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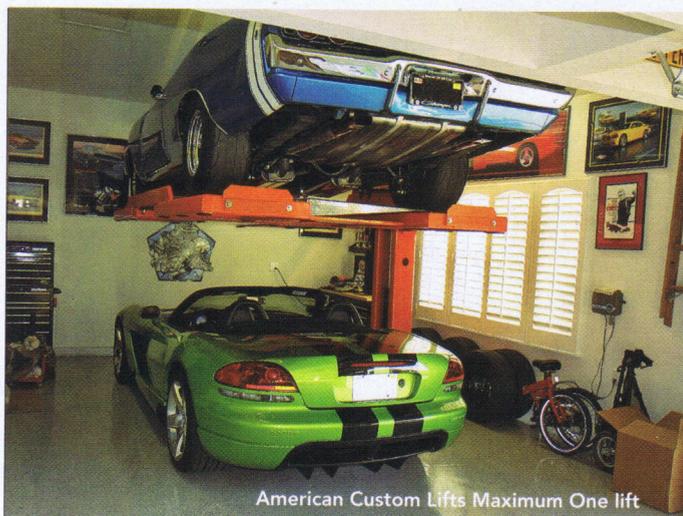
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mildew from forming. The tiles are available in a number of sizes, colors, and patterns, including game boards such as hopscotch and shuffleboard. The company's ProTek floor coatings, which can be applied in a single day in any season of the year, saturate the concrete, instead of just covering it, as epoxy and other coatings do. The coatings are UV-light resistant, so they won't fade, and they are resistant to oil, salt, and gasoline stains. The coatings come in eight standard colors and 100 custom colors. GarageTek also will produce custom patterns or logos.

DiamondLife's top-of-the-line XFloor system consists of interlocking tiles with aluminum diamond plate tread surfaces. The company says the tiles won't scratch, scuff, or dent. The tiles can be connected or disconnected quickly, and they don't attach to the floor; their weight keeps them anchored. The tiles are available in silver, black, red, and blue.

### OVER AND UNDER

What do you do when you have, say, four cars and only three bays, or you live in a city neighborhood where a multi-car garage is as rare as a front lawn? American Custom Lifts' array of residential lifts includes the PhantomPark subterranean line, a two-deck underground parking system that can simultaneously lift a pair of 7,000-pound vehicles. When lowered, the lift is completely concealed, offering no indication that a second car is sitting under the car that's parked at garage level. The company, which is based in Escondido, Calif., and has service centers throughout the country, also offers a selection of four-post and single-post lifts that will add an extra parking space to your garage. The Maximum One single-post lift, which can accommodate a vehicle weighing 6,500 pounds and has a lighting height of just under seven feet, offers some advantages over the four-post lifts. You have unrestricted access to the driver's side



American Custom Lifts Maximum One lift

of the bottom vehicle, and you're less likely to catch a side-view mirror or ding a door than you would be with a four-post lift.

A car turntable from Los Angeles-based Carousel USA won't create additional parking spots the way that a lift will, but it can make existing space more convenient, or even safer, by eliminating the need to back out of a narrow driveway onto a busy street. In fact, the story goes that company owner John Thomson founded Carousel USA after determining that a vehicle turntable would address a parking problem at his home. The house had a narrow driveway and a big oak tree growing near the front of the garage, both of which made it difficult for him to maneuver his SUV in and out of the garage. Thomson was dissatisfied with the turntables that were being sold, so he established Carousel USA to build better ones.

### GRAND OPENINGS

A finely crafted entry door can make your garage's exterior as inviting as the new and improved interior. Hahn's Woodworking Co., in Branchburg, N.J., has been making custom garage doors since 1984. Its founder and owner, Scott Hahn, has been involved with garage doors since he was a child: His grandfather and then his father ran a business that sold and serviced overhead garage doors. "So by nature, when I was a kid," says Hahn, "I spent most of my summers around the business."

After graduating from college with a degree in industrial arts, he changed his mind about becoming a teacher and went into the garage-door business, as a manufacturer. His company's construction method includes a meticulous sealing process that prevents any moisture from seeping into the wood. In fact, Hahn's doors come with lifetime warranties.

In addition to garage doors, Hahn's Woodworking Co. also makes all other types of exterior doors as well as interior doors. □



Carousel USA car turntable