DNA Knowledge Base

Fun with tools

Tool fun - all credit to the original authors [unkown and they want to keep it that way]...
1. DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted part you were waiting to dry.
2. WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench at the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "SH**!!!"
3. ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age [John]...
4. PLIERS: Used to round off hexagonal bolt heads.
5. HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle: It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.
6. VICE GRIPS: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand [Pete]...
7. OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for setting various flammable objects in your shed on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a wheel hub you're trying to get the bearing race out of.
8. WHITWORTH SPANNERS: Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 12mm or 14mm you've been searching for.
9. HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering a vehicle to the ground after you have installed your new disk brake pads, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bullbar.

10. 100x50 HARDWOOD WALL STUD : Used to attempt to lever a vehicle off a hydraulic jack handle.

11. TWEEZERS: A tool for removing splinters of wood, especially hardwood.
12. TELEPHONE: Tool for calling your neighbour to see if he has another hydraulic floor jack [Brad]...
13. GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for removing dog faeces from your boots.
14. E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit [Davo]
15. TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of bolts and fuel lines you forgot to disconnect.

16. BIG SCREWDRIVER: A large prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on one end.
17. AVIATION SNIPS: See hacksaw.

18. TROUBLE LIGHT: The home builder's own tanning booth. Sometimes called drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.
19. PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used as a hole punch or crowbar; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off the interiors of Phillips screw heads.

20. AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 kilometres away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to an pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 70 years ago by someone, and rounds them off.

21. PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.
22. HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to cut hoses 10mm too short.

23. HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer is now used as a divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object you are trying to hit.
24. MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing upholstered items, chrome-plated metal, plastic parts and the hand not holding the knife.
25. ANGLE GRINDER: Designed for the purpose of seeing your own living bone as it begins to dry and scab over [Harry]...
26. CHAINSAW: A machine that checks whether you have enough band aids in the first aid kit, and guarantees that you don't [Jim H]...
27. TOOLBOX: A container for every possible tool known to mankind, except the one you are looking for [Al]...
27a. SHIFTER: Tool that replaces the tool required under rule 27, and rounds off anything not previously rounded off [Al]...

28. FILE: For filing flats onto all objects that had flat surfaces before being rounded. Laws of physics guarantee that new flat surface is smaller and weaker than previously rounded flat surface [Bryan]...
29. COLD CHISEL: Tool of last resort, used for trying to turn remainder of protruding round bolt head, usually resulting in bolt head joining the one redistributed by rule 2 [Dean]...

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