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Fishing & Marine Accessories



You know to carry accessories. To ensure you have the latest, most popular accessories, FTR gives you the hottest products for 2009.

Rod Covers

Stick Jacket

Made of braided polyethylene filaments, these rod covers slide easily off rods, but when hung from one end and tension is applied, they grip the rod to hold it in place. The covers are impervious to mold and mildew, won't retain water and come in casting or spinning models and in several different colors.

» www.stickjacket.com;
630-737-1910

Serac

Leatherman

These keychain and pocket-sized LED lights pack a huge punch in a small package. Available in three models — S1, S2 and S3 — the lights deliver hours of use, come with machined aluminum reflectors in addition to having an antireflective-coated glass lens.

» www.leatherman.com



Skeletool

Leatherman

Don't let this tool's bantam weight, 5 ounces, fool you. The full-size Skeletool comes with a stainless steel knife blade, pliers, bit driver, removable pocket clip and a carabiner/bottle opener. The tool also includes four screwdriver bits.

» www.leatherman.com

Option 50 & 60

Gerber

This pair of minilights comes with Gerber's Omnivore Interchangeable Battery Technology, allowing users to choose between AAA, AA or CR123 batteries. They are made of aircraft-grade type II hard anodized aluminum and also come with a protective sheath.

» www.gerbergear.com



Splice & Vise

Gerber

These mini multitools are loaded with options. They both come with two blades, a bottle opener and have larger nail nicks for easier opening. Each multitool also comes with a hideaway lanyard.

» www.gerbergear.com



Utility Tool

2Handee

What looks like an oversized pair of nail clippers is actually a multitool containing a knife, sharpening stone, hook disgorger, jig eye buster, crank-bait tuner and braided line cutters.

» 859-223-2277



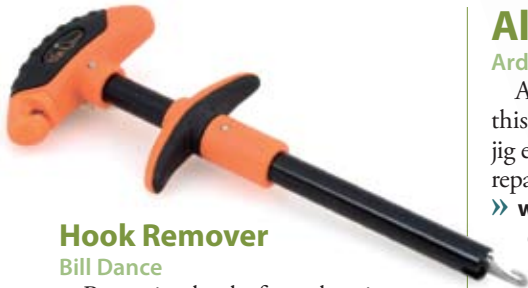
All-In-One Rigger Tool

Ardent

A multipurpose offering if ever there was one, this tool contains a line clipper, hook sharpener, jig eye cleaner, razor blade, line-threader and backlash repair tool. It also comes with a lanyard and a belt clip.

» www.ardentoutdoors.com;

660-395-9200



Hook Remover

Bill Dance

Removing hooks from deep inside a bass' mouth is never fun, but the Bill Dance Hook Remover makes it safer for anglers and fish alike. A metal hook on the spring-loaded tool allows anglers to grip the hook and twist it free with minimal damage. It also has a line cutter recessed into the handle.

» www.lurennet.com; 479-782-8971



HotWire Line Cutter

Berkley TEC

These line cutters provide two functions: cutting all types of line without leaving a fray and cauterizing torn soft plastics for reuse. The battery-operated device has a replaceable tungsten tip that heats up instantly to 1,200 degrees and retracts when not in use and an LED task light for low-light needs.

» www.berkley-fishing.com; 800-237-5539



Smart Cull System

Ardent

This cull system comes with six balls attached to 9 inches of a vinyl-coated stainless steel cable and clips that fasten to the fish's mouth. Each of the balls is a different color and has an adjustable dial on which to click in the weight of the fish after it has been weighed.

» www.ardentoutdoors.com;

660-395-9200



Magnum Xpress Line Stripper

Berkley TEC

This line stripper hums at 10,000 rpm and can strip 300 yards of line in 40 seconds. It can handle lines up to 300-pound test and is entirely water-repellent.

» www.berkley-fishing.com; 800-237-5539

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Swim Bait Repair Kit

Spike-It

This kit provides anglers with everything needed to repair soft plastic swim-baits. The kit includes one bottle of Fix-A-Lure glue, two bottles of Worm and Chunk Paint (red and black) and 40 assorted glue-on 3-D eyes, including glow-in-the-dark, holographic and glitter eyes. The Fix-A-Lure glue is also sold separately.

» www.ispikeit.com;
912-842-2653



Lure Catcher

Daiwa

The weighted Lure Catcher slips onto an angler's fishing line, and when lowered to a snagged hook or lure, a simple jerk of the line ensures that one of the catcher's chain links finds the exposed hook. The device comes with a 45-foot cord and a storage reel.

» www.daiwa.com;
562-802-9589

ZipVac

CTI

The ZipVac Portable Food Storage system can be used in a variety of ways, such as protecting boat valuables and clothing from wet weather. The system employs reusable, zippered bags of several sizes and a handheld, rechargeable vacuum pump that removes air and seals the bag and its contents.

» www.zip-vac.com;
614-433-7006



Universal Electronics Lock

Durasafe

This lock takes the worry out of leaving your expensive LCDs and GPS units on the boat by replacing one of the units' bracket knobs and securing the unit to the bracket.

» www.durasafelocks.com;
262-544-5615



Split Ring Pliers

Eagle Claw

The Lazer Tools line now includes a combination split-ring pliers/braid cutter on a stainless steel frame with molded hand grips. The pliers, which come with a sheath, feature cutters that can easily slice through braid.

» www.fishlazer.com;
720-941-8700



Fishing Journal

J.L. Darling Corp.

These spiral-bound notepads allow anglers to make logbook entries in the field without fear of ink smearing on the paper. The journals are also offered in kits that include a Cordura cover.

» www.riteintherain.com;
253-922-5000



Card Deck

Top Brass Tackle

Remember playing "Go Fish" when you were young? This new card deck features realistic watercolor illustrations by Chris Armstrong that will help kids learn to identify 13 different species of fish while they play.

» www.topbrastackle.com;
662-323-1559



Tackle Rac

Gator Grip

Offered in five colors and 9-, 12- and 18-inch sizes, the anodized aluminum rack can be permanently mounted anywhere in the boat to provide easy access to hand tools, line clippers and other accessories.

» www.gatorgrip.com;
317-789-9103



Mighty Gripper

Turboset

The Mighty Gripper mouth spreader pliers help hold bass' mouths open while you retrieve a hook or lure. The lightweight, floating pliers have an adjustable gripping spike to hold the mouth open.

» www.afdturboset.com;
866-925-2005

Tournament Culling System

Quikslide

Featuring seven multicolor-coded, 3-inch locking stainless steel snaps, a carrier, one acrylic culling board and a waterproof marker, this culling system will likely find a home on many anglers' boats.

» www.quikslide.com;
480-983-1753