

Mid-America Trucking Show Louisville, KY, March 25-27

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The Mid-America Trucking Show in Louisville has become the No. 1 venue for introducing new products. Here are my annual 'picks.'

Now, more than ever before, security matters. The Power-In-Lock from Mi-Jack (1-800-IN-LOCK 7, www.power-in-lock.com) is the modern way to protect cargo. The electronically controlled trailer lock defeated a team of security experts time and again. It has remote control and access control, and it records all entry to the trailer.

Jones Performance Products (1-800-451-1600, www.truk-rodz.com) custom fabricates hoods to give your truck a unique shape. Bullet headlamp housings can be added onto Truk-Rodz custom hoods and fenders, and scoops and vents can be fitted where you want them without sacrificing structural integrity. Several show trucks in the Stars and Stripes event had them.

A compass is always a nice convenience. Accurate Instruments from Clark Brothers Instruments [(586) 781-7000, www.clarkbrothers.net] makes a **Compass Gauge**. This 2-inch, round analog display comes in V-bezels or step-bezels, in stainless or black finish.

Other show truck favorites were custom **steering wheels**. Krazywheels.com Inc. [(205) 601-7052, www.krazywheels.com] makes some beauties out of billet aluminum, rosewood and leather. They fit almost every truck.

Penray (1-800-373-6729, www.penray.com), long a leader in cooling system products and maker of the Need Release Extended Life Cooling System Treatment, has Pencool 3500 small-engine cooling system treatment designed exclusively for smaller diesels such as reefer units, generators and even pickup trucks. It does for small engines what SCAs do for big ones; lubricating pumps, preventing both pitting and corrosion, inhibiting scale, protecting metals and more.