A magazine for technicians by technicians

The Top Technician competition has become a powerful brand in the UK automotive aftermarket; one that encourages repair excellence and rewards those that invest in skills and training.

Over the past decade, Top Technician has provided technicians with a platform to test their abilities against the best of their car repairer colleagues from both independent and franchised workshops. It has become the competition to win with huge rewards for those that enter!

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Gareth Edwards gives advice to would-be Top Technician entrants



lowing in the wind A whistling turbo on a V10 /W Touareg turns out to e a big job for Matthew



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Our readers wanted more . . . so we are set to give it to them!

Top Technician (TT) magazine offers over 24,000 workshops practical fixes for day-to-day problems. It incorporates The Technical Book publication while also providing technicians who aspire to greater success the chance to see how their peers have increased their technical skills. It offers technical and training advice pitched across all levels of skill – plus a whole lot more.

As a separate stand alone publication from the publisher of Aftermarket magazine, Top Technician magazine is published twice a year in January and August. Top Technician will focus on:

- Technical information
- Training and skills advice
- Top Technician competition coverage

This will be provided in the following ways:

- Independent technical editorial on OE advances
- Independent editorial on real case studies from Top Technicians
- Independent editorial celebrating technician excellence
- Advertorial guides to the latest components, systems and technology
- Interviews with the UK's best technicians and technical experts

In summary

Top Technician is a magazine celebrating the work of the modern passenger car technician. It is where technicians will turn for a direct hit of fault-finding, repair or technical information and for affirmation of the skill, knowledge, intelligence and ingenuity they possess.

Top Technician's advertisers will build their brand identity with a chance to inform those at the sharp end of the aftermarket about their products and technical support. Through Top Technician, 24,000+ garage workshop readers will learn which companies they can turn to for a more professional and rewarding future.





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- Inserting company literature
- Section sponsorship (price on request)

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Meet some of the team

Top Technician will give its readers access to the finest minds in the vehicle repair sector. Every issue will feature systems theory and practical fixes from repairers at the top of their game, including:

Ian Gillgrass - Accreditations Manager, Institute of the Motor Industry

The technical brain behind Automotive Technician Accreditation (ATA), Ian is at the forefront of vehicle repairs and best practice for the new generation of technicians that have grown up with CAN bus and electronic engine management. Ian is chief judge for the Top Technician competition and will keep readers informed of the latest changes affecting technicians.

Stuart White – Top Technician winner 2010

Running a string of workshops, qualified in marketing and with a proven ability to solve the most frustrating faults, Stuart knows exactly what technicians need to hear to help them get ahead. Stuart will share the tricks and tips he uses to get to the bottom of problems at his Complete Car Maintenance workshop in Surrey.

David Hirst - Top Technician finalist

David Hirst is a mobile mechanic based in North Kent and has reached the finals of Top Technician a number of times. He is a regular contributor to the Top Technician magazine, describing unusual and complicated repairs.









About our experts:

- Decades of combined experience
- Huge depth of technical know-how
- Respected across the motor industry
- Can connect directly with readers

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Training diary

Take a ride on the CAN Bus, prepare for hybrid repairs or take on diesel - here's some of the great courses available over the next few months

Tune into profit There is a three day Petrol and Diesel ECU Remapping course from August 13-15. The first THE VIEZU Technical Academy INE VIELU reconnent recently in Bromsgrove trains technicians on ECU remapping and dyno day is set by for classroom stud, and learning how to use map on ECU remapping and dyno tuning to enhance performance and fuel economy on both petrol and diesel engines. You can meet the tutors at a feer tradition and tentor writing software, day two is a mix of theory and dyno tuning for petrol engines and the third day is dedicated to diesel tunes. A Gasoline Masterclass follows free training and tuning demonstration on August 10 on August 16 and a Masterclas for diesel vehicles is booked in and take a look at tuning options, plus the tools and software involved. You'll get to for August 17. have a go at using them too and see what's involved in writing files. There is no commitmen sign up to a course but I'm For a full list of courses, go to

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TECHNICAL WEBSITE Part Info has launched a new e-learning ection which includes interactive modules on various auto components and systems. There is a BTN Turbo module for roubleshooting common turbo faults, a Cambiare and Pierburg technical module for problematic engine management issues and n NGK one for spark plugs, glow plugs and lambda sensors. A comprehensive library of technical bulletins, articles and vide are available, free of charge. You can submit your own technical ips and each month, a 'Star Contributor' is rewarded with a £10 azon voucher.

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Smart repair

SINEMASTER HAS joined forces with Training 2000 in Blackburn to provide the distributors' refinish ustomers with access to ATA sments and has provided £40,000's of smart repair product and equipment to the facility. All ATA routes are covered Sentember 6 to 7 followed by Advanced including MET, Panel, Paint and Vehicle Damage Assessor, Bespoke courses can be provided for unit works and interacts with associated Sinemaster customers

Electronic diesel systems CAR PARTS DISTRIBUTOR CES (UK) offers a wide include 'Bosch Braking & Chassis Systems, ABS

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course runs at the BCA in Maidenhead

on August 23-24 and looks in depth at

management. The venue will then hold

an introduction to CAN Bus systems on

Engine Management on September 20-

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the propulsion and re-generation

system along with battery

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variety of training courses at its training centre in Chester. The IMI Awards centre comprises a classroom and workshop with a 2 post ramp and Electronic Diesel Control Systems' is planned for showcases the latest in diagnostic and airconditioning technology. Courses are run throughout the year by the likes of Bosch, Delphi and ATA and cover a wide ariety of subjects including Oscilloscope Operation, Engine Management, Air Conditioning, Braking & Chassis Systems and Hybrid and Diesel Systems. As an ATA approved Assessment Centre, they also run Service Maintenance Technician and Diagnostic chnician assessments. Uncoming courses

& ESP on September 4 to 5 and Bosch Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Systems on October 9-10. 'Bosch November 13-14 and will provide an introduction to all modern electronic diesel control systems. It will cover the fuel system, engine timing, the EDC system and delegates will learn how to carry out fault diagnosis tests on typical VE/EDC systems and appropriate component tests to identify what needs to be replaced or repaired.

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Whistling an expensive tune

A V10 engine with turbo problems equals a big job for technician Matthew Pestridge of D & D Autos

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