

Team Losi Race wrenches and nut drivers

TEAM LOSI HAS RELEASED A SET OF TOOLS that will surely be the envy of all your race buddies. Their handles are beautifully machined of hard-anodized aluminum and feature a dark-bronze finish. The replaceable gold-color tips are machined from chromium steel and then treated with titanium nitride to resist wear.

I've been using these tools for a couple of months, and they work superbly. Even the most stubborn thread-locked screws come out without any signs of tip wear. The grooved handles fit nicely in my hand and provide plenty of grip without cutting into my hands, and the tips fit precisely. The tools for small fasteners have equivalently sized handles, so you're less likely to over-torque them and damage the car or truck you're working on. Unlike other tools, the sizes on the Losi tools are easy to see because they're printed clearly on the color-coded handle caps.

The race wrenches are available individually in four metric and four standard sizes: 1.5, 2, 2.5 and 3mm and 0.050, 1/16, 5/64 and 3/32 inch, and the nut drivers are available in four standard sizes: 3/16, 1/4, 11/32 and 3/8 inch. Metric and standard sets are also available, each with a fitted plastic case. —Paul Onorato

Team Losi race wrenches/nut drivers—LOSA99104 (U.S.), LOSA99109 (metric)/LOSA99150; \$45/\$50.

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Extreme Standz Y-Factor work stand

THE Y-FACTOR WORK STAND BY EXTREME STANDZ has a versatile design that works with almost every RC car as well as RC boats. It's made of four thick ABS plastic pieces that easily support the weight of heavy monster trucks, yet it's still light enough to tote back and forth from the track. Depending on how you assemble the stand, it's designed to hold a car right-side up, upside-down and at an angle; just insert small extensions between

the parts, and the width of the stand is adjustable to fit the car. A large, divided parts tray with a magnetic strip can be snapped onto the stand to help you keep track of car parts. Rubber feet on the bottom of each of the four main pieces ensure that the stand stays planted on your workbench and keeps the vehicle in place when it's being wrenched on. The parts snap together securely and don't come apart unless you pull them apart.

The stand held my XTM Mammoth without any problems, and I could quickly rearrange the stand to fit my TC3. When the Y-Factor isn't being used, it comes apart easily and can be stored in the included storage bag. As of now, the stand is available in red (shown) and blue; Extreme Standz plans to add more colors soon. —Paul Onorato ■

Extreme Standz Y-Factor work stand—\$22.

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