

June 2021 Newsletter

Let's Go Green!

Less than 5% of technicians are qualified to work with high voltage systems! The IMI have identified a significant difference in EV skilled workforce compared to growth of these types of vehicle¹.



By 2030, the Government plans to end the sale of ALL petrol & diesel cars, with 50% of vehicles on the roads being electric ² & this is well underway with sales rising by 43% in 2020 (even during a pandemic!)³. We've just bought our first fully electric vehicle, which we will of course be using for our training!

While training on electric vehicles is not yet regulated by government, employers are liable for ensuring the safety of their workforce under the Electricity at Work Act 1989. Failure to comply can be seen as criminal act. **How do you know your staff are safe?** It's vital that technicians are appropriately trained and equipped to work on these vehicles. We are working with the IMI and their TechSafe campaign, offering a level 3 vocational qualification for electric/hybrid vehicle systems. Click here to watch a quick video with an overview of the TechSafe campaign.

We are recomending that as many technicians as possible undergo accredited training against a regulated professional standard. Businesses need to ensure they are meeting their corporate responsibilities.

We want to work together to ensure we're all prepared for the future; therfore we are offering four hybrid/electric course for bookings made in August*.

Weekends & Evenings

Can't get away from the workshop??? We are offering courses at the weekends & evenings. We know it's sometimes difficult to get away from the workshop, so come and join us when its more convenient for you!

Demonstration Tests

Take away the stress of having DVSA on your site & book your demonstration test with us at our purpose-built Training Centre.

Our equipment is state-of-the-art & we have appointments available every week.

Become a tester

Be prepared for the additional volumes of MOTs due after the summer caused by the MOT extension. It's recommended to get all your technicians MOT trained to ensure your business

maximises the potential. We are running **car courses (class 4 &7)** every week but if you're already an MOT tester, consider expanding your skills to be able to test **Class 1 & 2** (bikes) **or 3 & 5** (trikes/vans). Call us for dates, 0333 358 2555.

DVSA News

MTS

Are you entering the correct vehicle details on MTS? Take a quick look at this <u>guide</u> from the DVSA to check.

Testing Guide

At the end of May DVSA released further updates to the MOT Testing Guide. Most of the changes are just updates to the document from procedures you will already be aware of, as they were released

earlier in the year. To help, we have produced this quick video, highlighting the changes & where they are in the guide. <u>Click here</u> to view.

If you are feeling a little overwhelmed this year, let's face it, it's been a difficult one with lots of changes! Why not join us for an **upskill course?** Just give us call and we can discuss with you any particular areas you think you need support. Alternatively, our **1-day annual training package** this year, incorporates a practical session reviewing the MOT routine with our experienced trainers.

Announcement

We are delighted to announce we have recruited a new MOT expert to join our team and assist in delivering our training courses. It's been a long, difficult search, but good things come to those who wait! With the additional specialist, we will be able to offer more of our existing courses as well as **NEW COURSES**. Watch this space, we'll send you more details shortly on our **Customer Service**, **VTS Start-up Management & ADAS courses**.



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https://garagewire.co.uk/news/must-read/ev-technician-shortage-must-be-addressed-urgently-imi-warns/

² https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-takes-historic-step-towards-net-zero-with-end-of-sale-of-new-petrol-and-diesel-cars-by-2030

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^{*} Terms & Conditions apply, see website.