

Safety First

Black Diamond Group, in Dearborn, Mich., has inked a licensing deal to produce performance footwear under the Carhartt label. The 30-style men's collection will include classic moc-toe wedge boots, loggers and wellingtons.

The waterproof line incorporates such safety features as steel and composite toes, heel guards and ESD safety properties.

For added comfort, the shoes feature OrthoLite insoles. Set to deliver in January, the collection will retail from \$99 to \$199. Previously, Carhartt footwear was produced under license by Red Wing, Mich.-based Red Wing Shoe Co. Fall '11 will be the final delivery for those shoes at retail.

Drawing Board

Harrys of London commissioned a collection of illustrations by caricature artist Chris Burke.

The collection, titled "Harrys Road," is now on display in Harrys' South Audley Street flagship store in London. Burke created sartorial character depictions of imagined customer personalities. Creative director Kevin Martel said he was inspired to initiate the project after seeing the "Drawing Fashion" exhibit at the Design Museum in London last fall. "I love the personality that can only be achieved with a pencil," he said. Burke began preliminary "Harrys Road" sketches after he observed and interacted with customers in London stores. The characters in Burke's drawings wear four different Harrys styles: the Jet Moc slip-on, the Basel loafer, the Dylan evening shoe and the Cosby wingtip.



Barbour Shop

Grenson teamed with 117-year-old heritage label Barbour on limited-edition footwear for fall '11. The brands created four men's styles of country boots and brogues, all handcrafted in Grenson's U.K. factory. The Marske (above) is a wing-cap brogue that combines burnished calf leather with Barbour's waxed fabric; the Egton is a five-eyelet oxford brogue; the Cayton country boot features full-grain leather, a wax fabric collar and quilted tongue; and the Acklam derby boot also has a wing cap with leather and waxed fabric. The collection, which retails for \$678 for the boots and \$635 for the shoes, is slated to deliver in September to select Barbour and Grenson stores and premium independents across the U.K.

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