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Titanium Framing Hammer

Hammers are pretty personal tools. What feels right to one carpenter feels like a clumsy club to another. I've tried lots of hammers in the last 30 years. After trying out Stiletto's Titanium Ruger, though, I set my old hammer aside. The 14-ounce, 18-inch Stiletto has a long handle. Its large head makes it swing like a framing hammer, but it takes less than half the energy to bring it around. Some guys I know think it lacks a little punch, but not enough to make any real difference. I particularly like the Stiletto for the overhead, long-

reaching, and backhand swings that are tough for all of us but painful for the near-50 crowd. The Stiletto's magnetic nail starter holds the nail in a groove in the hammer's head for one-handed nail starting. You may think \$65 is a lot for a hammer, but considering how much better I feel at the end of the day, the price is a bargain. **Circle #230.**

Stiletto Ruger T114MC Titanium Head Hammer
Stiletto
800-987-1849
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Street price: \$64.95

