



UNLOCK THE PERFECT TOOLBOX SYSTEM



Your guide to toolbox system
configuration for mechanic and
service trucks.





Custom configuration and durability are the two keys to the perfect toolbox.

A well-configured toolbox system helps mechanic and service truck operators work efficiently through easy access to the most commonly used tools.

The toolbox system must also be built to hold up to the rigors of demanding jobsites in a variety of markets:

- + Construction
- + Equipment Dealer & Repair
- + Forestry & Logging
- + Government & Municipalities
- + Mining & Aggregates
- + Oil & Gas
- + Rental
- + Service Truck & Van Upfitters



CONFIGURATION OPTIONS



When selecting a toolbox system, be sure to work with a manufacturer that provides a variety of designs as well as custom configuration options. Don't settle for a "one configuration meets all" approach, because there's no such thing. **To maximize productivity, a toolbox system should be set up to meet your work needs and style.**

Maybe you need a deep drawer or two for larger tools. Maybe you need built-in lighting for evening work. Maybe you need dividers to create compartments within drawers. Maybe you need a drawer with a drain valve for storing oil filters to be disposed or a deep drawer for power tools. The list of ways you can have your toolbox system configured goes on and on.

Begin by looking at the size of your truck's compartment so you can get a toolbox system that will fully utilize the space. Then discuss your jobsite needs with the manufacturer or local distributor to take advantage of the many configuration choices available.



EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES

DRAWER HEIGHT
EGG CRATE DIVIDERS
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DRAWER HEIGHT



Rather than try to make your tools fit into drawers, select drawers that fit your tools.

The most common drawer heights are 3", 5" and 7", giving you the flexibility to store everything from wrenches to power tools. Custom drawer heights, as well as drawer capacities up to 500 lbs, are also available from certain manufacturers.

You can also get larger drawers with a lining and drain plug for storing used oil filters for later disposal. Work with a manufacturer that offers a variety of drawer depths and can arrange them in any combination.





EGG CRATE DIVIDERS



Organized tools help save time — just grab the tool you need and get back on the job — and the easy way to organize your tools is with drawer dividers.

For convenient sorting as well as easy arrangement of odd-shaped tools, “egg crate”-style dividers offer the most versatility. You can quickly arrange drawers with small to large compartments to efficiently use the space for parts, tools and more.



HANDLES



A wide range of handle styles is available, so look for an option that not only feels comfortable but also allows for one-handed operation. Think of all those times when you have something in one hand and reach for your toolbox with the other hand. That's when ease of operation can be a big timesaver. T-handle pulls have been the standard for quite a while.



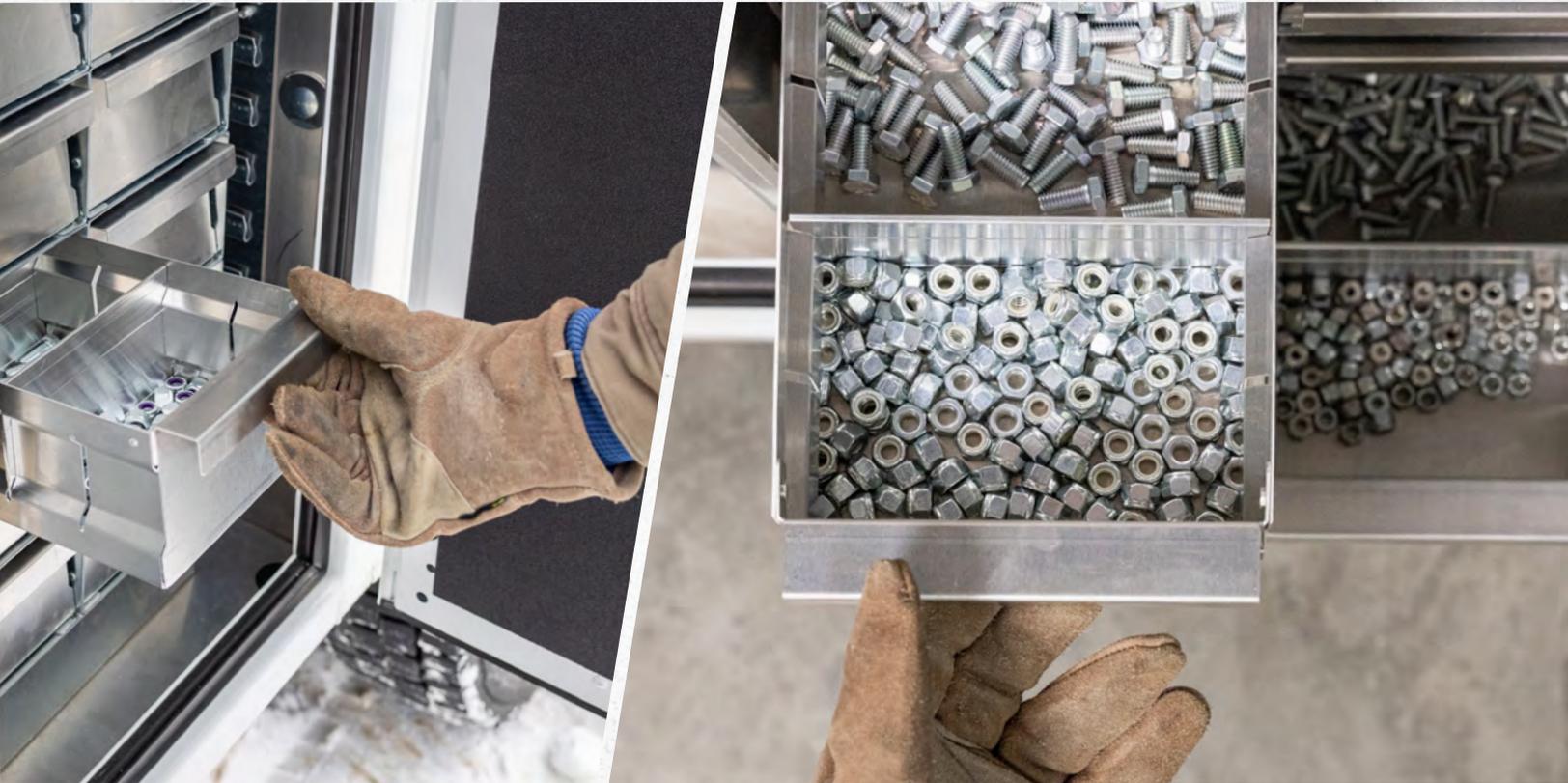
Stellar has recently introduced **new bale-style pull handles** that add still more convenience by letting users activate the latches by grabbing the handle from either above or below.



BOLT BINS



Just as keeping your tools organized saves time, so does a convenient storage system for nuts, bolts, fittings and other small parts. Look for bolt bin systems that are modular so they can be configured for the parts you use the most. Some manufacturers offer dividers for bolt bins, adding even more storage versatility.



LOCKS AND LATCHES



No matter how you arrange your tools, you want to be sure they're protected with locks. You also don't want drawers opening at random — and busting your knuckles or damaging tools — because of weak latches. Avoid plastic slides and latches that break easily. Make sure your manufacturer uses steel and/or aluminum components for locks, latches and slides.



REMOVABLE DRAWERS



During bumpy rides or from jostling on an active jobsite, tools often get turned so that drawers get jammed. Fixed drawers require you to lose valuable time trying to dig out a tool or unwedge a blockage in order to open the drawer. With removable drawers, you can quickly get to the heart of the problem. Simply lift out the drawer, or the drawer above the blockage, to rearrange tools and get back to work.

LIGHTING



Jobsites aren't always sunny. From cloudy days to morning and nighttime tasks, find what you need on dark worksites by adding drawer lightbars with bright, long-lasting LED lights. They're great for indoor work, too. Look for a manufacturer whose lightbars shine into the drawers rather than just lighting the area.

WEIGHT



If you're looking for higher payload, consider a manufacturer that offers an aluminum option for weight savings. Along with providing strength at reduced weight, aluminum toolbox systems also have added corrosion resistance. With some manufacturers, you can get a heavy-duty steel toolbox system with aluminum drawers for weight reduction, as well as drawer capacities up to 500 lbs.

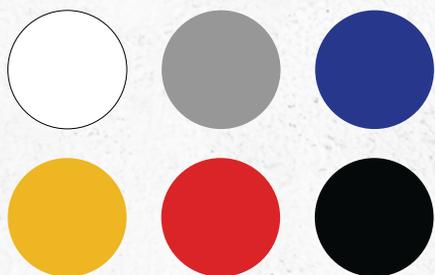


COLOR



Who says a toolbox system can't be stylish? Look for a manufacturer that offers drawers with different color options. You can use the colors to indicate different contents for quick reference, or you can simply choose a color you like or that best matches the color scheme of your truck or company.

STANDARD COLOR OPTIONS:





WHAT ABOUT LONG TOOLS?

Pry bars, sledgehammers and shovels don't fit in most toolbox systems. That's when a rear workbench storage system comes in handy.



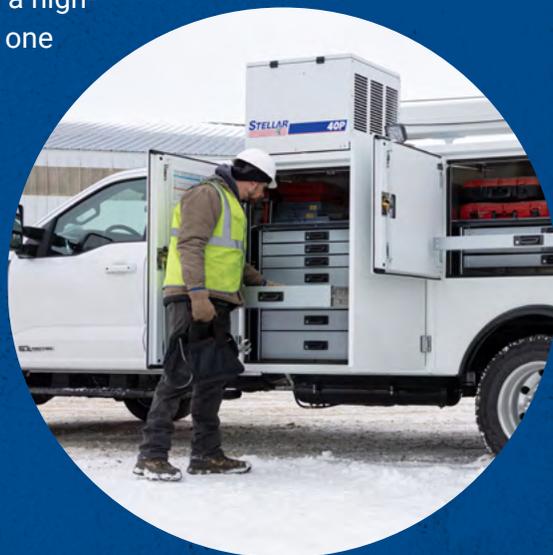


DON'T FORGET DURABILITY

From being bounced around over uneven terrain to the constant pounding of tools being tossed in and drawers being pulled out, toolbox systems can take a daily beating on construction sites.

For long-term use in demanding conditions, make sure your model has the heavy-duty construction needed, such as metal components and welded seams. You'll save money in the long run by choosing a high-quality toolbox system rather than one you'll soon need to replace.

As mentioned earlier, a toolbox system is no place for plastic. It's not a question of if plastic slides and latches will break, but when. Insist on all-metal construction to get the most from your investment. Quality-built toolbox systems will last for years.





EXPERT HELP IS AVAILABLE



With the ideal configuration combined with quality construction, you can have a toolbox system that will serve you well for decades. Because of the wide range of styles and configurations, working with a pro can help ensure you get the best fit for your work needs and your budget.

To find the ideal toolbox system configuration, [contact Stellar](#) or [find a distributor](#).

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