

Organize Your



# Garage



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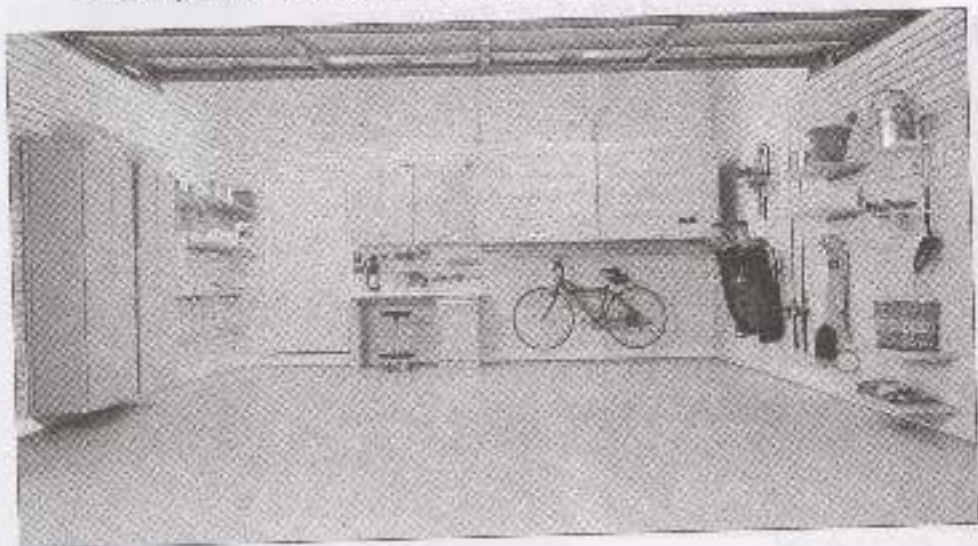
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## Organize Your Garage In No Time

Why live with a garage that looks like this...



...when you can drive into a well-organized garage like this?



(Photo courtesy of GarageEz.)

**FIGURE 4.21**

This sleek slatwall system sports cabinets as well as more than 100 accessories. (Photo courtesy of SizeWALL™.)



There isn't much that the makers of the GarageTek® haven't thought of in putting together the top-of-the-line versatile garage system shown in Figure 4.25. The lightweight, glossy thermoplastic Tekpanel® is weatherproof, waterproof, fireproof, and won't scratch, ding, or rust. It also carries a 10-year warranty. From the initial custom design by a local franchisee in your area to the professional installation, this company is a class act all the way.

The 10'-long-by-1'-high maintenance-free wall panels hold the widest variety of products seen in just about any garage system. Besides the usual hooks, baskets, shelves, and activity racks common to many systems, the GarageTek® system features heavy-duty shelves that can hold up to 200 pounds, an adjustable height workbench, see-through Tip-Out bins, and a Kid's sports locker. Truly one of its more notable components is the Accessible Attic, shown in Figure 4.26, which is just over 4' wide, 4' deep, and 39" tall and can accommodate up to 1,000 pounds. Even the most ardent of packrats will have a tough time exceeding that weight limit. GarageTek's flooring solution comes in five colors and can be arranged in a multitude of patterns. It even includes a specially made cover to match the garage floor drain! To find a GarageTek® dealer in your area, visit its website at [www.garagetek.com](http://www.garagetek.com) and prepare yourself for the ultimate in garage décor.

**FIGURE 4.25**

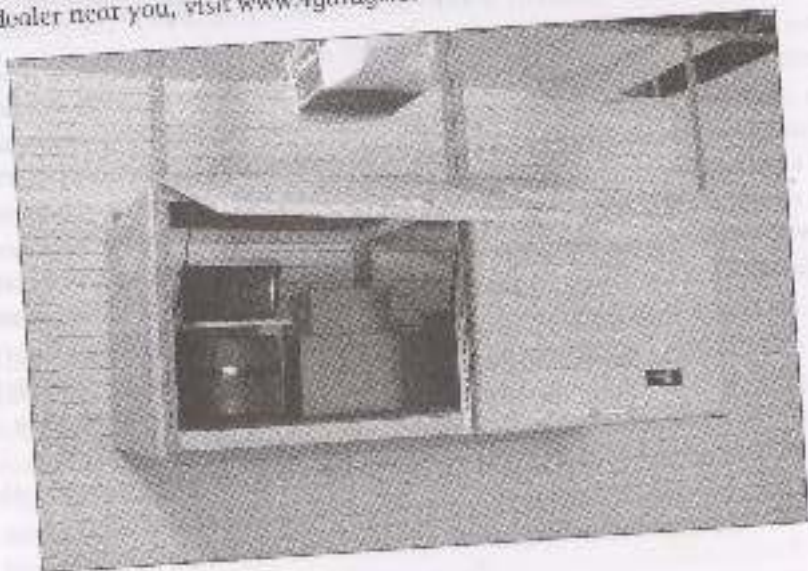
The professionally installed Tekpanel™ system is lightweight, versatile, and offers a comprehensive storage solution that looks great. (Photo courtesy of GarageTek®.)



The Eurater™ garage storage system by Comatec, Inc., shown in Figure 4.27, is patented worldwide and has been referred to as the ultimate in form and function. It's one of the more high-tech systems on the market (at a high-tech price). The system's sleek, contemporary wall units, storage shelves, bins, racks, cabinets, and hooks are made of durable heavy-duty aluminum and are easy to install and customize. Each shelf can support up to 200 pounds. For more information and to find a dealer near you, visit [www.4garage.com](http://www.4garage.com).

**FIGURE 4.26**

The Accessible Attic shown here is the ultimate cabinet. It can hold up to 1,000 pounds. (Photo courtesy of GarageTek®.)



**FIGURE 9.13**

This rack mounts on the wall and can store just about any sports item you can imagine. (Photo courtesy of GarageTek®.)



The Rubbermaid multisport rack shown in Figure 9.14 holds anything from balls and bats to helmets and hockey sticks, and it sports a removable mesh bag. The unit resists moisture and will not warp, crack, rust, or rot. It is available at home improvement stores and discount superstores nationwide.

The heavy-duty steel sports rack shown in Figure 9.15 is built to last and is designed to hold just about anything. The lower shelf is ideal for storing skates, bowling balls, and larger items, and the top shelf is ideal for balls and smaller items. It is easy to assemble and includes hooks for hanging and a special rack to hold up to three baseball bats. This steel sports rack is available online at [www.stacksandstacks](http://www.stacksandstacks) for less than \$100.



## Complete Sports Storage Systems

There isn't much of anything that you can't store on the Elfu® system shown in Figure 9.16, but it's designed especially to store a variety of sporting goods. This system includes special bracket posts for ski storage, utility hooks for rackets and hockey sticks, shelf baskets for balls and skates, a hook rail for baseball gear, and side hooks, too, which are ideal for hanging all sorts of things, including golf clubs. See Chapter 4 for complete information on the Elfu® system, or visit [www.thecontainerstore.com](http://www.thecontainerstore.com).

Schulte® has created a complete line of unique hooks and racks for virtually every sport imaginable. It can be attached directly to the wall, to the Schulte® steel Activity Organizer Grid system, to Schulte® slotwall, and to StoreWALL™ and other slatwall systems. The system shown in Figure 9.17 illustrates that with careful planning, you can organize one wall to serve virtually all your storage needs for sporting goods and related accessories. For more information on Schulte® products, see Chapter 4 or visit [www.schultestorage.com](http://www.schultestorage.com). The products are sold at Organized Living stores and at [www.organize-everything.com](http://www.organize-everything.com).



One unique accessory designed especially for children (but adults love it, too) is the Kidz sports locker, shown in Figure 9.9, by the makers of the GarageTek® system. Every member of the family can have his or her own locker for storing personal gear. The lockers feature an adjustable shelf and are available in two colors: blue and purple. To learn more about the GarageTek® system, see Chapter 4 or visit [www.garagetek.com](http://www.garagetek.com).

#### FIGURE 9.9

Everyone in this family is happy. The kids love having their own locker to store their stuff, and Mom and Dad like the fact that it is no longer lying all over the garage floor. (Photo courtesy of GarageTek®.)



### Specialty Racks for Specific Sports

Product manufacturers have been quick to create products that meet the needs of people with active lifestyles and interests. Numerous specialty racks are available to appease the aficionado of practically any sport. Let's look at some of the racks available for various activities.

Fishing is a favorite American pastime for many, and the people at Racor® have designed a solid steel rack, shown in Figure 9.10, that holds up to six fishing rods. It sells for less than \$40 and is available at a wide variety of retail and online stores, such as [www.stacksandstacks.com](http://www.stacksandstacks.com).