



## Tech Tips: CTech Manufacturing

### The Five Tenets of Garage & Trailer Cabinetry

Cabinetry is key to an organized garage or trailer. Suitable cabinets can boost payload, improve productivity, and more. Storage solutions come in many shapes and sizes, from plastic totes to toolboxes, netting, and even bags. However, one storage solution rises above the rest: the humble aluminum [Econo cabinet](#) from CTech Manufacturing. But why?

The organizational tenets listed below provide a practical answer to this question. These are essential considerations for garage and trailer owners looking to invest in a new storage solution. With over 30 years in business, [CTech Manufacturing](#) knows what customers expect from a high-performance cabinet.



### Materials

Proper building materials are crucial to longevity. Composite wood is a standard option because it's easy to work with, but moisture can quickly break it down. Steel is cheap and robust but incredibly heavy and susceptible to corrosion. Although more expensive, aluminum is the preferred construction material for trailer and garage cabinets.

Some cabinets, like Econo cabinets, are constructed with aluminum alloys to ensure that the finished product retains critical weight savings and corrosion-resistance characteristics. Those two considerations are uniquely crucial in [garage](#) and [trailer](#) applications. In a market where product longevity is hard to come by, aluminum Econo cabinets are built to last.



## Features

Like the cherry on top of a sundae, innovative features add something extra to any cabinet system. A dependable door and drawer latching system is a must. Magnet-based latching systems eventually lose their magnetism, and friction-based systems wear out after years of use. Econo cabinets utilize a patented MotionLatch™ system that keeps items securely stored yet easily accessible via a full-length handle. Many other cabinet manufacturers have tried but failed to replicate this easy-opening latch.

If you're shopping for base cabinets, pay close attention to the countertop. They see lots of use and abuse, and a tough work surface is essential. A sealed countertop can also protect stored items from spill damage. GasketLoc countertops, another exclusive feature only found on cabinets built by CTech Manufacturing, feature both a tough composite work surface and a gasket-sealed extruded backsplash.



## Availability

So you've found a cabinet that you'd like to buy—that's great! Review the lead time for that cabinet, as this timeframe fluctuates significantly between manufacturers. Investigate delivery and pickup options to ensure that a convenient option is available in your area. In a perfect world, the cabinet you want would be in stock and ready to ship to your door. Econo cabinets are always kept in stock and ready to ship in 1-2 business days, so you can move quickly on your storage upgrade.



## Installation

The final step of any cabinet purchase is installation. Anyone with basic tools and a DIY attitude can install cabinets, although an extra pair of hands is essential to ensure safety. If you'd rather hand installation off to an expert, any local trailer repair shop or cabinet installer may be able to help. In any case, Econo cabinets are crated and shipped fully assembled directly to your door so that you can put your new storage solutions to work as soon as possible.



## Origin

Where your cabinets originate from is critical for several reasons. Domestic goods generally offer higher finished quality and use local materials. If you need customer support, the manufacturer should be able to provide installation and repair resources in a timely manner. CTech Manufacturing has a fantastic customer support reputation thanks to a small but experienced sales staff. All of their products, including Econo cabinets, are produced under one roof at their Weston, Wisconsin headquarters.

