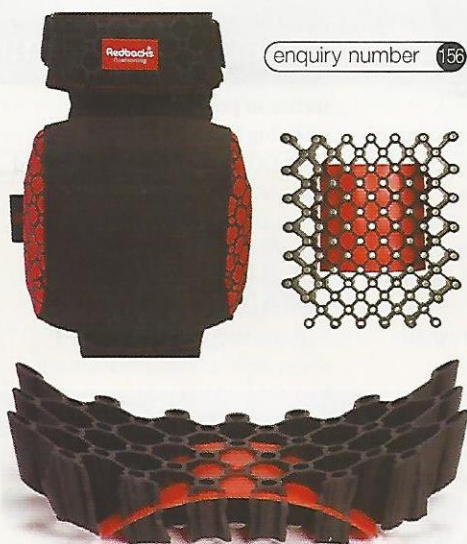


## Hyde looks at tool bag necessities and Werner explains why ladders are a key tool in the plumber's and heating engineer's arsenal

### All round knee protection

Redbacks Cushioning, the manufacturer of the world's only patented, 'leaf-spring', non-foam or gel kneepads, offer a strapped version as an addition to its original, big-selling product for pocketed work trousers.

The kneepads retain the company's award winning cushioning technology, which incorporates a flexible Thermo Plastic Elastomer leaf-spring set within a unique honeycomb matrix.



Perfect for all round protection in the warmer months or in close, indoor temperatures, they have elasticated, soft Neoprene straps, which have dust and particle resistant fastenings, allowing them to be worn on bare skin without chafing, or are equally effective worn over trousers, staying in the correct position in either case, when kneeling, walking or sitting.

The pads have a water-resistant covering and a soft breathable, inner fabric that wicks away sweat, while providing thermal protection from warm or cold surfaces. Scientifically proven to reduce point pressure and distribute weight evenly, the impact forces associated with kneeling are absorbed giving added protection against back and neck pain.

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

### Solid Gear Athletic Safety Trainers from Hultafors

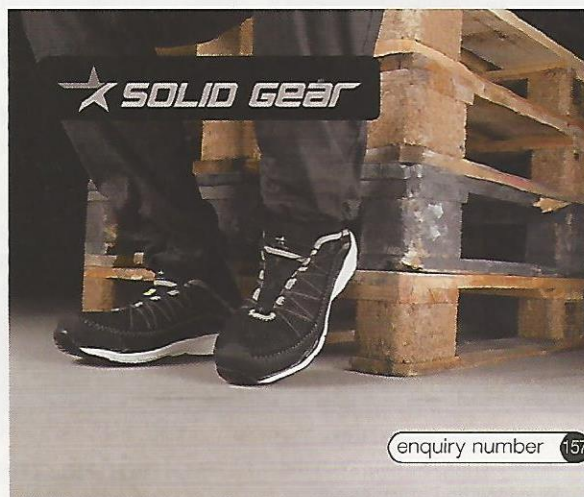
Ultimate safety and performance – recommended by Snickers Workwear.

Part of the Hultafors Group UK, Solid Gear delivers top quality safety footwear for professional craftsmen.

With modern, sporty looks, it's Athletic range of Safety Trainers brings together superb functionality and top class safety in a range of styles, designs and colours to create versatile safety shoes that are well suited to a variety of work tasks.

Super light high performance EVA midsoles combine with anti-slip rubber outsoles and lightweight, breathable uppers, to ensure optimal comfort and functionality. What's more, all the shoes in the athletic safety range are made using a composite plate with aluminium toe caps to ensure maximum protection on site.

Designed with ultimate performance and shock absorption in mind, there's six different styles in the Safety Trainers range with sizes from three to 13, all of which deliver market-leading comfort.



### A mighty defence against skin damage

Dry skin and cracked, painful hands are a common ailment among the trade, but Big Wipes has come to the rescue with the launch of its new, specially formulated Hand Cream.

Solvents, paints and varnishes all strip the skin of its natural oils and can be difficult to avoid when working out on site. Harsh substances can break the skin's protective barrier and contact dermatitis can develop with symptoms ranging from mild dryness, itching and redness, to painful cracks, skin ulcers and red fluid filled blisters.

Cracked and broken skin can also allow bacteria to enter your body and nasty infections to take hold. Big Wipes Hand Cream, with its powerful combination of urea and alpha hydroxyl acids, is a high performance treatment cream that rapidly relieves dry and rough skin, helps strengthen the skin's barrier function and improves its ability to absorb and hold moisture.

It is non-greasy and alcohol and fragrance free, and is recommended by dermatologists to increase moisture concentration and improve skin texture, appearance and function. Used regularly, Big Wipes Hand Cream helps restore the skin's smoothness, softness and flexibility by helping the skin retain moisture, keeping it soft, supple and youthful – and bringing much needed relief to a dry, cracked skin. In conjunction with Big Wipes 4x4 hand-cleaning wipes, Big Wipes Hand Cream keeps your skin in tip-top condition, so you can get on with the job in hand.



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