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Garages



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Inspiration & Information for the Do-It-Yourselfer

Floor-to-ceiling, wall-mounted slatted panels are gaining popularity for garage storage. Made of heavy PVC, the panels interlock with a tongue-and-groove design. The panels come in sections that are 15" high and either 4' or 8' wide. Once mounted, they're incredibly strong and can be fitted with a number of accessories, including cabinets, shelves, and specialized bins.





If you don't want to deal with applying an epoxy coating and are willing to spend a bit more on your garage floor, consider a floor mat. Several companies now make heavy-duty polyurethyl mats. These mats are meant to drive on, even with studded snow tires. They cover cracks and stains and are impervious to oil, battery acid, anti-freeze, and other damaging substances. Depending on the thickness (between .05 and .09"), these mats cost about \$1.40 to \$2.40 per square foot.

It's easy to install garage flooring yourself, either in selected areas or wall to wall. Even the thickest mats can be trimmed easily, and although you can use adhesive if you want, it isn't necessary.



Another, somewhat pricier garage floor option is textured rubber, interlocking floor tiles. These tiles are easy to lay out and maintain.

You can easily create racing stripes or checkered patterns with colored tiles.

Texture makes garage floor covering slip resistant.