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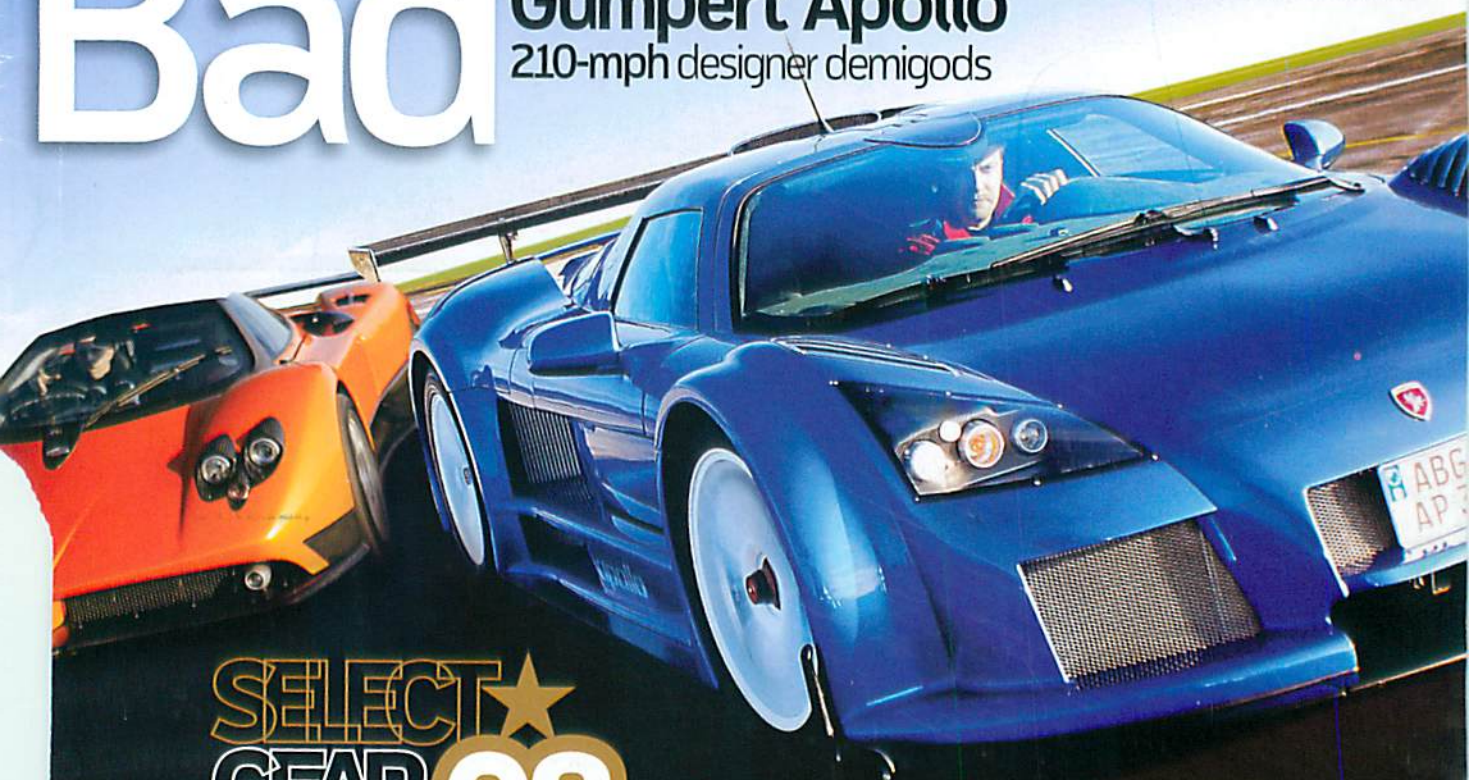
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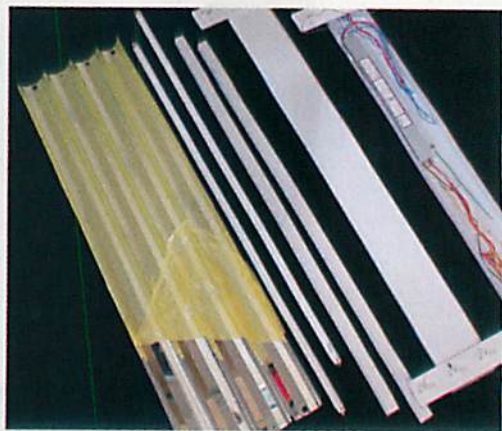


Extreme Garage Makeover

Part 4: Let there be light. And leather

by Pablo Mazlumian photography by the author

We've reached the conclusion of this enjoyably smooth garage project. Here's a brief update: I started with a car lift from American Automotive Products (*ec*, March '07) and followed it with a sick epoxy-urethane floor from Protective Flooring and Imagine That 360 (*ec*, May '07). Then it was furnished with all-aluminum cabinets from Moduline Garage (*ec*, Dec '07), giving the place real character. This time, I tackle the other section of the floor and add some extremely bright yet low-consumption lighting.



• One of the three UltraLux four-lamp T5 fixtures to be hard wired. The BlueMax F54-T5/T6 bulbs are 47 inches long by 0.75 inches in diameter and will provide 5200 lumen for up to 20,000 hours. Each bay fixture houses four tubes, but the reflective backing triples the effect.

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my needs, filling all but eight inches of that space.

What was ordered gives a good idea of what Moduline has to offer. The large closet measures 75 inches tall by 32 inches wide by 24 inches deep. Next to it are three overhead wall-mounted cabinets 18 inches tall by 15 inches deep. The outer two are 36 inches wide to line up with the drawer cabinets underneath, and the middle one is 32 inches wide to match the seven-drawer cabinet beneath. In between, there is a wall space of 104 inches wide by 20 inches tall to be used later.

On the lower end, all three drawer cabinets are 36 inches tall. The outer two are 36 inches wide and the seven-drawer unit is 32 inches. They're also 24 inches deep, matching the large closet. Each cabinet is double-reinforced on the sides for extra rigidity, and all the drawers slide on ball bearings for smooth operation. On top is one large custom piece of aluminum, bringing it all together


to make one large and trick-looking workstation. One option I took advantage of was adding Moduline's four-inch toe kick riser, bringing the counter top up to 40 inches and the top of the large closet to 79 inches.

The garage couldn't be complete without one of Moduline's most popular accessories—the folding workstation. Thanks to its aluminum construction, the entire system weighs only 29 pounds, but it's tough. Dimensions are 40 inches wide and nearly 30 inches high, with a 1.75-inch thick reinforced aluminum bench top. The unit folds up with a spring-loaded positive locking mechanism that keeps it closed. Installation was fairly simple. I had to drill a few holes to line up with the studs in my wall and the whole thing took about an hour. I placed it in the shop side of the garage for easy access.

This garage project is really coming along nicely. Thanks to these cabinets, it's actually better than I

had anticipated. If money were no object, more seven-drawer cabinets would be nice. I'd line the walls with them. Ideally, I would have gone with two seven-drawer cabinets and one of the single-drawer base cabinets in the middle—essentially reversing what you see here (that would have been sweet). But that would have set me back an extra \$1,000. And one of Moduline's awesome rolling workstations would have been a neat addition... but who am I kidding? I'm just an automotive journalist. This is where doctors and lawyers come in.

Since the cabinets don't attract dust, black is the perfect color. The appearance and quality of the products take the ambiance and push it several notches towards the finer side. Now they're the first things everyone notices.

In the forthcoming garage makeover finale, I'll talk about new lighting from Full Spectrum Solutions and the rest of the Protective Industrial Flooring. 



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- 4. All Moduline drawer cabinets feature ball-bearing slides for smooth operation.
- 5. Moduline fabricates a one-piece aluminum countertop with back splash to fit the dimensions of your custom set-up. Stainless steel is also an option. Frames are anodized aluminum and the paint is baked enamel, which is reportedly more consistent for paint matching. This combo does not attract dust.
- 6. One of Moduline's most popular sellers is the folding workstation, which mounts easily to wall studs and can support considerable weight.
- 7. There is nearly 11.5 feet of Moduline cabinetry in the twin car spot and a folding workstation in the back of the shop side. Since the cabinets don't attract dust, black is the perfect color choice.



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