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BUCK BROTHERS 3/4-Inch Chisel

It's kind of ugly, but the Buck Brothers chisel is a solid tool that takes a razor edge. The sturdy metal end cap can take a firm hit with a hammer with no fear of damage. If you do manage to break it, it costs only \$12. To replace one of my German cabinet-making chisels, costs three times that. But this is not a cabinet-making tool. It's an everyday tool, one I take with me on every job. It might pare out a hinge mortise or cut a notch in framing lumber to fit a pipe. It regularly goes to the grinder to refresh its edge. In a couple of years, it'll be nothing more than a stub—if it makes it that far. I know I'll inevitably leave it behind somewhere or loan it to someone who never brings it back. But that's fine. The Buck Brothers chisel is not a great chisel because it lasts. It's a great chisel while it lasts. And then you buy another. —Roy Berendsohn

Model AM-500

CAPACITANCE: 10
...able for most house-
and appliance repairs,
venient battery-test
of the dial. The continuity
...nice and loud.