



Above, a testament wall to Porsche; below, even Rob's tool box is dedicated.

In the world of garageophiles, one must be aware of a common phenomenon best termed Garage Envy. One look through *Garage Style Magazine*, or the likes of Phil Berg's series of *Ultimate Garages* books and that Deadly Sin we call envy rears its ugly head. In the same way man can covet his neighbour's house, car, wife or whatever, for garageophiles those green eyes can glow fiercely at the sight of another's seriously spacious garage.

Dreams of Leno-esque floor space permeate a garageophile's brain, but most of us have to accept space will forever be at a premium, ensuring an on-going battle between a burgeoning car/memorabilia collection and room to keep it all.

In true 'eyes are bigger than your belly' fashion, Rob, an Australian Porsche enthusiast, has the small problem of six cars, hundreds of rare die-cast models, dozens of framed posters, many car parts and a pro mechanic tool cabinet to squeeze into his Sydney double garage. With new additions always turning up and capacity already bursting at the seams, this was a battle lost long ago. Rob has a confirmed case of Garage Envy; knows he needs the extra space a larger garage would afford, but while still living in the city, has admirably made the best use of what he's got.

The result is his own Porsche-inspired Man Cave retreat. Entry for auto is through one of the twin security roller doors via the driveway, while walk-in visitors arrive from the outdoor yard through a sticker-coated (Porsche, of course) doorway.

"It's my favourite place to come and relax," Rob explains. "My wife Jen loves the cars as well, and if I've friends over, we'll come out here, have a few beers with the radio on and talk Porsche stuff."

The obsession started for Rob as an Eighties teenager after laying eyes on a red 'Yuppie-special' Porsche 944. Promising himself he'd work hard enough to afford one, he created a successful business that he eventually sold, and now enjoys semi-retirement to indulge his Porsche



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