

Kit & Tools

New products, tools and tests



Summer is traditionally a time to get those garden projects sorted, but having built an extension a couple of years ago, the amount of mud and rubble that I dug out and piled in the garden means that I now own the European mud mountain! The mission for my autumn holiday [holiday, Andy? – JB] is to try to flatten it out... I wonder if I can convince my wife that a ‘rubbly’ is better than a rockery?

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HoneRite Gold

Controlling rust in a climate that swings as much as ours can be a tricky business, especially if you work out of a draughty shed or garage with no insulation or heating. Not to fear though – Shield

Technology has some really clever innovations up its sleeve, such as the HoneRite Gold.

“Oil or WD40 does the same thing!” I hear you cry, and indeed it does. But remarkably, this stuff comes as a concentrate and is mixed with water to make the solution, so you have a product made from, and able to dispel, the one thing that causes the problems in the first place! The solution is non viscous and being predominantly water once mixed, it’s very thin, so if you use it for diamond or ceramic stones it cuts very quickly and you can feel the bite of the stone immediately. It’s even recommended for Japanese water stones, so it can be used as the soaking solution prior to use.

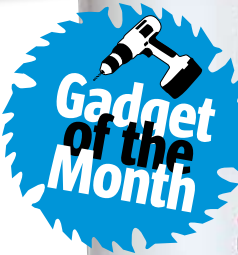
While it works superbly as a cutting fluid to keep a stone free of swarf, the clever bit is its ability to inhibit rust. By wrapping a couple of tools up in saturated paper, one with ordinary tap water, the other in HoneRite Gold and both left overnight, the results show for themselves, with spots of corrosion forming on one and the other completely free. You shouldn’t have to be told which one is which!

At nearly £20 for 250ml, it might sound expensive, but this will make 6l of fluid, which is exceptional value compared to a proprietary fluid. What’s more, you won’t leave oily residues anywhere, and you have the added bonus of rust protection. This is ideal if you use a diamond stone, where water can quickly lift the nickel plating and ruin the stone if left on it for any length of time. 🛠️

Rating ★★★★★

Typical price: £17.23

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▲ The 25mm (bottom) chisel is wrapped in water-soaked paper, the 32mm in HoneRite Gold-soaked paper



▲ The results after 24 hours are very evident!

Prices

Our product prices reflect typical values as we go to press. We cannot guarantee these prices, though, and thoroughly recommend that you shop around.

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Awarded to an excellent performer that offers great value for money



Awarded to an item that stands out as a top performer in its field

How we rate...

- ★ Don't get your hopes up or your wallet out!
- ★★ Well, it works but really needs improvement
- ★★★ Performs well, but you will find better
- ★★★★ Great performance and value for money
- ★★★★★ So good, even Andy would get his wallet out!