

We're looking for outstanding automotive technicians

Showcase your skills and passion
with Skillauto competitions

Showcase your skills and passion at the national Skillauto competition to find the best.

For you, the rewards can be fantastically self satisfying and can give you the confidence to pursue your career to the highest level. For your employer, this national recognition of your skills could contribute to the success and profitability of the company.

Skillauto's search for the best is through national automotive technician competitions, which we run in the following disciplines

- Automobile Technology
- Autobody Repair
- Car Painting

The winners of these competitions may also have the chance to take part in the prestigious WorldSkills event! The 2009 event was held in Canada with UK automotive competitors winning a bronze medal and two medallions of excellence. In 2011, the competition moves to London providing UK technicians with the added incentive of achieving honours on home soil.

Are you capable of winning the highest honours in the UK auto industry, or maybe even think you're ready to compete at an international level?

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Light Vehicle Repair and Maintenance winner

Twenty year old John Couldridge who works for Inchcape Honda in Romford, Essex, has been crowned the UK's top young automotive technician in the 2009 Skillauto final. John competed against the very best young automotive technicians in the Light Vehicle Repair and Maintenance category. Competitors had to demonstrate their diagnostic and repair skills on a variety of vehicles and systems.

John said: "Being involved in the Skillauto competition was a great experience and it was a great opportunity to test my technical knowledge against other young technicians".



Young Panel Technician of the Year

Daniel Baker from Balgores in Colchester took the 2009 title in the Craft Awards competition sponsored by Thatcham and Bodyshop Magazine. Daniel excelled in the practical tests including MIG/MAG welding and rear quarter panel removal and refit, and stayed cool and calm throughout the assessment process. Accepting the award at Bodyshop Magazine's BE2009 event,

Daniel said, " I'm really pleased and everyone here has been congratulating me - I hope to come back next year and win in the senior category".



Young Paint Technician of the Year

Contestants in this year's Young Painter of the Year category had to complete a series of challenging practical tests, including direct gloss application and calculating measurements between colours and styling. After a highly competitive event, Daniel Matheson of Bryansford Coachworks in Newcastle, County Down emerged victorious.

Get involved now! If you have no more than 3 years' experience (including training) and would like more information about taking part, then visit: www.skillauto.co.uk Or contact: Sarah Whiteside-Jones at the IMI via sarahj@motor.org.uk or on 01992 511521

Technicians

- Help improve your skills – learn more!
- Show your employer, friends and family - you're one of the best
- Enhance your CV – show your credibility
- Become a master of your profession
- Show your passion and aspirations
- Build confidence and ambition to help you learn more and earn more!

Employers

- Help improve the skills of your workforce
- Create PR opportunities for your business
- Gain recognition for the skills of your workforce
- Show your encouragement to your employees – strive to succeed
- Inject pride and ambition into your workforce

Training Providers

- Create PR opportunities for your college or centre
- Prove the value of training and passion for the industry
- Demonstrate quality of processes (inspection reports recognise involvement in skills competitions as evidence of striving for excellence)
- Inspire students and apprentices through involvement. Prove you produce students of the highest calibre