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TRICK OUT YOUR GARAGE WITH CUSTOMIZABLE COMPONENTS







Ready to ditch the pegboards for something with a little more style and substance? The new Slat-Wall system from SLIDE-LOK combines wall-mounted boards of PVC resin with clip-on storage accessories. The boards—eight feet by one foot—can be cut and combined to best fit your space and come in a wood-grain finish. The accessories include five types of hooks and three baskets. \$72/eight square feet; accessories, \$7.50-\$25. www.slide-lok.com. Available through Garage Dekor, Edwards, 970-926-8757.

Baldhead Garage Enhancement Systems offers 35 modular options—tall standing storage cabinets and rolling tool carts as well as base units and upper cabinetry—in multiple sizes and finishes. The 18-gauge steel modules contain double-walled doors and drawer fronts, and each shelf and rubber-lined drawer can hold up to 150 pounds. A standout feature is the availability of specialized components, including cedar-lined closets, pull-out shelves, a large drawer with a sealed plastic bin perfect for pet food or pool chemicals, and a new module that holds four pairs of skis. And Baldhead just introduced a custom unit with a display window for a flat-screen TV, in case you can't bear to be away from your Escalade while watching "The Sopranos." Most cabinets range from \$445-\$1,695.



We mountain town dwellers have lots of toys, and Yakima's Ground Control, a streamlined, customizable storage rack, provides a one-stop place for all of them. At the heart of the system is an aluminum, wall-mounted base unit that holds up to 800 pounds. Various hooks and brackets, sold individually, accommodate kayaks, surfboards, bikes, skis and snowboards, packs, helmets, climbing ropes, and the rest of your recreational stash. A base-unit extender increases capacity. Base unit, \$250; accessories, \$10-\$90. www.yakima.com. Available at The Complete Garage, 9608 E. Arapahoe Rd., Greenwood Village, 303-708-0777.

Best New Ideas





You've got the custom cabinetry in place; now it's time to do something about that cracked, oil-stained floor. The Complete Garage can install polymer resin flooring that's easy to clean, is impervious to stains, and doesn't flake like epoxy paint does. After grinding or blasting a garage's existing concrete, installers put down two coats of epoxy, each interspersed with a layer of superhard quartz sand. A topcoat of low-odor, non-yellowing polyurethane finishes it off. The process usually takes three to five days; the flooring comes in four colors. Average \$5.40/square foot. www.completegarage.com.

Arapahoe Rd., Greenwood Village, 303-708-0777.

Vault, which debuted last fall, touts its built-to-order, eco-friendly cabinetry as interior design for the garage. Indeed, the Oregon-based company upped the style quotient even more with the just-introduced Designer Series of frameless cabinets. The 304-grade stainless-steel units, available in 10 styles, attach to the wall via a hanger bracket, so you can easily reconfigure them or even take them with you if you move.

All of Vault's cabinets are double walled and contain up to 60 percent recycled stainless steel. Worktop options include brushed stainless steel or paperstone, made entirely of post-consumer recycled paper and formaldehyde-free resin. The Designer Series is available in blue, yellow, or red powdercoated finishes, as well as custom colors. \$405-\$1,665. 866-828-5810, www.showroomgarage.com.