

## Garage Gear

*A place for everything.*

The latest hot space has traditionally been one of the least finished and most disorganized—the garage. When homeowners grabbed onto the custom closet craze nearly 20 years ago, they wanted two things: an organized area with a place for every shoe and article of clothing and an eye-catching space that their friends would envy. That same mentality is driving the trend toward outfitting the garage for tool and equipment storage, sports gear, home projects, and hobbies.

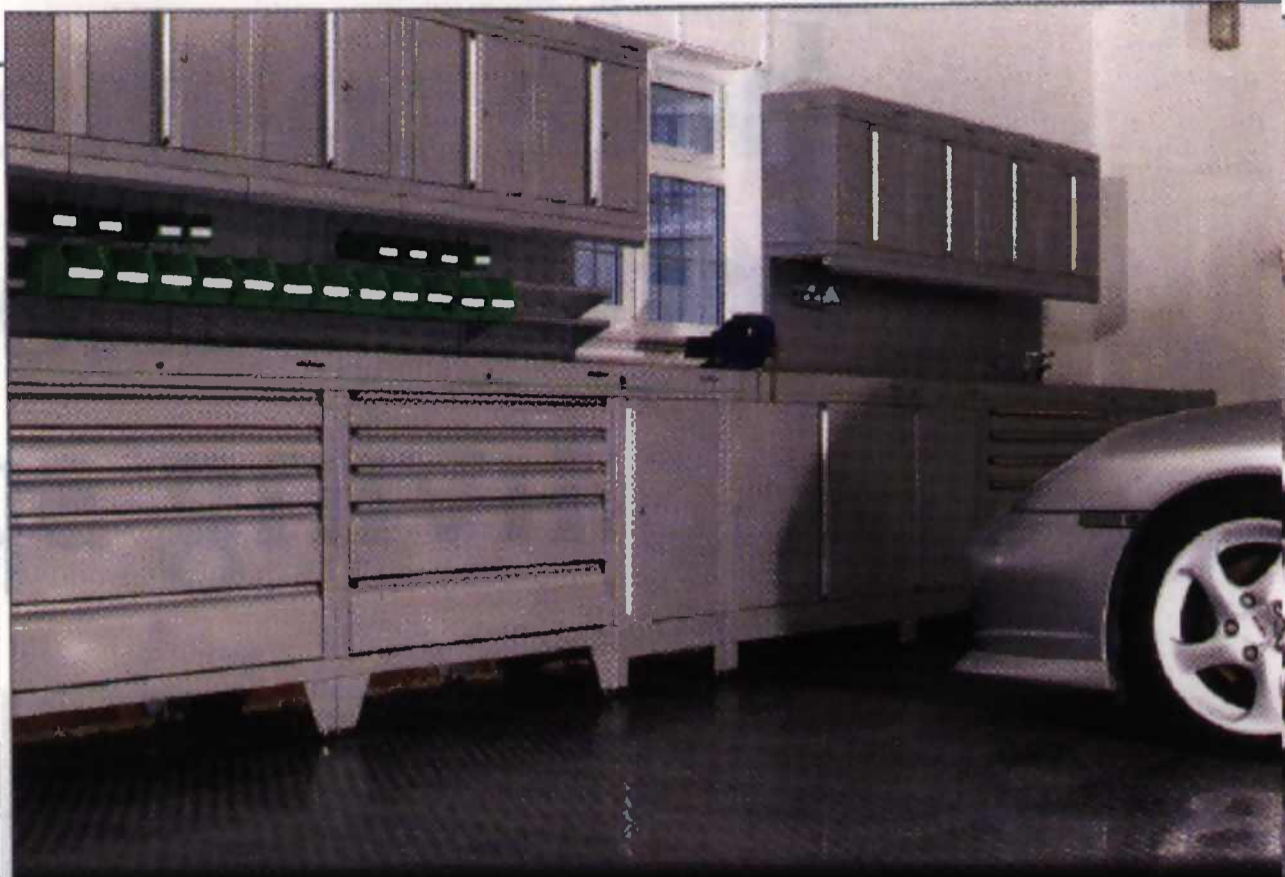
“Right now the garage is the No. 1 environment in the home where people are spending organization dollars,” claims Mark Shuman, president of GarageTek, maker of the GarageTek wall storage system.

Because extra car bays frequently serve as workshops and storage areas, the garage must be flexible. Homeowners want their garages to be as organized and functional as their kitchens.

“The higher-scale purchaser doesn’t want a garage that doesn’t suit his needs. He wants to better utilize the space that’s available,” points out Paul Richter, general manager of Vantage Pointe Group, the exclusive U.S. distributor of the Dura Fitted Garage System.

Organization fixtures and storage accessories are the newest way for custom builders to add functionality and style to the garage, maximizing under-used space and boosting the value of the home in the owner’s eyes. In the past three to four years, a handful of manufacturers have begun offering modular organization systems designed specifically to withstand the rigors of fluctuating garage climates, caustic household chemicals, and the weight of tools and equipment.

Most garage organization systems that offer a complete



### Vantage Pointe Group

A modular system of zinc-coated steel cabinets, toolboxes, workbenches, perforated steel pegboard and louvered wall panels, and accessories, the Dura Fitted Garage system is coated with a polyester/metallic silver epoxy. The system features two-point locking mechanisms on cabinets; lockable casters on rolling base units; and adjustable feet on fixed base units that can be bolted together for increased stability. Cabinet doors are double-skinned, with the inside skin a pegboard or louvered panel for attaching bins or tool hooks. Drawers are lined with foam to protect tools. 877.387.2872. [www.dura.us](http://www.dura.us). Circle 190.



### storeWALL

The storeWALL Heavy Duty system is based on a patented heavy duty extruded PVC, tongue-and-groove wall panel. Available in 4- and 8-foot lengths, the panel comes in two wood-grain finishes and three solid colors. A variety of sports equipment and tool hooks, shelves, baskets, bins, and wood, steel, or resin cabinets provide wall storage. Cabinets come in several capacities, have adjustable feet, and can be locked. Flooring is also available. storeWALL may be installed with screws or with no-show fasteners. 866.889.2502. [www.storewall.com](http://www.storewall.com). Circle 191.

