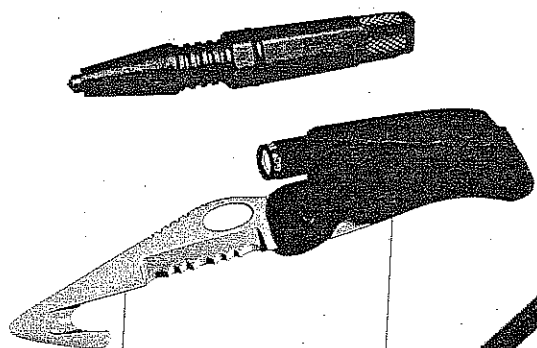


Sharp Objects

These delightfully modern and frequently dangerous gadgets bring new meaning to the term "cutting edge."

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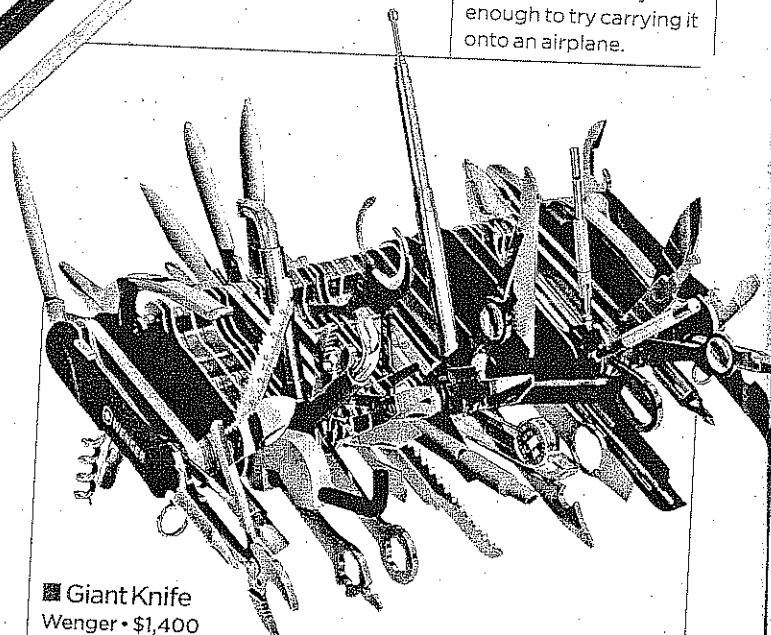


■ **SL6 Rescue Tool**

Tool Logic • \$40
This lightweight, multifunction rescue knife might just save a life, and it has the added benefit of looking cool in the glove compartment. Its serrated folding blade curves into a hook that'll shred a seat belt, should you ever need to pull someone from flaming wreckage, and its opposite tip will smash auto glass, in the event that the flaming wreckage is your own car. A waterproof flashlight and whistle round out the emergency functionality. All it's missing is the Jaws of Life, but that's just as well. You shouldn't try to hog all the glory.

■ **Big Bang Grenade Sword Cane**

Empire Swords • \$30
It's the ultimate conversation starter: a 34-inch walking cane that's topped by a defused military-surplus grenade. Concealed within the cane's shaft is the ultimate conversation ender: a stainless-steel sword that you unsheathe by unscrewing the grenade. What's truly useful is the compass that's revealed by pulling the pin. The cane's marketing copy matter-of-factly states that it can be used as a bludgeon without the sword drawn, which begs the question: Who would start trouble with someone carrying a grenade cane? Well, unless you're crazy enough to try carrying it onto an airplane.

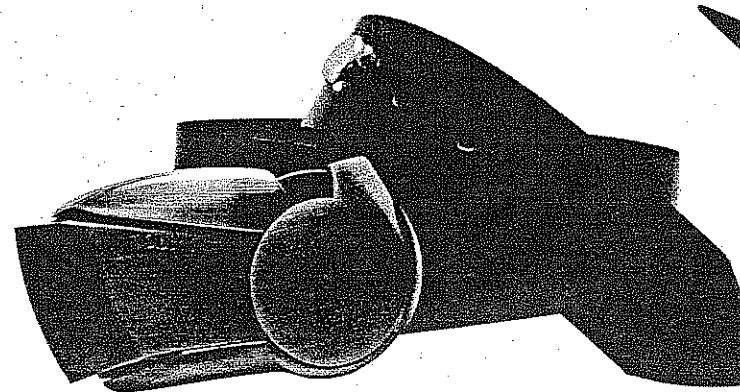


■ **Giant Knife**

Wenger • \$1,400
This two-pound, almost nine-inch-wide mother of all Swiss Army knives is the ultimate weapon of mass construction, with 87 tools capable of more than 140 functions. It's got screwdrivers, bike wrenches, golf gadgets, saws, bottle openers, pliers, wire strippers, knives, a laser pointer, nail clippers—everything you need to conquer a small country, assemble its IKEA furniture, and give every citizen a manicure. If you prefer a pocket knife that, you know, fits in your pocket, downsize to Victorinox's SwissChamp XAVT, a \$435 alternative that's half the size but gets the job done.

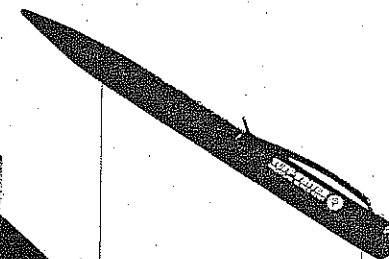
■ **Tactical Wallet**

TMT Wallets • \$125
Think of it as a Fort Knox for your back pocket. This wallet is milled in America from sturdy aluminum, and shielded from scanning devices that identity thieves wield to steal credit-card information. In addition to a built-in compass, ink pen, tweezers, toothpick, glass-breaking nub, self-defense striking edge, and cash and credit-card clips, the waterproof wallet contains two secret compartments for squirreling away personal items—which means you can whip it out without fear of your date seeing telltale



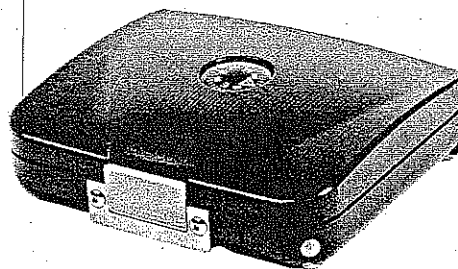
■ **Sundial Leather Belt**

Obscure Belts • \$125
This line of leather belts, crafted by a sculptor who sought inspiration from both the great outdoors and heavy machinery, offers the perfect merging of form and function. Each buckle has a special locking mechanism that cinches the belt tight without stretching it, as conventional belt pins do. The company promises that its patent-pending buckle helps leather last 50 percent longer than other belts. We can't vouch for that claim yet, but we do know that the Sundial (seen here in satin gunmetal) will look great while it holds up your pants.

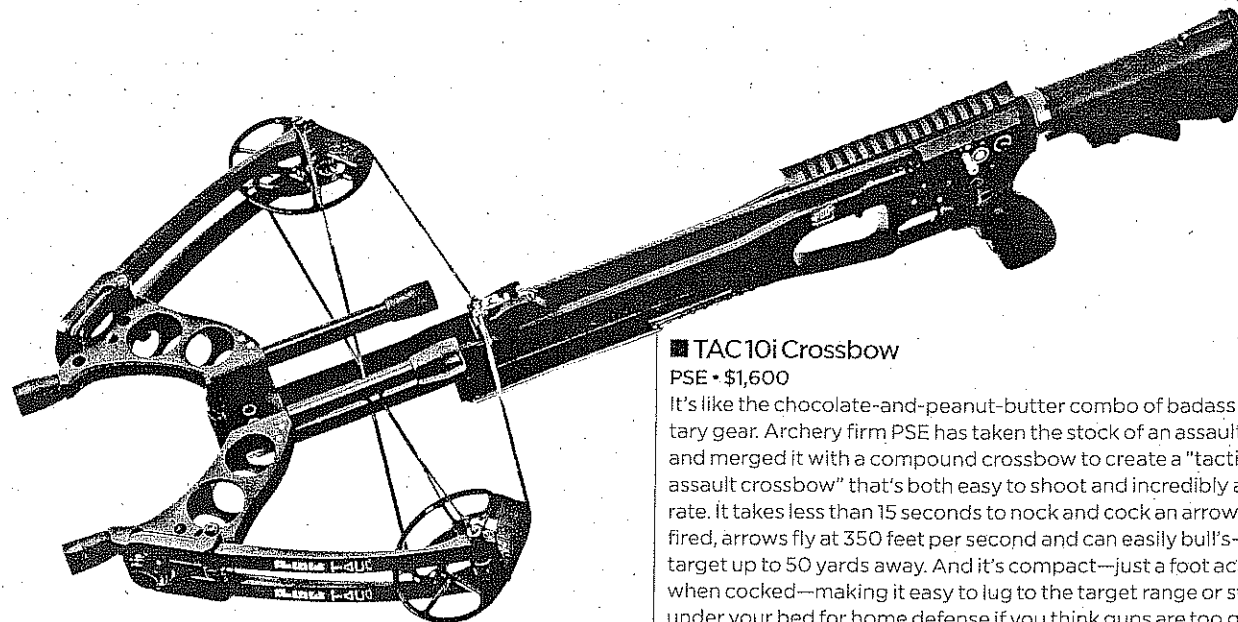


■ **Frontline Pens**

Tuff-Writer • \$80
Defend yourself in any hostile work environment with this series of ballpoint pens, which write right either in the boardroom or on the battlefield. The pressurized ink cartridges last three times longer than that of your average pen, and function in boiling, freezing, and high-altitude environments. But the true tough-guy charm lies in the no-slip grip and the sleek shell of aircraft aluminum, strong enough to defend your honor if deals get dirty. The necklace sheath (sold separately for \$25) keeps the pen quick on the draw, but diminishes its badassitude.



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■ **TAC10i Crossbow**

PSE • \$1,600
It's like the chocolate-and-peanut-butter combo of badass military gear. Archery firm PSE has taken the stock of an assault rifle and merged it with a compound crossbow to create a "tactical assault crossbow" that's both easy to shoot and incredibly accurate. It takes less than 15 seconds to nock and cock an arrow. Once fired, arrows fly at 350 feet per second and can easily bull's-eye a target up to 50 yards away. And it's compact—just a foot across when cocked—making it easy to lug to the target range or store under your bed for home defense if you think guns are too girly.