



HMM PRODUCT TEST: Adhesive Garage Floor Tiles

Floor coverings designed specifically for both shop and home garages—even garage office space—have been on the market for years in a variety of forms; you can either roll it out, snap it into place or apply it with rollers. And while each variation serves a much-needed purpose, there has been a segment of the general car-collecting/restoration populace who would prefer to see a custom finish on their shabby floors.

Recently, Better Life Technology introduced into its G-Floor line a series of Race Day Peel & Stick floor tiles. Each tile is made from 95-mil thick, non-brittle vinyl, which acts not only as a softer cushion underfoot, but also conforms to minor imperfections in the surface below, reduces noise, insulates and can be moved or repositioned if necessary, as the adhesive should never completely harden. Additionally, the tiles do not contain asbestos, lead or other hazards, yet are advertised to resist damage from battery acid, salt, antifreeze, oil and other potentially harmful spills.

Our well-aged, well-used home garage surface is in need of an appearance upgrade, so we examined a sampling of the 12 x 12-inch tiles, which are currently available in three colors (black, gray or white—more colors will be introduced soon) in two patterns (Diamond or Levant)

to see which we preferred before placing a full order; they are also available in a 24 x 24-inch size. Surprisingly, both styles provided excellent footing, even after tramping through snow and ice. Although the peel-and-stick system makes it easy to install in a matter of hours with nothing more than a straight edge and a utility knife, it's best to follow the pre-installation floor cleaning instructions to ensure that the adhesive properly sticks to the concrete (or even wood) surface—grease, oil and other contaminants can prevent adhesion.

For the time being, we're leaning towards the gray Diamond pattern for our work surface, although a checkered pattern in Levant tiles might be welcome in other areas of the garage. More detailed information about the tiles and recommended floor preparation can be found on the company's website.

Cost: \$64 (12x12x20); \$126 (12x12x40 or 24x24x10)

Contact: Better Life Technology, 913-894-0403, www.g-floor.com



Exhaustive Details

Waldron's Antique Exhaust now provides accurate reproductions of original Comet and Fairlane exhaust hangers. The hangers are used for all 1966-'67 models equipped with dual-exhaust for the 390 and 427 engines. They closely duplicate the fit and function of the original Ford and Mercury parts. Waldron's sells them individually, or you can get the entire set, which consists of two muffler hangers and two tailpipe hangers. Cost: \$36-\$239. Contact: Waldron's Antique Exhaust, 800-503-9426, www.waldronexhaust.com.

Retro Restraints

If you're looking to add seat belts to your vintage car, Juliano's offers new chrome lift-latch lap belts in 24 different colors. These belts look great in earlier vehicles and are FMVSS approved. Smooth chrome lift-latches have plain faces with no emblem or brand name imprint, so they'll suit any vehicle, and Juliano's also has the correct anchor plates with factory-style, snap-on bolt covers that you can paint to match your interior. Also available are retractable sets that will conveniently roll your belts out of the way. The lap belts come in 74-inch lengths, and all colors are in stock. Cost: \$29.95 (each); \$15 (anchor plates, each). Contact: Juliano's, 880-872-1932, www.julianos.com.

