appeared in the March/April issue.



3 Truck-Lite LED Headlight System

Winter means fewer daylight hours and more night driving. Readers of the December/January issue – aka the dead-of-winter issue – liked the new 4-inch-by-6-inch rectangular LED headlight system from Truck-Lite. The drop-in replacement for 1A1 and 2A1 sealed beams offers longer life, better lumen maintenance and improved color. When properly mounted, the headlight exceeds FMVSS 108 and CMVSS 108 DOT requirements for both low- and high-beam performance.



4 Super Combo Tool

You can never have too many tools! And *Land Line* readers must agree because the two-tools-in-one Super Combo Tool by Azzie Enterprises was a hit in the February issue. Use it to tighten tire chains or thump tires. The design offers a rubber grip and 12-inch handle that allows for two-handed use and provides plenty of leverage. The Super Combo Tool fits most common-sized chains.



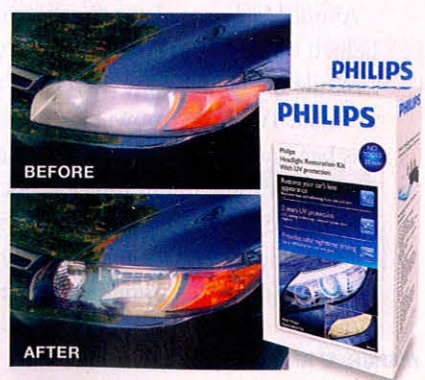
5 Keyport Slide

Keyport has reinvented the keychain with the Keyport Slide 2.0. The Slide provides easy access for up to six keys and tools with the slide of a thumb. It's compatible with most standard keys, including house keys, high-security keys, transponder-chipped auto and motorcycle keys, bike lock keys, small mail keys and padlock keys. Optional tools, such as flash drives, mini-lights, pens and bottle openers, can also be added. This popular item appeared in the May issue.



6 Philips Headlight Restoration Kit

Hazy, yellowed headlight lenses can make your truck look old and tired. The Headlight Restoration Kit from Philips Automotive North America, featured in the October issue, can help change that. The kit is designed to make plastic headlight lenses, taillights, turn signals and reflective lens covers like-new again. It's easy to use and prevents future clouding for up to two years.



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Yada Backup Camera System

Featured in the November issue, the Yada expandable Backup Camera System available through Winplus gives you the added sight lines you need to stay safe while backing up and on the road. The system includes a 5-inch LCD screen with a split-view option and a weatherproof wide-angle camera. Digital wireless technology eliminates the need to run wires from the camera to the monitor and provides a clear image with no interference.

King Satellite Antennas

No need to miss your favorite shows while on the road. King has you covered with two fully automatic portable satellite TV antennas – the second-generation King Tailgater for Dish and the King Quest for DirecTV. The new antennas, featured in the December/January issue, provide improved signal reception, have a sleek new aerodynamic design, and are smaller and lighter than previous models.

Emergency Flashlight and PowerBank

You never know when an on-the-road emergency might arise so it makes sense to be prepared. Featured in the November issue, the SP-4004 Emergency Flashlight and PowerBank from Secur Products is a multifunction tool that combines a waterproof LED flashlight, powerbank, window breaker and seatbelt cutter in a compact size for convenient storage in a glove box or under a seat. It can be recharged in six hours using the USB charging port, which can also be used to charge mobile devices.



Scrubblade Wipers

Don't you hate it when you attempt to clean your windshield and the wipers smear bug juice and debris into your line of sight? Apparently a lot of you do because the Scrubblade wipers that appeared in the February issue are one of our most popular products for 2015. The wipers feature two blades that deliver twice the cleaning power. Tiny triangular scrubbers cut through debris to clear dirt, bugs and grime.



Dometic Avalanche Coolers

Keeping your cool just got easier thanks to the new Avalanche coolers from Dometic. The coolers, which appeared in the May issue, keep food cold for 7 to 10 days and can accommodate conventional ice or dry-ice. They are made with thick polyurethane insulation with a freezer-style seal; molded cup holders and handles; and a two-inch drain plug on a stainless steel chain. Three models with different storage capacities are available.



VXi BlueParrott Headset

Stay in touch with VXi's latest Bluetooth headset, the BlueParrott B350-XT. Featured in the May issue, the BlueParrott provides the most effective microphone noise canceling available, natural sound quality, durability, and 24-plus hours of talk time per charge. It also features Near-Field Communication (NFC) for simple and fast one-touch pairing.

How did we pick the Top 10?

Products were selected from showcased products that appeared in *Land Line Magazine* during the publication year beginning with the February issue and concluding with the December/January issue. Eligible products are limited to those assigned a reader action number. Data is evaluated by using the verified number of reader response action numbers received by

Land Line. Data is collected on each product beginning two weeks from the earliest estimated in-home date and limited to three times on the single issues and four times on the bimonthly issues. Those top-scoring products are then evaluated by an OODA advisory committee. The final selection is established by a combination of committee scores and the number of responses submitted by *Land Line* readers.

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