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Hangar Tools: Start With The Essentials

Tooling your hangar for light DIY aircraft maintenance should include good lighting, safe parts storage and model-specific specialty items.



The BatteryMinder, above, is key to battery health.

Another hangar tool I recommend is the BatteryMinder (www.batteryminders.com). It's not a typical battery charger, but instead a tender that's calibrated to aircraft batteries and can automatically diagnose, charge and desulfate the battery based on charge and temperature status. There's also an optional hardwire kit (\$69) for easy plug-in.