

# My favorite tool bag

by Art Waldal

**I**, FOR ONE, ENJOY THE ADVANCES the human race has made. One area in particular that has a lot to do with my life is a tool-carrying device (in other words, a tool box). These usually are square and box-like with a handle of some sort. Constructed of wood, plastic or metal, tool boxes all do the same thing: hold equipment for you to carry to a jobsite. If you use them too much, the hinges fail or the handle breaks off. Then you go buy another one and promise yourself you'll take better care of it.

Why don't you do yourself a favor? Buy something that'll last, like the Veto Pro Pac XL. It is large, roomy and tough-as-nails. This tool bag has more pockets than a mob of kangaroos. Count them...30 regular pockets from 5 inches to 8 inches deep for pliers, screwdrivers and clippers, plus 32 small pockets for pencils, punches and bits of all sorts. Oh, by the way, the pockets are vertical—both sides zip off, showing a rigid center panel with three rows of shallow pockets on both sides to visibly store tools—so you can actually see what's in the bag instead of dumping it all out on the floor (something I've personally done a thousand times in the past). The bottom is 3-millimeter-thick polypropylene, which provides a solid base that stands up to concrete and dirt (it's easy to wipe off) and jobsite wear and tear.

It also has six zippered horizontal pockets for long flat stuff or paper storage. Just one look



The Veto Pro Pac XL was developed by a carpenter to keep every tool in easy reach.

tells you this is one serious bag built for the professional tradesperson. To close the lid, Veto Pro chose to use large sleeping-bag-type zippers instead of latches or buckles. Having a tough and proven-durable closing system was a very good decision on their part. Carry a pair of long-nosed pliers though, in case you drop a short tool into a deep pocket. This "box" holds a lot and you don't want to have to dump it upside-down just to get it out. With all this versatility for storage, it's also easy to overfill the Veto Pro Pac XL and make it almost too heavy to carry. No need to worry about the bag though; it'll carry anything you can put in it. The adjustable, detachable and padded shoulder strap is very strong and capable of carrying the entire load.

You've heard the saying, "You're judged by

your appearance"? The good news is you'll look like a professional when you're on the job with this tool bag. And homeowners will love you when you carry the Veto Pro Pac XL into their finished houses because it doesn't damage things the way a metal box will. With its polypropylene bottom and Denier 2500 nylon-fabric body construction, it doesn't have sharp edges to catch and scratch things. My mama would be proud of me.

Until next time. ♦



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