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Portable Car Shelters: What are They Made Of? by [Mitch](#)

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Portable car shelters also rendered instant garages, portable garages or portable canopies are increasingly becoming popular. They offer safety of one's car or an alternative storage for other items. They are a great solution when going away for the weekend, and will be staying in a cabin and are worried for the safety of your car. They are not only ideal for people who are travelling but can offer a permanent solution if the space in your garage is not enough for all your items. They are perfectly safe and protect all items within them from adverse weather conditions.

You can get creative and decide to convert it into a workshop or even a greenhouse. During winter, you can clear them out to create room for your children to play in away from the house. Above all they are cheap to buy and easy to construct. Getting them down, is no major hurdle and you can easily do it on your own. They are ready to use once you get them propped up.

If you do not have one of these and are considering buying one, it is important to know what kind will suit your needs. You not only need to consider the dimensions and the space you have available but also what kind of items you will be putting in it. One great determinant of the kind of portable car shelter you will end up buying is the material used to make the shelter. Portable garages come in wood, steel, aluminum, walled canvas and vinyl overhead.

Portables made of wood are easy to put up and can be attached to the house if you would like it to blend in. They come in two designs: one with walls or an overhead carport only. Wood is a good material that will be able to withstand the changing seasons. It will serve you for many years if taken care of well.

The most common material used for portable car shelters is steel. Steel shelters are very easy to assemble as most of them use a bolt and screw design. They are generally large and have either flat roofs or an A design. They are a good option if you want a permanent solution to a storage problem in your house. They are easy to clean and will stand strong for many years without much adjustment. Aluminum garages are much similar to the steel ones but do not last as long. They are more aesthetically pleasing; however, they get weathered down easily.

For the traveler who would like to carry his or her garage along with them, opt for a vinyl or canvas overhead. They are cheap and it is easy to assemble them, since you only need simple support poles made of PVC or aluminum to prop them up. You can be sure it will protect your vehicle from snow, rain, sun and other elements as you travel. Vinyl or canvas carports with walls are larger and heavier than their canopy counterparts. They can have one to three flexible walls. These walls can be folded up or rolled down depending on what you need.

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