



The information in these pages is intended to provide an overview of how we may handle your storage needs, and why our products truly are a cut above the rest.

N.W. Garage Cabinet Co. is founded on the principal of delivering superior products and service. We offer custom designs, quality workmanship, and high grade materials. Taking no short-cuts, our storage systems are smart, practical and built to last for decades.

Why a cut above? To answer this question best, we focus on how a cabinet is built and the materials used.

#### **Box Construction:**

The box is the overall body of the cabinet (top, bottom, sides, and back). Most interior grade cabinetry (kitchen, bathroom, laundry room), are made of particle core materials, known as white melamine. While attractive in appearance, this material is best suited for indoor use and light duty loading. Where temperature and moisture cannot be controlled, these materials break down over time. Moisture is absorbed into the core, swelling the individual particles, and weakening the glue bond holding them together. Ultimately the product loses its rigidity. Shelves sag, sides shift, and doors no longer close properly. Even under the best of circumstances particle board products have considerable limitations. Knowing this, we are very deliberate in choosing an A grade resin laminated plywood (M.D.O.) to construct all our cabinet boxes and shelves. Because plywood is composed from layers of solid wood veneer, it is able to perform in all climate conditions. Moisture and temperature have no effect on the material whatsoever. Plywood composites are extremely strong and resilient to the heaviest of loads. The resin laminate is resistant to water, oils, and harsh chemicals. This finish provides a light tan, even colored appearance to the inside of the cabinet.

#### **Re-enforcement materials:**

Re-enforcement is integrated during assembly to provide additional support. At all horizontal panel edges (top to bottom, front to back), and behind the solid mahogany face frame, the use of solid wood provides continuous strength and added rigidity where necessary.

#### **Face frame:**

There are two basic styles of cabinetry: Traditional (with frame), and European (without frame). The face frame accommodates the cabinet with additional rigidity and a shadow line in which to conceal the re-enforcement members. N.W. Garage Cabinet Co. manufactures a face frame cabinet with a mahogany frame. This species of wood has been used in the ship building industry for years because it has no tendency to warp, shrink or twist. Mahogany wood is very attractive and provides an excellent contrast to the solid color doors.

#### **Doors:**

Generally speaking, this aspect of cabinetry is the most diverse in regards to the various styles and materials available. Raised panel, flat panel, solid wood, arched, and infinitely detailed decorative style doors can be found. However, when selecting the type best suited for exterior grade cabinetry, moisture and durability are important considerations. Using a laminated slab style door allows for easy cleaning and leaves no details where dust could settle. Because solid wood is unstable in exterior applications

(your garage), we use a composite core which has no propensity to warp or bow. Fully laminated, the doors can come in a variety of colors, and are washable with ordinary household cleaners. Various door edgings are also available.

#### **Hardware:**

Equipping any cabinet with quality hardware is extremely important. A broken hinge or drawer guide is as much of a problem as any other type of failure. Inferior hardware can brake down over time. All of our products are equipped with mechanisms manufactured by industry leaders (no cheap imitations). Our drawers and roll-out shelving come standard with full extension bearing guides rated to support at least 100 lbs. when fully extended. The doors are mounted with fully embedded and concealed hinges. For shelf adjustability, full length steel rails with double locking metal supports allow complete flexibility of adjustment, and very heavy loading without risk.

#### **What you can expect at the time of your estimate:**

Our estimator will provide insight as to the type, location and configuration of your system. Traffic flow, kinds of items needing to be stored, and overall function are primary design considerations. Because we manufacture our own products, overcoming ordinary obstacles such as electrical panels, wall plugs, garage door tracks, concrete curbs, sprinkler control boxes and un-even wall surfaces are usually not a problem. Home owners often times deem an area to be unusable due to obstructions, when in reality it can be used with little effort on our part. With this in mind, begin accessing your needs and where such a system might be located, providing best access without intruding onto walking space. Having a basic outline can be helpful at time of estimation.

#### **Formulating a final game plan and assessing the cost:**

After discussing your storage needs, your estimator will measure and design the system, offer suggestions which will add function and value to your storage area, and generate a detailed drawing. A pre-printed estimate form will be furnished (N.W.G.C. does not use a blank sheet estimate format). You will be presented with a copy of both the line item estimate, and the scaled drawing. Please review the information on both copies at your convenience. Any question you may have will gladly be answered by either our office staff, or your estimator. Lists of references are available upon request.

#### **How long will this take?**

The estimate process can vary in length depending on the scope of work needing to be done. On average, expect to spend anywhere between one and two hours with our estimator. Be sure to plan for this time.

Having a better understanding of products and services should provide a means in which to differentiate between seemingly similar products and services commonly found in the marketplace. Please keep in mind that all cabinets are not created equal.

**We are looking forward to working with you!**

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