



TOYS FOR BOIS

***Sexy tools and tricks
of the transgender trade.***

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will make you look like a braggart when worn to the office, while a soft-pack that gives you an appropriately modest bulge as you walk into the classroom won't have anyone begging for extra credit between the sheets. Vibratex's Mr. Bendy bends for a decent tuck, but is made of a porous material that can trap bacteria, so always use condoms for play! (\$69, babeland.com). The realistic Vixen Goodfella can bow down behind your jeans' zipper fly, but will have you packing with a capital P (\$126, vixencreations.com). Generally speaking, whether you're packing or playing, the Vixen dildo collection is as realistic as it gets, thanks to the look and unique feel of its patented silicone "VixSkin" material, which is non-porous, easy-to-clean, and soft on the outside but firm on the inside.

The Tantus Realdoe, one of the only realistic, flesh-toned double-ended dildos, reduces your need for pesky hardware. It can be worn harness-free, with one end worn internally by the "doer" and the other end externally available for your partner. Vibrating and made of 100 percent non-porous silicone, this toy can also be secured with most harnesses for a more stable fit (\$169, goodvibes.com).

If you make do by keeping a spare in your pocket, the Spareparts Joque harness or the new, briefs-style harness, the Tomboi, can make your pack-to-play transition much smoother. Unlike traditional harnesses, with their mood-killing maze of straps, the simplicity of these comfortable-yet-secure harnesses saves you the embarrassment of not being able to get your hard on...literally. The strapless, pull-on design and body-conforming fabric make the Tomboi svelte enough to wear under your clothes with a soft-pack tucked into the front pouch, and, when you're ready to romp, you can slide a dildo through the flexible O-ring without

SpareParts' Tomboi Brief Harness

When it comes to sexual pleasure, our gender-categorizing culture obsesses over "his" and "hers." But the modern "genderation" has proven that there are more than two genders and that even within the trans community, "transitioning" itself no longer means moving from one "side" to the other—people self-identify as a vast array of genders, including "genderqueer" and more. Your bodies are your own, and what gets you off often has nothing to do with your gender identity and everything to do with your partners, your communication style, head space and (of course) sex-cessories.

When a male-spectrum gender identity and a female body intersect, we get all kinds of sexy-licious people in our lesbian, trans and queer communities. When it comes time to love up, the gender-fluid can benefit from having particular tools in their belt, things that can make them feel that much more pleasure. Let's get over the idea that messing around with those who mess around with gender is all about soft-packs and chest-binders and have some fun with transman-friendly tools that get the jolly job well done.

There is yet to be an ideal pack-and-play toy (that is, a dildo flexible enough to wear all day but firm enough for sexual play). A dildo stiff enough for penetration

taking everything off. Top-secret vibrator pouches cause an extra buzz for both partners, and the machine-washable fabric means that you can get as down and dirty as you please without hassle or worry (\$110, \$78, sheboptheshop.com).

As popularly portrayed in the famous queer and trans *Crash Pad* porn series, genital pumps can do wonders on gender-variant naughty bits as the suction temporarily expands genital size, enhances sensitivity, and creates a unique pulling sensation. The 3 Cylinder Pump System from She Bop, a trans-friendly shop in Portland, Ore., draws the genitals into a clear tube for visually erotic play and when released (safely so, after 10 to 15 minutes of pumping), can result in increased length and sensation (\$86, sheboptheshop.com).

The Vibrating Pleasure Pump provides simultaneous suction and three speeds of vibration in one encompassing cupped end and can be extra-fun when used with Sliquid Organics Stimulating O Gel, which uses peppermint and menthol to tickle your sensitive spots pink (\$32, \$20, goodvibes.com).

Whether you're trans, genderqueer, lesbian, or otherwise, your mind is still your biggest sex organ. Give yourself some good head with *Take Me There: Trans and Genderqueer Erotica* by Tristan Taormino or with transmale-inclusive porn like *Couch Surfers* and Courtney Trouble's *Roulette* series, or kick back with the latest issue of *Original Plumbing*, the independently published trans-male quarterly magazine from Brooklyn, N.Y. ●



Mr. Bendy (left) and The Vibrating Pleasure Pump



LUBE JOB

We test six personal lubricants for your pleasure. Yana Tallon-Hicks

Modern personal lubricants have come a long way—with upscale packaging and big promises, they're adding some high-end couture to their juicy organic ingredients. And they're manufactured without harmful glycerin or parabens, so they're completely compatible with our toys and latex. But how do they hold up to the good, old-fashioned, five-finger test? Curve did the tough, selfless work to find out. You're welcome.

ASTROGLIDE NATURAL: Commercial lube giant Astroglide finally hops on the natural-ingredient (though not organic) train with components like chamomile extract and aloe—and leaves the nasty preservatives back at the station. Its consistency is good for a little boost, without uber-lubing, but it's just a little too thin for this lube-lover (astroglide.com). **SCORE: 2**

SLIQUID ORGANICS NATURAL: Keep your dirty bits squeaky clean with this light, water-based lovin' liquid that borrows heavily from the herbal medicine cabinet. Think aloe and alfalfa to sooth the skin, vitamin E to heal any irritation, and hibiscus to promote healthy tissue elasticity. Partially recycled packaging is a plus, but the need to reapply often docks a finger (sliquidorganics.com). **SCORE: 3**

BLOSSOM ORGANICS: If you're used to hiding the broccoli in the mac n' cheese, you can also trick your organic-averse partner into branching out from obvious choices like K-Y jelly with this is perfect all-natural lube. It's got the familiar feel of a commercial lube—it's thin, viscous and comes in an unassuming white-and-purple tube—so no one will ever be the wiser about its fancy-schmancy ingredients, like "organic borago officinalis seed oil" (blossom-organics.com). **SCORE: 3**

GOOD CLEAN LOVE'S ALMOST NAKED:

Organic, cruelty-free and vegan ingredients are what self-proclaimed "loveologist" Wendy Strgar has poured into her silky lubricant, which is specially designed to make you feel like it didn't just come out of a bottle. Seaweed, aloe vera and xanthan gum keep things slippery, while lemon and vanilla extract smell and taste subtly sweet. The extra-sensitive, however, should beware, because just a bit of lemon extract can irritate (goodcleanlove.com). **SCORE: 4**

YES: This organic lube will have you calling its name! Though many lubes sacrifice long-lasting slickness when they go organic, Yes lists its first two ingredients as water and aloe, but still stays pillowy soft and sumptuously slick, for as many "yes"es as you can handle (yesyesyes.org). **SCORE: 5**

RAINBOW LUBE

Can a lube be gay? Yes it can! Ashley Scrups is the founder of Hers & Hers LLC and the creator of Rainbow Lube, the first-ever personal lubricant to harness the power of sex and love in order to contribute to the welfare of our community. Rainbow Lube is water-based, sugar-free and comes in a 2 oz bottle.

The product is neon pink, with a splash of peppermint flavoring for stimulation (and fresh breath). And a portion of all sales goes to LGBT organizations that fight for our rights, promote safe sex and education, provide support systems to those without, and much more. (facebook.com/rainbowlube)

