

Winterizing The Shed Floor

With slush and snow just around the corner, your reporter decided to beef up protection for his vinyl tile floor, in both the centre drive lane and under the '12 KisselKar (the latter in anticipation of a winter on jack stands for some long-overdue maintenance).

Photos: Left to Right & Top to Bottom



Left to Right: 1924 Model T Ford, 1947 Dodge, 1912 KisselKar and 1906 Orient

This shiny new “garage floor containment mat” measures 7’-9” by 17’-9” outside; ample coverage to protect from drips from the ‘47 Dodge or the Family Modern even when the hatch is opened. Hoover was quick to claim his cozy spot on the Dodge hood directly below the heater.

My floor protection project was inspired by EACC member Colin Gafka’s industrial-strength containment mats (collector-car-incontinence version shown under his ’29 Pontiac; a wider, longer version is pressed into service under the winter modern). The triangular edge dams are a heavy-duty compressible foam rubber. Very nice!

Amazon delivered this EZISOE-brand mat in nine days. Twenty-two pounds, shipped from China to Montclair, CA to Brampton, ON and delivered in Edmonton for \$201.59

Top to Bottom Photos

all-in with taxes and freight. The global supply chain is truly a marvel.

The mat came folded six times and tightly rolled for shipping. The worst wrinkles were gone overnight.

The mat fabric is a seamless, heavy-duty PVC with low-slip upper surface; the edges are wrapped and sealed around a 1-1/4" compressible foam core. The package included sticky-back velcro pads to secure the pad in position; I was skeptical of their longevity and didn't bother. There are a variety of styles and sizes in the \$200-300 price rage; this particular mat was available from several Amazon resellers.



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The Kissel and '06 Orient are parked on recycled carpet in the south bay. A layer of 6-mil poly vapor under the carpet will (hopefully) protect the floor in event of a big spill. The Kissel will be out of commission for a while... spring shackles, brakes, kingpins and period shocks are all on the agenda for the winter.

The Orient is fully roadworthy at the moment, ready to roll out the door after our first big snowfall and put these 1955-vintage Non-Skids to the test!

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