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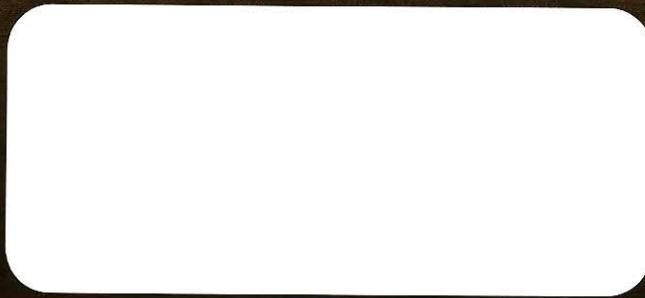
**LAND  
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### **All-American SHOOTOUT**

**Ford vs.  
Jeep vs.  
GM**

Midsized SUVs Look for  
a New King of the Hill

### **DESIGN CONTEST WINNER and RUNNERS UP**



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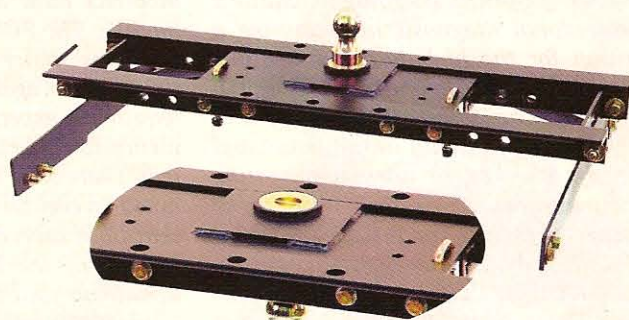
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## Safer Storage

Extang and Roll-N-Lock are jointly offering Cargo Manager, a sliding divider built for truck beds. The divider will securely hold small objects in place and will be available as a bolt-on option for Extang's range of tonneau systems, ensuring that your cargo will be protected from the elements. Extang Corporation; 800/877-2588.

[www.extang.com](http://www.extang.com)



## Having a Ball

The Stow-A-Ball Gooseneck Hitch from Valley Industries allows full use of the truck bed when not towing. The tow ball can be turned upside down and stored inside the ball socket, flush with the bed. The hitch uses safety chain loops—made to be placed in the lower rib section of the bed—that won't rattle while stored there, and features a Twist-To-Lock cable that can be mounted anywhere within four feet of the locking pin. This hitch is rated at 25,000 pounds maximum gross trailer weight. Valley Industries; 209/368-8881.

[www.valleyindustries.com](http://www.valleyindustries.com)



## Husky Floor Liners

Want to protect your truck's carpet from the elements (mud, dirt, and the dog)? Husky Liners' 3D Molded Carpeted Floor Liners will do the job. Liners are offered for front and back rows, and the drivers-side liner comes with a molded-in heel pad and underside fastening system. They're made in OE interior colors. Winfield Consumer Products; 800/344-8759.

[www.huskyliners.com](http://www.huskyliners.com)



## Going Up

The Sherpak Elevator Step provides easier access to the truck bed or the roof of your truck or SUV. It's made of heavy-gauge steel mesh, improving traction and making the step more lightweight. It attaches to the rear wheel, can be sized to fit most tire widths, and has three height-adjustment positions. The step is 22 inches long with an 8.5-inch-wide stepping area. Seattle Sports Company; 800/632-6163.

[www.seattlesportsco.com](http://www.seattlesportsco.com)



## Super Power

The engineers at Whipple got their hands on a 3.0-liter Ford Ranger and designed a supercharger for 2002-2004 models. The twin-screw-type unit is said to produce up to 60 percent more power and torque over the entire rpm range. It's a bolt-on system that doesn't require body mods for installation. The system has self-contained lubrication and comes with Whipple's air-bypass system, providing OE-quality idling and fuel economy. Whipple Superchargers; 559/442-1261.

[www.whipplesuperchargers.com](http://www.whipplesuperchargers.com)

## Towing Mirrors

CIPA's custom towing mirrors slide over the existing side mirrors, providing increased visibility around a trailer. Because of the slide-on design, no tools are required to put them in place and the mirrors leave no holes or marks on your truck or SUV. They're fully adjustable and maintain the aerodynamic shape of your mirror to prevent wind noise or vibration. CIPA Mirrors; 800/872-2472.

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