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### New Products

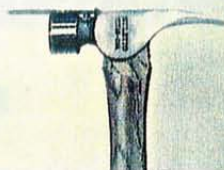
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#### **Titan—Not a Rocket, but a Hammer**

A small company in California has developed a unique hammer that is ideal for framing and general carpentry. The Titan hammer not just looks different with its 18" long hickory handle and distinctively shaped titanium head, it is different. This 12-ounce hammer is deceptive in that it hits like a 21-ounce framing hammer, which makes it a joy to use all day long. The Titan has been

designed to meet or surpass ergonomic standards currently in legislation. Because of its lightweight, the Titan will help to alleviate repetitive motion injuries such as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Tendinitis, and carpenter's elbow, as well as ease the stress of muscle and joint soreness at the end of the workday.

The Titan was actually developed by Mark Martinez (president of Stiletto Tools) working in conjunction with NASA Engineers and Ruger Investment Casting (a



division of Sturm, Ruger & Company). The unique titanium head is slotted on top and fitted with a small but powerful magnet. This configuration allows a nail to be started single handedly. Two hickory handled models are available—straight or ax shape.

Don't look for the Titan hammer locally (unless you live in Northern California) because it just isn't widely available. To place an order call 1-800-987-1849 or visit their website at [www.stiletto.com](http://www.stiletto.com). The Titan hammer sells for \$64.95 plus \$8 S&H.—DG

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