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Rocket-Powered Anvil

Price: £79.99

Specifications:

- Weight: 15.3 kg
- Dimensions: 0.40 m × 0.40 m × 0.15 m
- Propulsion: Solid-fuel rocket (burn time: 4.7 seconds)
- Maximum velocity: 120 km/h
- Safety rating: 'Not for human consumption'

Blurb:

Ever wished your anvil could chase your problems down the road for you? The Rocket-Powered Anvil does precisely that — and then some. Equipped with a high-thrust solid-fuel rocket, this anvil attains supersonic speeds, ensuring your mishaps are resolved at a distance. Ideal for clearing obstacles (and neighbours) with minimal effort. Caution: ACME accepts no responsibility for collateral damage.

2. Instant Hole Drilling Kit

Price: £34.50

Specifications:

- Drill diameter: Adjustable 0.01–5.00 m
- Depth capacity: Unlimited (hole appears, disappears)
- Power source: Quantum-flux battery (recharge time: 2 hours)
- Weight: 4.2 kg
- Includes: 1 drill head, 2 safety goggles, 5 warning labels

Blurb:

Why waste time with traditional digging when you can create a hole instantly? The Instant Hole Drilling Kit employs patented quantum tunnelling to bypass matter altogether — simply aim, pull the trigger, and watch reality obey. Perfect for escape routes, secret tunnels, or impressing the local constabulary. Warning: May temporarily warp space-time.

3. Self-Inflating Cactus

Price: £22.00

Specifications:

- Height (deflated): 0.25 m
- Height (inflated): 1.20 m
- Material: Self-expanding polyurethane
- Inflation time: 3.2 seconds
- Sharpness rating: Level 11 out of 10

Blurb:

Introducing the Self-Inflating Cactus — perfect for the traveller who enjoys a prickly surprise. This botanical imposter remains compact for transport, then inflates at the push of a button, providing both shade and severe irritation to any unsuspecting passer-by. Ideal for desert ambushes or decorating your garden with minimal effort.

4. Portable Tornado Generator

Price: £149.75

Specifications:

- Dimensions (collapsed): 0.50 m × 0.50 m × 0.20 m
- Dimensions (active): Up to 10 m diameter vortex
- Power output: 5.0 MW
- Wind speed: 150 km/h
- Activation time: 12 seconds

Blurb:

Weather on demand — the Portable Tornado Generator brings the power of nature to your fingertips. Whether you need to clear a field, disrupt enemy formations, or simply spice up your afternoon tea, this device creates a controlled tornado in under 15 seconds. Not recommended for indoor use.

5. All-Weather Rubber Band

Price: £3.99

Specifications:

- Elasticity: Stretch ratio 1:50
- Temperature tolerance: -40°C to +250°C
- Tensile strength: 150 N
- Material: Reinforced vulcanised elastomer

Blurb:

A rubber band so resilient it laughs in the face of thermodynamics. Whether you're securing cargo on Everest or fastening tools in a volcanic crater, the All-Weather Rubber Band won't budge. Guaranteed to outlast both your expedition and your sanity.

6. Explosive Bird Seed

Price: £12.50

Specifications:

- Net weight: 500 g
- Explosion yield: Equivalent to 0.25 g TNT per seed
- Activation: Contact with bird saliva
- Shelf life: 2 years

Blurb:

Feed the local wildlife — and watch them fly. ACME Explosive Bird Seed is a delightfully destructive treat designed for pest control with panache. Scatter generously and let physics handle the rest. Suitable for crows, pigeons, and particularly ill-advised robins.

7. Inflatable Iron Maiden

Price: £64.20

Specifications:

- Dimensions (packed): 0.60 m × 0.60 m × 0.20 m
- Dimensions (inflated): 2.00 m × 1.00 m × 1.00 m
- Material: Industrial-grade PVC
- Inflation time: 6 seconds

Blurb:

The classic medieval torture device, now portable. The Inflatable Iron Maiden offers all the intimidation factor without the logistical nightmare. Inflate within seconds to deter door-to-door salespeople or unwanted relatives. Deflation requires a specialised ACME deflation key (sold separately).

8. Automated Dynamite Dispenser

Price: £98.60

Specifications:

- Capacity: 10 sticks
- Dispensing speed: 1 stick every 2 seconds
- Safety interlock: None
- Weight: 7.8 kg

Blurb:

Why handle dynamite yourself when you can have a machine do it for you? Our Automated Dynamite Dispenser loads sticks at alarming speed, ideal for demolition projects requiring a touch of chaos. Disclaimer: ACME cannot be held liable for unintended property destruction.

9. Self-Aiming Hammer

Price: £45.00

Specifications:

- Weight: 1.2 kg

- Impact force: Adjustable up to 2,500 N
- Targeting accuracy: $\pm 2^\circ$
- Power source: Kinetic auto-calibration

Blurb:

For those who never quite hit the nail on the head, the Self-Aiming Hammer does it for you. Utilising micro-gyroscopic sensors, this hammer adjusts mid-swing to ensure precision impact — with occasionally humorous consequences. Guaranteed to never miss your thumb again.

10. Acoustic Scream Amplifier

Price: £27.30

Specifications:

- Frequency range: 500 Hz–12 kHz
- Amplification: Up to 120 dB
- Battery life: 3 hours continuous
- Weight: 0.9 kg

Blurb:

Make your scream heard across the county with the Acoustic Scream Amplifier. Perfect for attracting attention, scaring off predators, or simply testing the structural integrity of nearby windows. Volume knob labelled: "Mild Panic" to "Mass Hysteria."

11. Perpetual Motion Toaster

Price: £59.99

Specifications:

- Power source: Self-sustaining perpetual motion core
- Toast capacity: 4 slices
- Energy output: Infinite (perpetual)
- Weight: 3.4 kg

Blurb:

Say goodbye to electricity bills and hello to breakfast for eternity. The Perpetual Motion Toaster uses ACME's patented perpetual motion core to toast indefinitely without fuel. Warning: May cause temporal anomalies in the kitchen.

12. Remote-Controlled Boulder

Price: £120.00

Specifications:

- Boulder weight: 250 kg
- Control range: 500 m
- Speed: 10 km/h
- Terrain adaptability: 97% inclines

Blurb:

Bring the thrill of rockslides to your fingertips with the Remote-Controlled Boulder. Whether you're reenacting ancient battles or simply need a rolling companion, this boulder responds to remote commands with unsettling accuracy. Batteries not included (rock-powered).

13. Quantum Anvil

Price: £199.50

Specifications:

- Mass: Variable (0.1 kg to 1000 kg)
- Quantum phase shift: Adjustable
- Dimensions: 0.30 m × 0.30 m × 0.10 m

Blurb:

Defy classical physics with the Quantum Anvil — an anvil that exists in multiple places simultaneously. Perfect for multi-taskers who need anvils on demand. Please note: Schrodinger's cat not included.

14. Emergency Banana Peel Kit

Price: £7.25

Specifications:

- Quantity: 10 peel replicas
- Material: Biodegradable slippery polymer
- Activation: Instant slick when wet

Blurb:

Keep the art of classic cartoon comedy alive with the Emergency Banana Peel Kit. Deploy these high-friction banana peel replicas to ensure dramatic slips and falls at precisely the wrong moment. Ideal for pranks or spontaneous pratfalls.

15. Shock-Absorbing Brick

Price: £14.40

Specifications:

- Weight: 2.3 kg
- Shock absorption: Up to 500 J
- Material: Memory foam-infused concrete

Blurb:

Introducing the Shock-Absorbing Brick — because falling bricks shouldn't be fatal. This brick cushions impacts without sacrificing structural integrity. Note: Not suitable for building; recommended only for defensive dropping.

16. Reverse Parachute

Price: £49.99

Specifications:

- Deployment speed: -200 km/h (ascends)
- Material: Ultra-light nylon composite
- Weight: 1.1 kg

Blurb:

Why descend safely when you can ascend unpredictably? The Reverse Parachute ensures you'll never touch the ground again — quite literally. Ideal for avoiding ground-based hazards, but not recommended near low-flying aircraft.

17. Instant Weight Gain Powder

Price: £18.75

Specifications:

- Serving size: 10 g
- Weight gain: 5 kg per serving
- Flavour: Chocolate regret

Blurb:

Achieve your weight goals in record time with Instant Weight Gain Powder. One scoop and watch your mass increase faster than your motivation. Side effects may include unexpected gravitational anomalies.

18. Self-Detonating Glue

Price: £25.00

Specifications:

- Bond strength: 120 MPa
- Detonation delay: Adjustable 0–60 seconds
- Activation: Impact-sensitive

Blurb:

Glue so strong, it sticks — then detonates. Perfect for securing items permanently, with optional explosive removal. ACME recommends caution when removing glued objects.

19. Underwater Fire Extinguisher

Price: £39.60

Specifications:

- Extinguishing medium: Compressed steam
- Operational depth: 0–100 m
- Capacity: 2.5 L

Blurb:

For those rare occasions when water won't do, use the Underwater Fire Extinguisher to extinguish fires underwater. Ingenious for submarine barbecues and aquatic bonfires. Batteries sold separately.

20. Exploding Alarm Clock

Price: £32.50

Specifications:

- Alarm volume: 200 dB
- Explosion yield: 0.1 g TNT
- Time accuracy: ± 0.01 seconds

Blurb:

Ensure you never oversleep again — the Exploding Alarm Clock provides a motivational wake-up call. At your chosen time, the alarm detonates, ensuring instant alertness. Not recommended for bedrooms.

21. Vacuum-Powered Fan

Price: £28.40

Specifications:

- Airflow: 500 m³/h (suction mode)
- Reverse mode: Fan (blower)
- Power: 150 W

Blurb:

Two devices in one: the Vacuum-Powered Fan sucks away unwanted debris and then blows it back at twice the force. Perfect for cleaning floors and simultaneously redecorating walls.

22. Portable Black Hole

Price: £499.99

Specifications:

- Event horizon diameter: 0.01 m
- Containment field: Magnetic ring
- Mass absorption rate: 1 kg/sec

Blurb:

Own your own singularity with the Portable Black Hole. Handy for disposing of garden waste, ex-partners, or existential dread. ACME recommends strict adherence to the included safety manual (page 42: Do not step near).

23. Invisibility Paint

Price: £29.99

Specifications:

- Coverage: 2 m² per 100 ml
- Drying time: 5 seconds
- Transparency level: 99.9%

Blurb:

Now you see it, now you don't — Invisibility Paint renders objects virtually invisible to the naked eye. Ideal for hiding from responsibilities, pets, and extremely persistent salespeople.

24. Magnetic Feather

Price: £15.80

Specifications:

- Length: 0.30 m
- Magnetic field strength: 2 Tesla
- Weight: 50 g

Blurb:

Light as a feather, strong as a magnet. The Magnetic Feather attracts metal objects within a 2-metre radius. Perfect for finding lost keys or unintended demolition.

25. Anti-Gravity Boots

Price: £299.95

Specifications:

- Lift capacity: Up to 100 kg
- Battery life: 45 minutes
- Weight: 2.8 kg per boot

Blurb:

Walk on air with Anti-Gravity Boots. Experience weightlessness while retaining full mobility — until the batteries die. Great for ballet dancers, spies, and anyone afraid of stairs.
