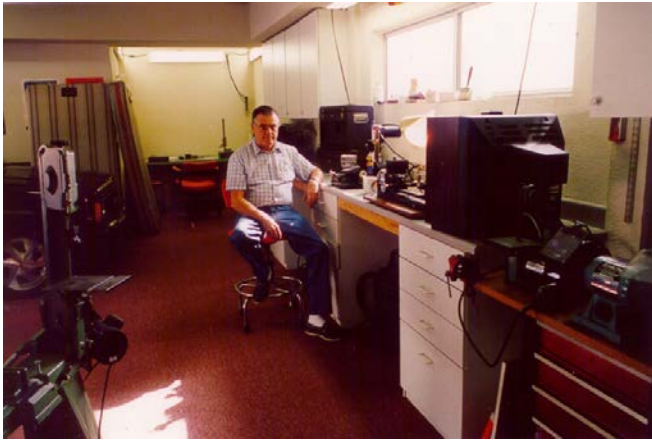


Compact Workshop 8—Garage Workshop/Joe Martin



Joe's shop features good natural light, carpet on the floor and a TV.

Joe Martin took advantage of some pre-fab drawer units and Formica countertop material to extend a workshop area down the rear wall of his garage. At the left end in a small alcove is a desk that serves as a quality control area. This is where Joe does his measuring and checks parts against the plans. Three florescent fixtures around the wall give plenty of light, although this photo does poor justice to that feature. Small free-standing machines do the job of cutting material to length. A grinder on top of the tool chest at the right is for sharpening tools. Cabinets and countertops like these are readily available at most home supply centers and can be customized to fit most garage applications.

Joe is a big fan of making your shop a comfortable spot to spend time. He feels that carpeted floors, heating/air conditioning and plenty of light are important to enjoying time in your shop. If this is your favorite hobby, you should make your time spent there as pleasant as possible. Joe even has a TV on the bench for background entertainment and a coffeemaker in case friends drop by to shoot the breeze.

