

# SPEED PARTS



## BULLETPROOF FLOORING

Last year, we installed some G-Floor Raceday Peel and Stick floor tiles in a staffer's garage to see if it was better than the paint and epoxy that had failed under the repeated abuse delivered by the small steel wheels on our engine dollies and hoist. We were skeptical, as we should have been, about the ability of the vinyl to stay flat on the floor and not buckle or rip when we pushed a 600-pound blower engine across its surface.

After six months, it has proved impossible to buckle or move the tile, and we have tried. We've loaded and unloaded several engines using the hoist and pushed numerous engines around on their cheap steel dollies. We've dropped tools, spilled oil and gasoline, and let the dog in the garage when it rained. The surface has remained easy to clean (mud being the hardest to remove for some reason), and none of the chemicals or animals left a stain. Since we installed the product, BLT has introduced a coating that claims to seal the floor, providing additional stain protection.

It took most of a weekend to empty the garage and lay down the tiles, which were ready to be used immediately. The street cars with high-mileage tires were no problem, but when we parked a '23 Model T with new recapped pie-crust slicks in the garage for a week, it left two small contact patch stains that seem to be permanent. The coating would have prevented that. Overall, we think this is the toughest floor covering we have ever tried. It comes in colors, too.

**Learn more:** Better Life Technology; 913-894-0403; BLTLLC.com

## THE ROBOREEL

**What it is:** An extension cord reel that is self-retracting

**Why you care:** Instead of a massive wad of extension cords hanging from a hook, you can have 50 feet of 12-gauge retractable cord contained in a futuristic 360-degree swiveling ball. The RoboReel uses an electric motor so the plug won't whip into your crystal unicorn collection while it's retracting and has safety features like automatic shut-off if the cord gets jammed or severed. It's also a cool orange globe.

**How much:** \$299 for the hanging model

**Learn more:** Great Stuff Inc.; 888-478-7883; RoboReel.com



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