

products AND ideas OF THE WEEK

An editorial service to readers; more information on items can be secured from the manufacturers. Prices are sometimes changed without notice.

Temperature indicator

Adhering to any clean, dry surface, these temperature-indicating decals turn black on reaching the selected temperature and give a permanent reading. The indicators register temperatures from 100 to 1100 degrees F.

Price: \$1.50 and up
William Wahl Corp.
1001 Colorado Ave.
Santa Monica, Calif. 90404

Fire retardant paint

Said to reduce flame spread by 75 percent on wall and ceiling surfaces, this fire retardant paint foams to form an insulating barrier when attacked by fire.

Price: \$10.15/gallon
PPG Industries Inc.
One Gateway Center
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

Reel gauge for tapes

This gauge determines if used video, sound or computer reels of recording tape are reusable. The device, which checks bent and distorted flanges, the most common cause of reel failure, consists of a base plate, a manually rotatable spindle and three gauge posts.

Price: \$1,130.
General Kinetics Inc.
11425 Isaac Newton Square South
Reston, Va. 22070

Glueability tester

The adhesiveness of a wide variety of bonding agents can be quickly tested by this glueability tester. The glue to be tested is applied to one of two small samples of material which are then pressed together under pressure for a pre-set time. The two pieces of material are then separated until the bond fails. A direct reading on the instrument's force gauge is read in pounds of glueability.

Price: \$585.00
Testing Machines, Inc.
400 Bayview Ave.
Amityville, N.Y. 11701

Laboratory jacks

Made of stainless steel, these jacks are available in four models with platform sizes ranging from 3 inches to 12 inches square and vertical travel of from 2 inches to 19½ inches.

Price: \$15.95 to \$64.95
Will Scientific, Inc.
39 Russell St.
Rochester, N.Y.

Sulfur dioxide analyzer

Useful for field testing of air for sulfur dioxide, this portable 18-pound analyzer can operate on a car battery or on 110-volt AC. The instrument draws in air, absorbs the sulfur dioxide and then registers its findings on an inkless recorder. When permanently installed the unit performs unattended sampling for up to 30 days.

Price: \$1,850
Scientific Industries, Inc.
15 Park St.
Springfield, Mass.

Labware kit

Containing 28 items of plastic labware including beakers, graduates, test tube rack, flasks and funnels, this kit, measuring 14½x11x5 inches, fits most school chemistry lab table drawers. The box is made with a carrying handle and nest for each item.

Price: \$16.75
Nalge Co.
75 Panorama Creek Dr.
Rochester, N.Y. 14625

Dry ice maker

Fully automatic this dry ice maker comes in models that produce 4.12 or 20 ounce blocks of dry ice in minutes. The portable unit produces dry ice wherever needed by simply attaching it to a carbon dioxide cylinder. The maker is 6 inches wide by 6 inches high and from 8 to 12 inches long.

Price: \$124.95 to \$224.95 each
The Chemical Rubber Co.
18901 Cranwood Parkway
Cleveland, Ohio 44128

School model laser

Developed for the schoolroom, this laser operates on house current. Totaling five pounds and 2x5½x9 inches in size, it requires no adjustments and is constructed with mirrors sealed in and permanently aligned.

Price: \$232.00
Electro Optics
974 Commercial St.
Palo Alto, Calif. 94303

Chemistry blocks

Basic concepts in chemistry can be taught with this set of atomic and molecular blocks made of wood in various colors, sizes and weights. The blocks snap together to help students visualize reactions and understand how and why they occur. The set includes an activity booklet for classroom or self study.

Price: \$4.95
Dyna-Slide Co.
1566 Sherman Ave.
Evanston, Ill. 60201

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