



GLOW IN THE DARK

PlasDECK is known for helping boaters obtain the look of classic teak without the costly and time-consuming maintenance. Now the company offers its new Azure series with glowing caulk lines to define deck spaces after sundown. Sound cool? It is. New cutting-edge phosphorescent technology is incorporated into the caulk line material, and after being "charged" by normal daylight, the lines glow a soft azure blue from dusk to dawn. The environmentally friendly, patent-

pending product doesn't depend on batteries or wires. And, as with all PlasDECK product, the Azure lineup is made of flexible PVC that offers the highest UV protection and prevents drying out or cracking. **\$40 per square foot (starting price); 800-320-1841, www.plasdeck.com**



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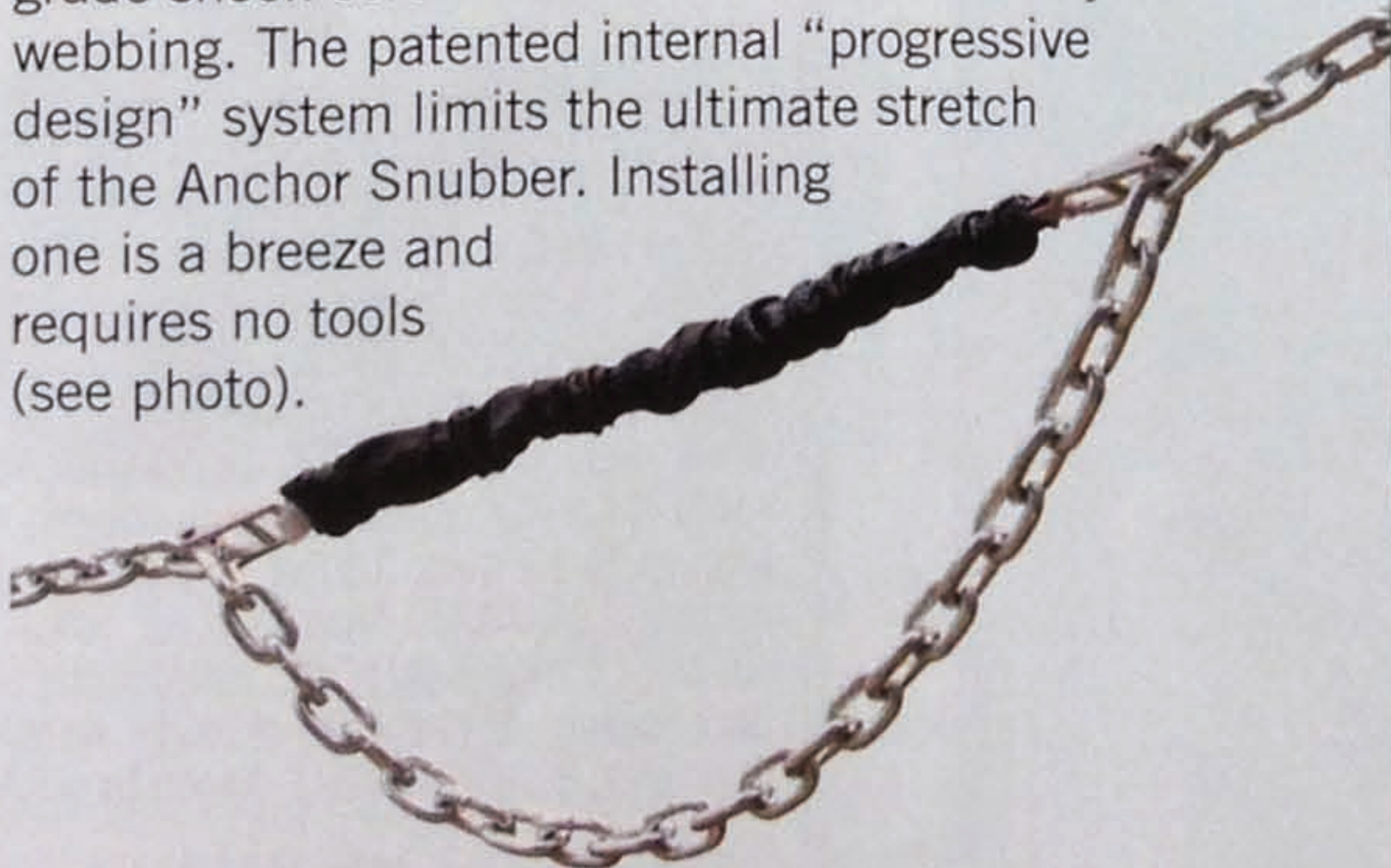


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ANCHOR ABSORPTION

Shockles are a boat- and bone-saver at the West 79th Street Marina, where I dock my boat. Many boaters use them to lessen the shock from huge wakes left by ferryboats that pass the marina daily. I use one on each dock line. Now that same shock-absorbing

technology is available for those who like to spend time at anchor. The Shockles Anchor Snubber is designed to eliminate annoying and dangerous shocks to your anchor chain and prevent possible damage to chocks and cleats. It is made from tough, marine-grade shock cord encased in sun-resistant nylon webbing. The patented internal "progressive design" system limits the ultimate stretch of the Anchor Snubber. Installing one is a breeze and requires no tools (see photo).



On either end is a stainless-steel shackle with a captive pin so you won't lose either during strong winds or in rough conditions. One 20-inch Anchor Snubber fits all. **\$59.95; 888-557-6464, www.shockles.com**

SUPER DOME

One handy gadget that can move from vehicle to boat is the rechargeable Wagan Power Dome EX. It's an emergency power source with 600 amps of cranking power and built-in jumper cables to help jump-start your car or boat. If you need air in your tires, fenders or a water toy, there's an onboard 260-psi air compressor. There are also two AC outlets to power lights, TV, tools, etc., up to 400 watts. A bright LED work light is perfect for after-dark repairs. Features I haven't seen on units like this before include a USB charging port for cell phones and more, as well as an audio input so you can play your own tunes through the built-in speaker. Did I mention it has an AM/FM radio too? You can recharge the internal battery in this unit by DC or AC, and both cords are included. **Retails for about \$125; 800-231-5806, www.wagan.com**



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