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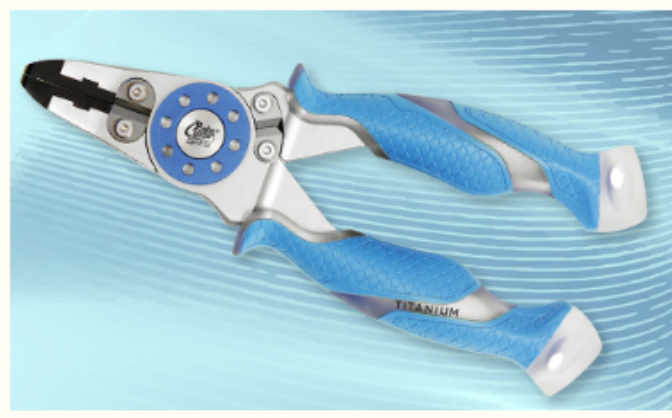
### CUDA SALTWATER TOOLS

*Cuda brand snips, pliers and wire cutters have been making a big splash over the past few seasons, with more innovative products being introduced in the coming months. The Cuda brand was designed with the strength, power and agility of the Barracuda.*

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Cuda fishing products are designed and constructed to provide the ultimate in ergonomic utility for fresh and saltwater anglers and will continue to perform over time. Featuring titanium bonded steels



and aluminum alloys for durability, Cuda tools provide sharpness, tool hardness, corrosion and adhesive resistance that few competitors can match. The Titanium Bonding process guarantees the steel to be three-times harder than untreated steel.

I was first introduced to Cuda saltwater products a few seasons back and have been using their micro-sharp 8-inch snips for the past two seasons with excellent results for cutting wire, mono and superbraided line. Their expanded fishing product line includes knives and sharpeners; medical kits; snips, pliers, crimpers and wire cutters; tagging sticks, gaffs and harpoons; dehookers; plus scissors and shears.

One of the most innovative new wave Cuda tools that will appeal to Fisherman readers is their 7.5-inch pliers, which have an MSRP of \$80.49. They feature an integrated high-leverage, compound tungsten carbide cutter that works effectively with wire, mono and braid. What's even more appealing is that the cutters are fully replaceable and Cuda will install new ones if you mail the pliers back to them for a small service charge (\$17 as of this writing). The 7.5-inch pliers are built using a durable full tang, aluminum alloy construction, which is visible through the semi-clear handles and should last the test of time. The handles offer a non-slip finish, with a proprietary Cuda scale pattern that makes them practically stick to your hands, either wet or dry. A ballistic nylon storage sheath is also included in the package, along with a convenient lanyard.