

# Press release



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## **One hundred days until the MOT rush – are your technicians ready?**

- Over 400,000 cars expected to need an initial MOT test in September to remain legal
- Bosch now provides MOT Tester Training and MOT Continuous Professional Development (CPD) sessions to keep technicians' skills up to date as per DVSA requirements

Bosch is encouraging independent garages to ensure their technicians have the right MOT skills and qualification before the busiest testing period of the year. To not miss out on the MOT rush, throughout September and October, workshops are urged to ensure they have properly qualified technicians ready to take on the work.

September 2014 saw 425,861<sup>1</sup> new cars registered, and most of these are expected to need a first MOT in September 2017, resulting in a significant business opportunity for garages that have skilled staff and the right facilities at hand.

Bosch's state of the art training centre, located just outside of London in Uxbridge, provides courses all year round for technicians to learn new skills and gain the qualifications they need to become successful technicians. Prospective MOT Testers can attend a week long MOT Tester Training (Classes 4 & 7) course at the centre, which includes theory and practical elements of vehicle testing for those wishing to become accredited testers. The week also includes time for a practice test, which will include a run through to highlight any knowledge gaps and improve the confidence of the delegate.

All MOT testers in each vehicle class require a programme of MOT annual training known as Continuous Professional Development (CPD), requiring at least 3 hours per year and a minimum of 16 hours learning over a 5 year period, as well as completing and passing an online test each year. Bosch provides an MOT Tester CPD (Classes 4 & 7) course at its Uxbridge Centre,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.smmf.co.uk/2014/10/september-2014-new-car-registrations-closer-look/>

which covers topics such as navigating the MOT manual and corrosion assessment, designed to contribute to the yearly training requirement.

Opened in 2012, the Bosch Service Training Centre has capacity to train 4,500 delegates a year and is a vital part of Bosch's commitment to training in the aftermarket. Bosch is at the forefront of automotive technology, supplying to both vehicle manufacturers as an original equipment manufacturer and through the aftermarket to motor factors and automotive workshops. Delegates benefit from this experience, being trained by experts in the field who use their experience to better engage with attendees.

Bosch's Service Training Centre is running MOT Tester and CPD courses over the Summer, with spaces still available on both courses. To register to attend, or to see availability for courses, contact the Bosch Service Training Centre by emailing [saa.training@uk.bosch.com](mailto:saa.training@uk.bosch.com) or calling 01895 816160.

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The Bosch Group is a leading global supplier of technology and services. It employs roughly 375,000 associates worldwide (as of December 31, 2015). The company generated sales of 70.6 billion euros in 2015. Its operations are divided into four business sectors: Mobility Solutions, Industrial Technology, Consumer Goods, and Energy and Building Technology. The Bosch Group comprises Robert Bosch GmbH and its roughly 440 subsidiaries and regional companies in some 60 countries. Including sales and service partners, Bosch's global manufacturing and sales network covers some 150 countries. The basis for the company's future growth is its innovative strength. Bosch employs 55,800 associates in research and development at 118 locations across the globe. The Bosch Group's strategic objective is to deliver innovations for a connected life. Bosch improves quality of life worldwide with products and services that are innovative and spark enthusiasm. In short, Bosch creates technology that is Invented for life.

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