

Seriously, folks, Gear Technology's

2007 Holiday Buyer's Guide

We love gears. We love talking about gears, writing about gears and examining gears. If you're reading this cover to cover, it's a safe bet you feel the same way. We also love collecting information for *Gear Technology's* holiday buyer's guide. Call us sentimental.

Will the 2007 holiday season be another year of scented candles, coffee-table books, sweaters and tube socks? Not if we can help it. Those in the know can turn the holiday season upside down with these gear-related T-shirts, toys and other goodies sure to please every member of the family:

Playskool Busy Basic Gears: The wee ones can enjoy a hands-on exploration with this play set featuring electronic gears, flashing lights and songs. If it makes too much noise, the Addendum staff isn't opposed to wrapping it up and giving it to your brother's or sister's kids come Christmas morning. \$14.99 and available at www.hasbrotoys.com.

Wooden Clock Kits: Want a project at home that doesn't involve shoveling snow this winter? The Serpentine Clock Kit allows you to construct your very own wooden gear clock with just a screwdriver, hammer, wood glue and sandpaper. Order online at www.wooden-gear-clocks.com for \$149 plus shipping and handling (free time it takes to complete project not included).

Lego Gears Set: This basic introduction to gearing, for ages 8-12, includes 67 elements like gear wheels, axles and beams as well as two full-color building instruction guides. Have your children pause their video games for a day and try building something from scratch with the greatest building blocks on the market. \$17.36 and available at www.homeschoolingsupply.com.

507 Mechanical Movements: The official title of this 2006 publication is *507 Mechanical Movements in Dynamics, Hydraulics, Hydrostatics, Pneumatics, Steam Engines, Mill and other Gearing*. Now say it five times fast. A great read for anyone interested in engineering, mechanics and the way things work. A better read if you spend your free time actually contemplating such topics. \$13.95 and available at www.amazon.com.

Gear-Related Merchandise: Ever wish you had a gear-themed T-shirt? How about a fancy gear messenger bag? The fine people at cafepress.com allow shoppers to choose any gear-related logo and put it on boxer shorts, T-shirts, bags, bibs—even a BBQ apron. Choose from several different logos by visiting www.cafepress.com (keywords "engineering" and "gears").

Gearrings: According to the website, Martha Stewart has finally met her match. These hand-crafted earrings are made from colorful glass beads and FAA-approved aircraft hardware. Choose from 11 styles and colors starting at \$16. Visit www.womenfly.com for more information.

Gears Gears Gears Lights & Action Building Set: New from Learning Resources is this 121-piece set, for ages 5-10, that includes a power motor, flashing lights and glow-in-the-dark stickers. Pieces snap

together to let children easily build anything they can imagine. \$49.95 by calling (800) 333-8281 or at learningresources.com.

123 Robotics Experiments for the Evil Genius: If you've ever wanted a solid foundation in robotics, electronics and programming, let this be your guide. Published in 2004, this instructional reference book includes a printed circuit board to give a hands-on understanding of the robotics industry. Prepare for world domination at the low price of \$24.95 by visiting www.giftsforengineers.com.

Refrigerator Gear Magnets: This engaging kit for budding engineers offers 20 plastic gears in assorted colors motorized by a picture frame that runs on AA batteries. The gears interlock in various patterns and turn all by themselves. Toss the magnet up on the fridge and be the envy of everyone else

in your kitchen. \$24.95 at the American Science & Surplus store, visit www.sciplus.com for more information.

So there you have it. From stocking stuffers to last minute gift ideas, the Addendum staff has you covered. They said Mom was impossible to shop for and Dad had everything he needed. We hope we proved them wrong. Until next year, **Happy Holidays!**

