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FOR THIS YEAR'S NEW BROADHEADS, the trend—or is it a fad?—can be stated simply as “wider and tighter.” Sounds like a contradiction, but it depends on what you're trying to accomplish and who you're talking to. After all is said and done, more is usually said than done. Not this year in broadheads: There are some sizzling new entries in a hunting category that stubbornly holds onto tradition as much as it embraces change.

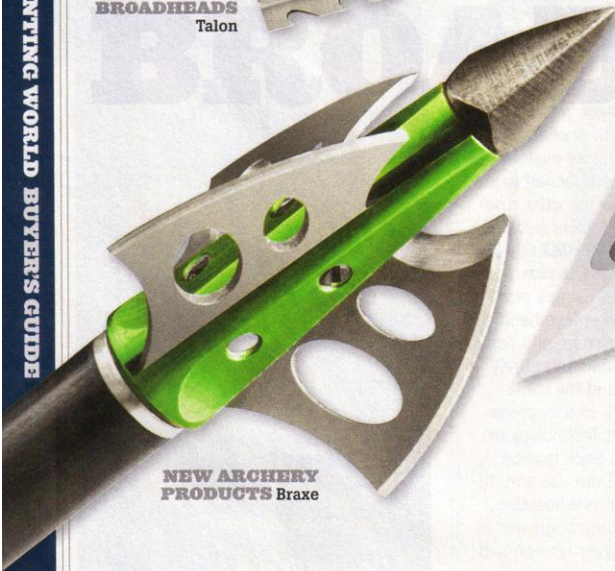
BROADHEADS

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STEEL FORCE BROADHEADS
Talon

CARBON EXPRESS
F-15



NEW ARCHERY PRODUCTS
Braxe



RAGE
40KE w/1.5-inch cut

REPLACEABLE BLADES

NEW ARCHERY PRODUCTS (800-323-1279; www.newarchery.com) brings us the Braxe (\$40/3). This model looks like a cross between an axe and a conventional design. Its goal is maximum internal damage—3 double-edge offset blades each have an additional guthook-style cutting surface on the leading edge. Topping off this rugged design is the Trivex point that looks like it will turn bone into butter. The Braxe has a 1½-inch cutting diameter and .030-inch-thick blades. It weighs 100 grains.

CARBON EXPRESS (800-241-4833; www.carbon-expressarrows.com) has one of the widest assortment of hunting heads in the industry. The new F-15 (\$40/3) dual-blade fixed-blade is the only broadhead with twin side-by-side cutting blades. Together, they provide six cutting edges to create a wound opening that is reportedly to be 250 percent larger than conventional broadhead concepts. The cut-on-contact F-15 utilizes a patented Pressure Injected Mold and 440 stainless steel. The F-15 dual-blade sports .030-inch-thick blades, a 1½-inch cutting diameter, and weighs 100 grains.