

# Wall systems: functional beauty

Everything about our lives has a function. And when we can achieve more function from anything, we are more efficient. Wall systems, a growing furniture category, have filled the functional role in many homes.

A variation on the bookcase theme, a wall system offers a multitude of functions. Available in the widest variety of finishes and woods, wall systems are the dream for persons wanting ample storage and display space in one or more pieces of furniture.

These units can feature specific storage for liquor, in the form of a serving bar. A perfect dimension for the smaller scale living space, the wall system serves as a multiple entertainment center, too.

Wall systems can stand alone or join other furniture in an overall design theme. Many dining room groups and wall systems reflect the same styling for persons wanting to carry the theme throughout their home.

Like any furniture, its purpose and location must be a major consideration in planning a purchase. A unit for a family room might be more casual than the wall system for a study or hallway.

Your options include a variety of modular concepts that are stackable and bunched. If your budget is restricted, then consider making an investment in wall systems. Select one of three pieces, with the goal of eventually buying them all over a reasonable amount of time.

Many of the newest systems are finished on the back. This extra dimension permits you to create a room divider with a free standing unit that can help improve and direct traffic.

age units are finding their way into many homes.

Unlike conventional wall systems, the generation of entertainment centers can be vertical or linear, mostly in transitional and contemporary styling.

One of the most beneficial aspects of better quality and well planned entertainment centers is the elimination of strands of unsightly wires and cords. Carefully placed electrical outlets in these units means you can place your equipment on any shelf and never need an extension cord. Some are even lighted.

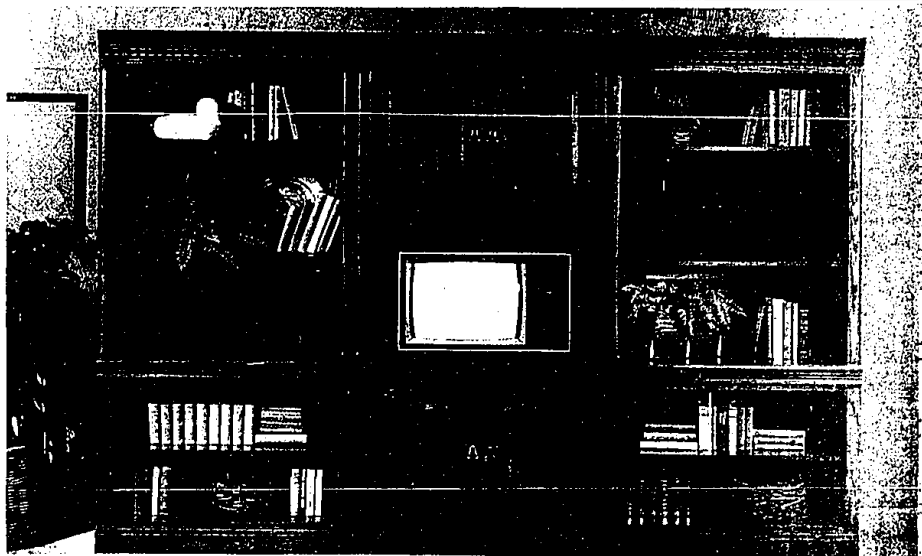
You can expect to find entertainment centers in a variety of modular configurations: chests, cabinets and open shelving. Doors will be all wood, glass or tamboured (sliding cover made of thin, flexible wood strips mounted on a canvas or liner which slides in a pair of horizontal, vertical or curved grooves).

IN SELECTING an entertainment center, you should consider present and future needs. If all you want is a storage piece for your phonograph and a few records, then your choice is simple. If you are planning to buy a video recorder, you might want to shop around to evaluate the functional characteristics of larger display-storage units.

One handy feature is the pullout, swivel shelf that can turn widely to the left and right. These shelves are available in different heights, making them suitable for television viewing or easy equipment operating.

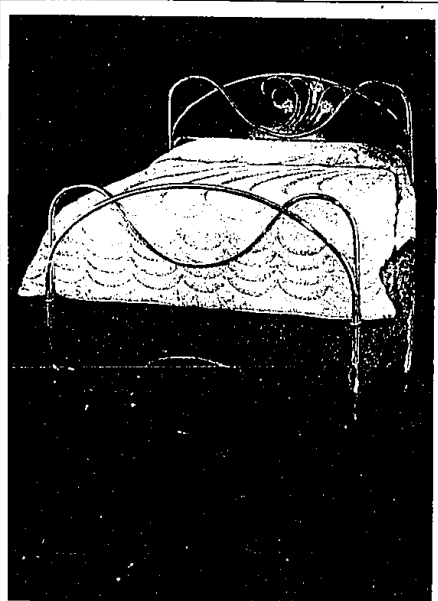
You will want to make sure the shelf guides are strong enough to support the weight of the equipment you want it to hold.

Interior design preferences vary. You might want to consolidate all your electronic equipment in one unit. Or you might prefer the modular concept of spreading the equipment in two or more units.



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A VARIATION ON wall system is the home entertainment center, a relatively new category of furniture. Designed to house the growing variety of electronic gear, these functional stor-



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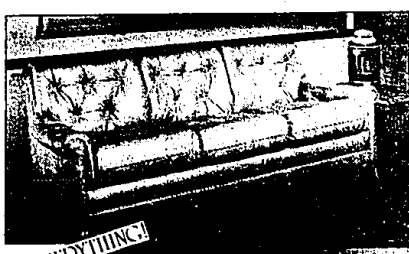
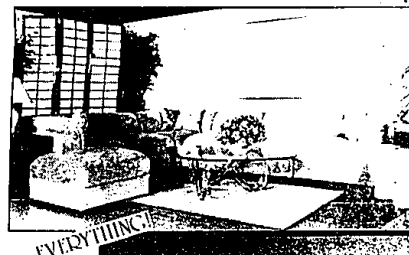
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