

# Gearhead



## ▲ SUPER ORANGE BOAT WASH

I can't tell you how long it takes to biodegrade or if the EPA would give it a medal, but I loved the smell, and when I put a couple of capfuls in a bucket and added water, it created thick, rewarding suds that removed grease, bird droppings and shoe prints with minimal elbow grease and the help of a soft brush. I'd give it a medal and wouldn't mind plunking down the cash for the next bottle. \$39.99; westmarine.com

## ◀ MCGARD CAR LOCK

A thief would have to remove the wheel from your trailer to steal it with this lock in place. Its caliperlike arms are tempered and hardened and lock around the tire and wheel with a Medeco lock cylinder respected by locksmiths and avoided by thieves due to its durability and the difficulty in getting keys for it. In McGard's testing, it took 15 minutes to cut one-third through the arms. Keys are available only from McGard for the authentic owner. The calipers are padded to prevent marring wheels. The Medeco lock is protected from moisture by a nylon cap — though in our tests the cap split. The lock itself is corrosion resistant, as are the arms of the entire mechanism. \$299.00; 800-669-6887



## ◀ SCANSTRUT

Clear radar returns are dependent on a clear view of the horizon, and this was given by the PowerTower radar strut by Scanstrut and the four-degree wedge that adjusted for the running angle of my boat. In two hours, including filling old holes and restringing the power feed through the strut's watertight grommets (eliminating yet another hole in the hardtop), the 150 mm-high, 6-inch-square base gave me a sharp-looking, secure mount for the radome and a clearer image of the water forward of the boat. \$368.10; jamestowndistributors.com

## ▼ Z BLOK

The long-term effects of PABA-based sunscreens are still not clearly understood. So Z Blok uses zinc oxide to block sun, and some experts consider it to be safer than PABA. Z Blok takes longer to rub in, but it prevented burn all day and didn't burn my eyes. \$14.95; zbloksun.com



## ▲ ZIPVAC

Anglers, scallopers and lobster hunters all hope to bring home their prize and save it for an upcoming feast. The value pack features 64 various dishwasher-safe resealable freezer bags with a vacuum valve and hand pump to remove all oxygen from around your fish or other food. Doing so ensures its freshness for weeks instead of days. \$49.99; zip-vac.com



## ◀ ROGUE 2 FLASHLIGHT

Two AA batteries give 72 hours of useful light on this nearly indestructible light by Icon. A 10-lumen setting for chart-table use or a 100-lumen setting for reaching out to distant obstacles pops on at the second snap of the ergonomic tail-cap switch. At the price, you'd hate to lose it, but a neck lanyard lessens the chance. \$47.99; myiconlight.com



## ▲ LULU TUBE RIDE

Ever wanted to be able to steer your tube like a slalom ski? Well, as with a slalom ski, there's a learning curve to this ride, but it's a pure, unadulterated hoot. Its tow point is centered on the bottom of the tube, so when you lean to the left or right to engage the steering fins, the tube turns. You have to quickly center your balance again or it will spin 180 degrees — which is pretty exciting on its own. From 90-pound kids to 200-pound adults, our family had a hilarious time on this ride. \$179.95; amazon.com

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