

StrongArm's UNI-TEMP

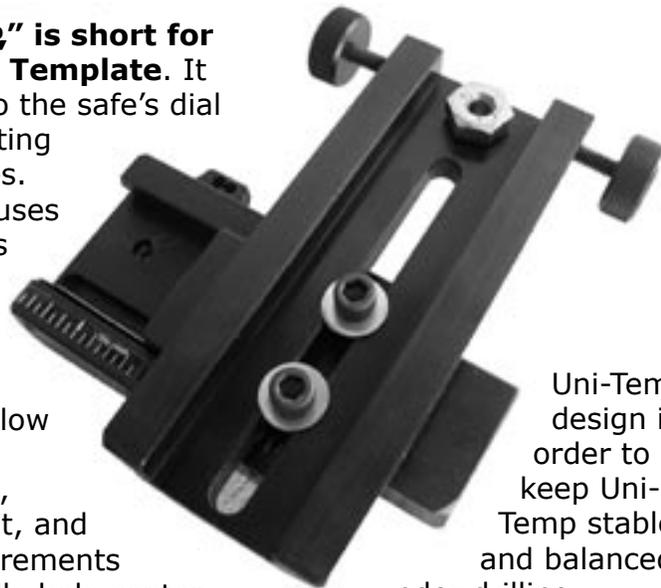
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We who live and work in the San Francisco Bay Area are fortunate to have **StrongArm, Inc.** so close-by and available. It's not unusual for me or Dunk to pop over to Jeff and Bob's offices to pick up an order of drill bits, sometimes on short notice. Thanks to Jeff and Bob's hospitality during these impromptu invasions of their workday, we sometimes get to see what's cooking at StrongArm long before the rest of you do.

On a recent visit to StrongArm, I took a look at two of their newest products. The first is **UNI-TEMP**, StrongArm's newest MiniRig template. StrongArm fans (and who isn't), this will knock your socks off!

"UNI-TEMP," is short for Universal Template. It attaches to the safe's dial ring mounting screw holes. Uni-Temp uses an X-Y axis system, built-in scales, and an index to allow you to set specific up, down, right, and left measurements from spindle hole center. Lock in your setting, then mount the Mini-Rig and start drilling.

Set-up is very fast. As with the other StrongArm templates, the Mini-Rig is easily removed from Uni-Temp for bit changes and hole inspections. Extra attention was given to the



Uni-Temp design in order to keep Uni-Temp stable and balanced under drilling pressure. An additional mounting provision allows Uni-Temp to be mounted anywhere on a safe, not just the dial ring screw holes.

By the time you read this, Bob and Jeff should have price and availability info for you.



Editor's Note:

There was never a question as to whether I needed a Uni-Temp. I prefer to measure and drill over templates. The Uni-Temp adds a new dimension of versatility to your MiniRig.



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VERSA-VAC?? Better Believe It . . .

or, Doyle "StrongArms" Jeff

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My quest for a small, accurate mobile-sized drill press leads to another StrongArm innovation.

While visiting Jeff Volosing at StrongArm, Inc., I mentioned that I'm still looking for a small drill press I could use in my service van for doing small on-site jobs, like fabricating custom relock or retro plates and lock bolt extensions.

I make and stock custom plates and bolt extensions for frequently-encountered locks and retros, but it's impossible to stock everything that might be needed. That's where a small onboard drill press regularly comes in handy.

Sixteen- to twenty-inch high bench-top drill presses are too tall for use in low-overhead places like my service van. I considered the cheap drill press accessory Sears sells for use with portable drills, but it's just too flimsy and inaccurate.

As I mentioned this, Jeff and I both turned and stared at the StrongArm **VACATTACK** rig sitting on the bench. It was as if the proverbial light bulb switched on above our heads. **VACATTACK is a drill press!**

We noodled for a few minutes, speculating that the add-on plate (which allows Vac-Attack to be used with a magnetic drill press) could be modified for two applications.

We agreed it would be a simple task to add some counter-sunk holes so that it could double as a base for mounting the **VACATTACK** Tower (without the vacuum base and pump) to a flat surface (like my van's workbench).

This would certainly end my search for a good, solid, small drill press. It would be easily removable and would also give me yet another reason to invest in StrongArm's "most excellent" vacuum rig.

This week I saw the finished product. The gadget-meister is pleased! It's simple and elegant; an excellent example of multi-use engineering.

I bought the first one. All future **VACATTACK** rigs will offer this feature on the optional mag rig base plate.

Maybe this will serve as an added incentive to consider owning this spectacular vacuum rig.

I've got a few other ideas up my sleeve. With any luck StrongArm might consider producing some of those as well.

You can see **VACATTACK**, **UNI-TEMP**, and all of StrongArm's innovative safecracker products at SAFETECH - RENO, Exhibit booth #113, March 26th-27th, 2004.



Editor Note:

By George, it is a drill press!

Speaking of StrongArm products, Jeff advises me that **MiniRig Template #T-7** is now available.

T-7 will put you on a dual purpose hole for two Mosler lock models, the new style LaGard ComboGard, two KABA-Mas Slidebolts, AMSEC' ESL 10/20, and the S&G 6120/23 Armature . . . Take your pick, **UNI-TEMP**, or templates.

