



Overhead Garage Storage Racks - Maximizing Space and Selecting the Best Hanging Ceiling Shelves

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Garage Storage Solutions

Hanging ceiling storage is the answer to doubling the storage capacity in your garage. Most garages have every square inch of the side walls covered in metal shelves or cabinets and there is little room to even park the car. The items that can't be jammed into the cabinets are wedged into every nook, cranny, and spider web filled gap, but your garage ceiling is wide open. The space on the ceiling closely matches the square footage of the floor. So it is conceivable that if you make all of your overhead space usable you could double the storage space in your garage.

Home Storage Trends

Overhead storage is not new; it has existed for as long as there have been garages. Backyard innovators have always cooked up wood versions and the odd bed frame etc. to hang from the ceiling. What is new is the safe and sleek design of *overheadshelf racks*.

Suspended overhead garage shelving or **hanging ceiling mounted storage racks** are the latest trend in garage storage. This is specialty-constructed steel shelving or racking that is designed to be mounted to the structure of your ceiling and hang down to create usable storage compartments. The beauty of this storage is it can be mounted on finished or unfinished ceilings. Any clear area on your garage ceiling can be turned into storage space.

Today's *best garage ceiling racks* can support over 750lbs of storage on a typical 4'x8' shelf. Add in a simple mounting system, ease of installation, and it really becomes a perfect solution to creating more storage in your home.

Not all Hanging Ceiling Storage is Equal

Choose wisely and shop around for the strongest and most secure [garage ceiling racks](#). There are many designs for sale but "buyer beware" of lightweight and low quality racks. Look for features such as a safety lip so your items won't slip

off the shelf. Make sure the storage racks have adjustable heights to fit your garage ceiling. Check for a strong cradle design with no moveable parts that supports the whole platform instead of a pin and keyhole design where the frame rail may pop out sending the contents of the shelf onto the garage floor.

When searching the internet, check for **hanging ceiling storage** websites with stress test or earthquake videos that show the strength of their overhead storage products. Look for installation videos and tutorials that let you view before you buy their overhead racks. Some companies won't let you see the installation process until after you make a purchase. It is also very helpful to have printable [DIY overhead garage storage installation instructions](#) that allow you to follow along step-by-step. Last, check the warranty policy the company provides. The reputable companies want you to see the strength of their products and stand behind their performance.

Cost

As you shop around you will find varying prices for **ceiling mounted storage**. Cost will depend on materials, construction, and shipping. There are companies who look like they have the best price, but after adding the shipping charge, you are paying more than you should be. Look for a business who offers free shipping, easy to follow *DIY or professional installation* with tutorials and printed instructions, stress test or earthquake videos, and a good warranty and you should be happy with your purchase and your new overhead garage storage space.

Owner and ceiling storage authority, Jeff Moffat, created [OverheadShelf.com](#) after years of research and finding problems with existing **overhead racks**. Some could hold the weight they advertised, but their design was weak and their overhead ceiling shelves had a lot of sway.

Moffat has been involved in the overhead garage storage industry for many years and worked with several of the leaders in the industry. Through research and testing Jeff has developed overhead storage that encompasses and surpasses the best qualities of all the racks on the market. **His overhead garage storage racks** utilize a cradle design which can hold much more weight than the others, and withstand a severe earthquake!

For more helpful information on overhead garage storage visit [Overhead Shelf](#). You will find stress test, installation and [earthquake videos](#) along with easy to follow [step-by-step printable installation instructions](#).

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