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### Good Grips Mandoline Slicer

This mandoline for OXO International does more than slice and dice: A dial lets you select thickness for slicing, the blades are housed integrally, the legs have feet that won't slip, and the food holder snaps beneath the body for storing. "You can change the slicing blades easily," Ruggiero said, adding that, at \$69, the tool, by Bally Design in Pittsburgh, is half the price of some competing products.

### Soft Shell Splint

A person could wear this splint for a few hours or for several weeks, given its softness and strength. Designed by Sam Scheinberg and Adrian Polliack of SAM Medical Products in Portland, Oregon, a soft aluminum core allows it to be molded and remolded to several configurations: volar, clamshell, thumb spica, or ulnar gutter. "It's so undesigned," Ruggiero observed. Weeks, though, questioned the practicality: "I like this a lot—the simplicity—but does it take three hands to get it on?"

### Cold Heat Soldering Tool

Powered by four AA batteries, this portable soldering tool, designed by the Hong Kong firm Product Solutions for Cold Heat, offers ease and safety. It warms to 800 degrees Fahrenheit in less than one second and cools almost as quickly. Three interchangeable tips handle jobs such as wire installation, model railroad projects, and jewelry making with equal utility. Each battery pack is said to last for 700 applications. Although the jurors couldn't imagine a wide reception for the product, "I appreciate what this is," Boym said.

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### Blist-O-Ban Adhesive Bandages

With his Blist-O-Ban bandage, the Portland, Oregon, designer Sam Scheinberg of SAM Medical Products imitated the body's own dermal defenses against friction—that is, blisters. He incorporated several laminated layers of breathable plastic film bonded together, except in a central bubble where the layers glide together to prevent repetitive-motion burns to the skin. The jury lauded the design's directness. "Not everything can be beautiful," Weeks said. Boym thought that the contact area with the skin should be larger. The company acknowledges that the technology could be pushed ahead to treat patients with bed-sores and amputees whose skin chafes against prosthetic limbs.

### LaVie N Notebook Computer

Remarkably similar to the Apple iBook, the LaVie notebook computer, by Jun Katsunuma of NEC's in-house design department in Tokyo, has one notable feature: a shell made of recycled plastic. That is, however, the second-to-last selling point highlighted in the submission form, after the fact that the product is available in white, red, or blue. Although the LaVie N Notebook is a PC-based system priced high, at \$2,000, the jurors wanted to make a point about sustainability, especially as they surveyed the goods lined up before them. "Clearly, the environmental impact of a lot of these products has not been considered very carefully," Ruggiero said.

