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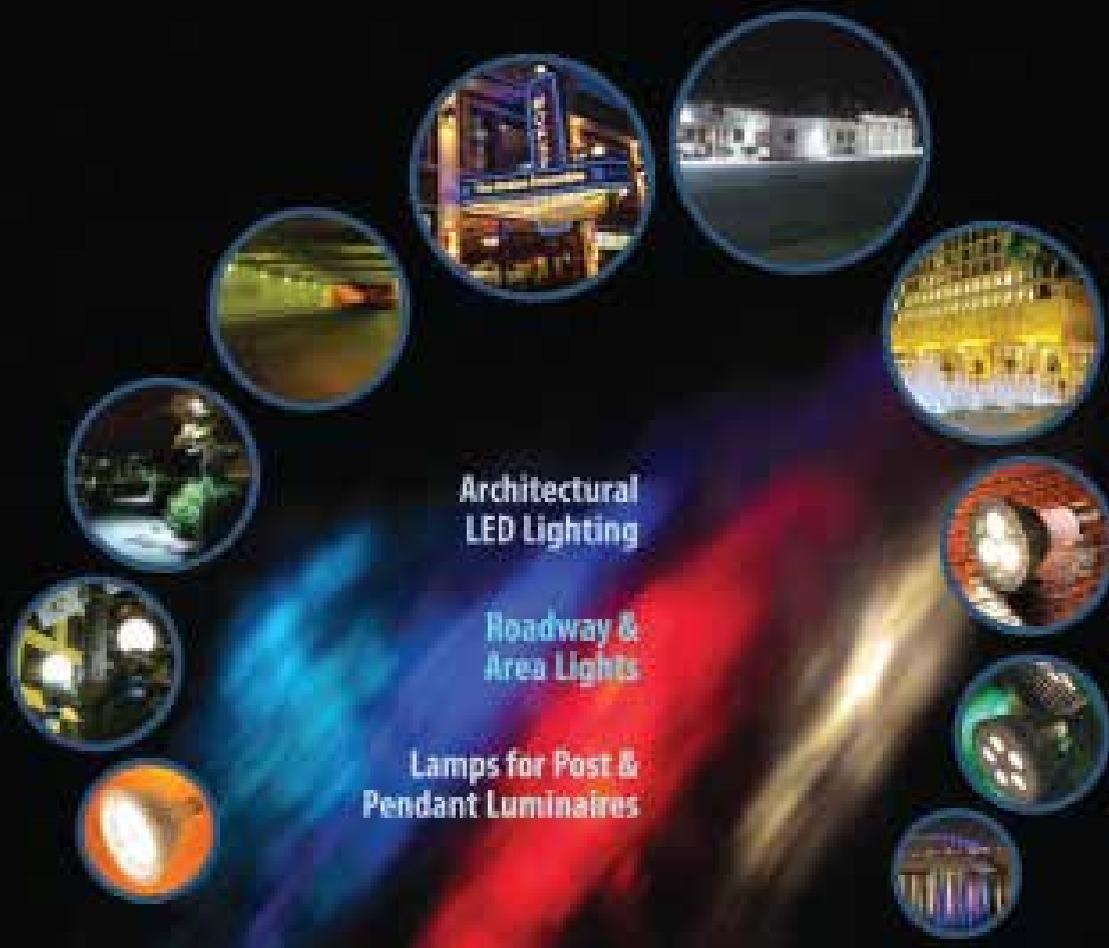
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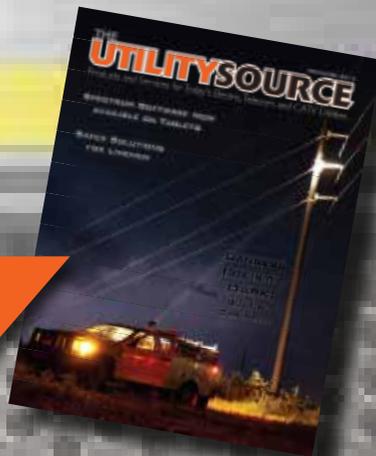
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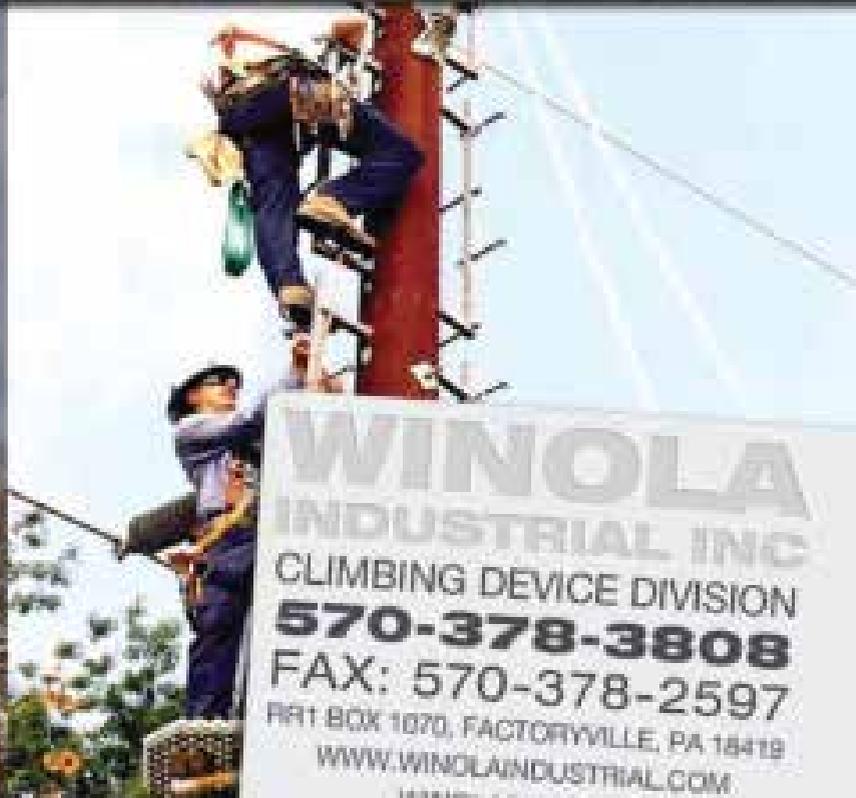
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Studies indicate that accidents are 30% more likely to occur at night. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics electrical power-line installers and repairers suffered 22 fatal injuries, with over half of those attributed to contact with electric current, and 2680 non-fatal injuries in 2010. 11.6% of those non-fatal accidents occurred between the hours of 8p.m and 8a.m. When one considers the proportion of day/night work that takes place, that statistic is even more alarming.

A study commissioned by NECA (National Electric Contractors Association) and performed by the University of Colorado set out to identify the risks associated with transmission and

distribution work and the safety protocols associated with them in a cost/benefit framework. The study concluded that, though the costs associated with worker injuries and fatalities are substantial, certain safety interventions, most notably de-energizing line prior to work are not financially sound. The article also identified certain activities that are deemed to be the most dangerous. Of those, operating equipment near energized power lines, climbing poles and operating aerial lifts were at the top of the risk ladder.

The most effective injury prevention strategy, as defined by the aforementioned study, and one that happens to be a cost effective tool is “following safety procedures and regulations set by regulatory bodies”, notably the NESC and OSHA. Considering the risk associated with operating equipment in the vicinity of power lines and the prevalence of night time injuries one would assume that these regulatory bodies would have ample verbiage concerning equipment lighting. A quick look at the literature,

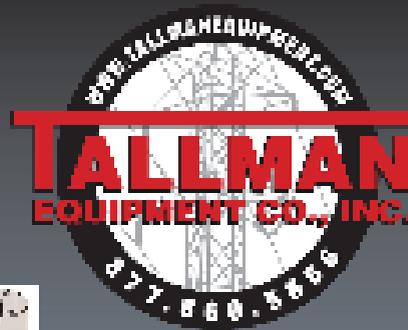
however, proves the contrary. OSHA weighs in on lighting in regard to the transmission and distribution field with one succinct sentence: “Sufficient lighting shall be provided to enable the employee to perform the work safely.”

Lighting on a vehicle easily satisfies the cost portion of the cost benefit analysis, especially when looked at in relation to an intervention like de-energizing line. And the actual cost of not selling power for the duration of whatever repair is taking place probably pales in comparison the onslaught of angry phone calls from customers who are accustomed to continuous electricity delivery. “Sufficient”, though, is the tricky aspect of that well meaning if vague mandate. Light, it can be agreed upon, is important, but light and sufficient light are different animals. And sufficient light is only sufficient when it is directed properly and if the work area is large or varied, then light is only sufficient when it can easily be redirected.

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Golight offers a number of different light sources as well. The lights were originally based around a halogen system. However as technologies have advanced the company has utilized light sources alternative to halogen for various applications. For instance, Golight now offers the HID Stryker. The HID version of this light emits the most light in terms of intensity of any in the Golight line and meters out at an impressive Peak Beam Intensity of 550,000 candela with a Max Beam Distance of 4,865 ft.

Max Beam Distance is a pretty self explanatory statistic,

it simply measures the greatest distance at which a light source will illuminate an object. Candela may require a little more explanation. According to Colt Hosick, Product Development Director at Golight, “Peak Beam Intensity is the most important lighting statistic in terms of spot-lights because it measures the effectiveness of the light source in its ability to project light onto an object. For a reference point, standard automotive headlights on high beam typically measure 100,000 candela.”

Golight is a charter member of the Portable Light American Trade Organization (P.L.A.T.O.), the group that ratified the material to be presented to ANSI that led to the FL1 2009 lighting standard. A quick snapshot of those standards is as follows: Peak Beam Intensity and Max Beam Distance have been covered that leaves Lumens and Max Run Time. Lumens refer to the gross light output of a light source but have little bearing on the ability of that light source to illuminate an object at distance; that is where reflector and optics packages come into play. Max Run Time is simply the amount of time a light source will emit light under battery power.

Golight also offers a line of LED lights, both manually adjustable work lights and its proprietary line of remote control lights. LEDs are an important light source for a few reasons. First, LEDs have an extremely long life span, up to 50,000 hrs. Second, when

harnessed effectively LEDs can provide an incredibly intense light source. And finally, by comparison to traditional light sources such as halogen, LEDs are very efficient in regard to power consumptions versus light output.

Power consumption on utility vehicles has long been a concern, but it is becoming ever more so as Hybrid Gas/Diesel-Electric vehicles enter the utility market in the Medium and Heavy Duty market. Not only do such vehicle’s manufacturers contend that they offer increased fuel efficiency, to the tune of \$6700 per truck per year, and pollution reduction, but the Federal Government may make hybrid-electric vehicles even more prevalent. Late last year the DOE issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that will allow for electric and hybrid electric vehicles in qualifying fleets to be candidates for credit under the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.



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For many years, linemen and first responders have devoted valuable time and resources dealing with unruly vines and unexpected power disruptions. Fast-growing and hard-to-kill “potato” vines and various types of kudzu often wrap around utility poles and then get tangled up in primary and secondary conductors on top of transformers. When they go to ground, they often blow a fuse, knocking out power for customers.

Until now linemen relied on the end of extendo’s and switch sticks. These tools only have one prong on the end of them and are not designed to pull down big clumps of vines safely or efficiently.

MADI has introduced the DEVINER™, a vine removal utility tool that offers a quick and efficient way to safely remove vines and other vegetation away from power lines. Vines and other vegetation can cause serious power outages and service interruptions. It also works great for hooking tag lines, breaking ice, removing tree limbs, clearing vegetation at the pole base of a transmission tower,

fishing down wires from trees and removing vacant bird nest debris.

The DEVINER™ is constructed of fiberglass reinforced nylon for maximum strength and safety and has an aluminum base for a strong secure fit. This tool is lightweight, non-conductive, corrosion resistant, and works with ALL universal tool fittings found on hot sticks.

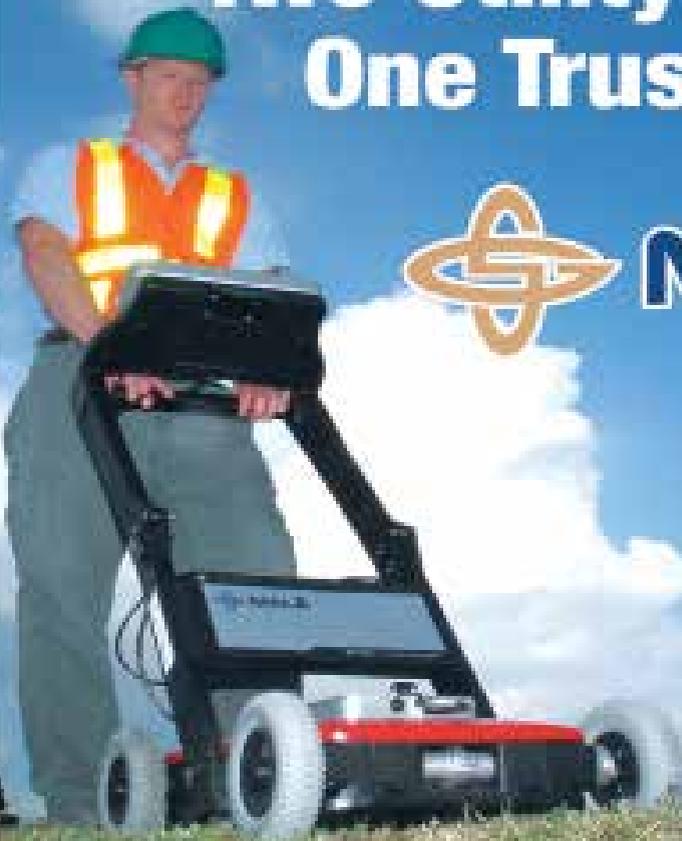
Using the tool is simple, the linemen put the Deviner on the end of their switch stick or an insulated stick. They can then adjust to any angle depending on whether they are on the ground or are stripping vines out of a bucket. The linemen then use the tool to grab the vines at the top and pull them down. Once approved by safety and standard departments, the tool can be used immediately in the field due to its simplicity and versatility.

So far, the linemen have found that the tool is durable and has withstood heavy usage. In addition, it effectively grabs well, and it’s not conductive, which is useful when working with energized conductors.

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MADI has also launched the Penta Socket Driver featuring the new Speed SleeveTM.

The Penta Socket Driver can be utilized in any ½” drive wrench. The Penta Socket Driver will remove or install any standard hand hole or switch gear penta bolt quickly and easily. This is perfect when space is limited and the tough angle calls for a ratcheting wrench or impact wrench. The socket is impact rated for torque and also comes with a 3/8” drill adapter enabling it to be used with any 3/8” or larger drill driver. The drill adapter snaps in place and is held securely in the tool, but is also removable when the driver is to be used with a ratchet wrench or impact driver.

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Information provided and written by Ralph Stinson, a lineman with over 40 years of experience at Tampa Electric in Tampa, Florida.

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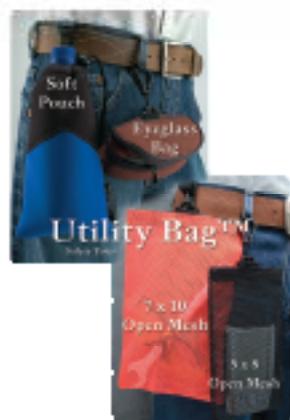
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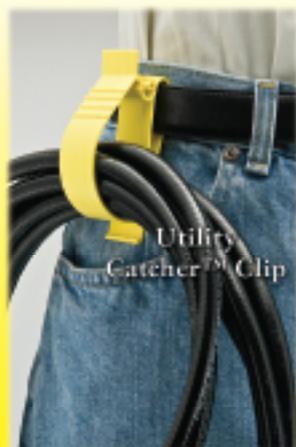
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Announces Support for Tablets with Cloud-based Spectrum Construction Software



Construction management software provider Dexter + Chaney announced that their Spectrum® Construction Software is now fully compatible with tablet computing platforms. This announcement follows the recent release of Spectrum version 14, the industry's first construction management software to support a complete browser-based user interface.

“Use of tablets and other mobile devices is accelerating in the construction industry,” said John Chaney, president and co-founder. “In our redesign of Spectrum to support browser-based cloud deployment, we made a conscious decision to build a user interface that worked as well on a tablet in the field as it did on a workstation in the office.”

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Users can access Spectrum software from any connected device, and configure their screens for optimal use on the different devices they use. "All of our screens were designed with the dimensions of the most popular tablet platforms in mind," said Chaney. "The ability to expand, collapse, and resize windows let users experience Spectrum the way they want to, anywhere, on any device."

About Dexter + Chaney

Dexter + Chaney has been providing complete construction management software for more than 30 years. From the office to the field, from accounting to project management, Dexter + Chaney software is used by more than 1,000 companies. Their clients come from all segments of the industry - heavy highway and utility, general contractors, electrical, mechanical, and specialty subcontractors - and are companies of all sizes, from locally owned subcontractors to some of the world's largest construction firms. Every client is different, and the modularity and flexibility of Dexter + Chaney software allows customers to create a software solution that suits their needs and works the way they do. For more information about Dexter + Chaney's products and services, contact Wayne Newitts, Marketing Director, Dexter + Chaney, 9700 Lake City Way NE, Seattle, WA, 98115-2347; phone: 800-875-1400 or 206-364-1400; fax: 206-367-9613; email: info@dexterchaney.com; www.dexterchaney.com.

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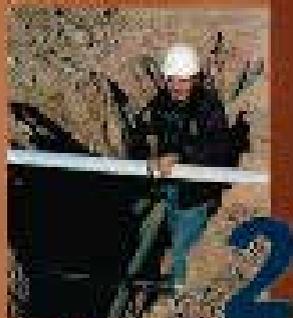
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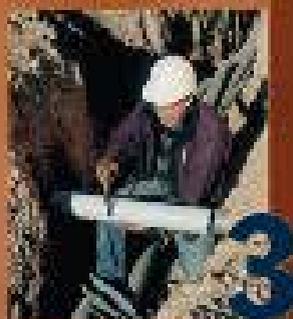
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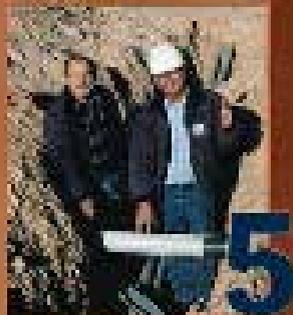
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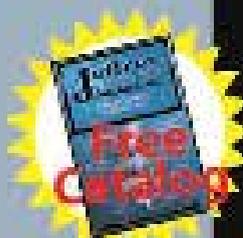
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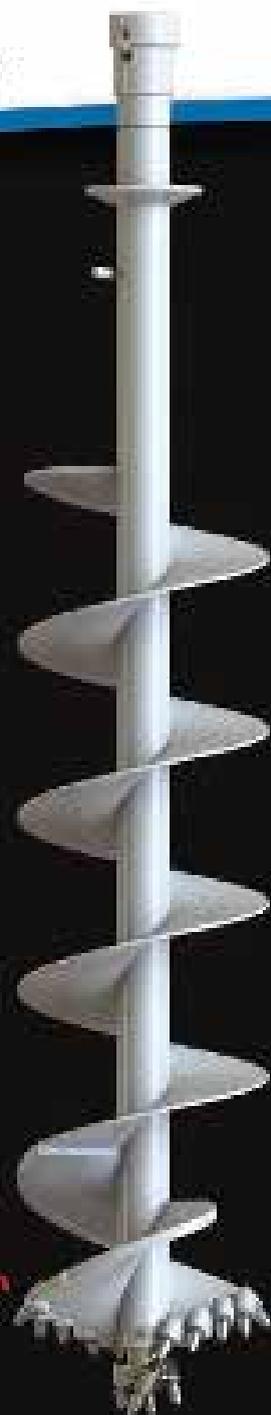
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