



Technicians Service Training

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Technicians, not coffee, keep America running! If you have ever been stranded on the side of the road, you know the importance of a good automotive technician. Remember, a vehicle is a lot like a 3,000 pound bullet—its proper mechanical operation at all times is absolutely necessary to keep you safe. Indeed, we all rely on skilled technicians to quickly and accurately diagnose problems with our automobiles and trucks, and to repair and maintain them.

Furthermore, as fuel prices increase and the issue of energy independence becomes increasingly important, the need for knowledge that makes our automobiles as fuel efficient as possible is ever more apparent. As we turn to vehicles that exploit new and changing fuel-saving technologies, the expertise required to safely and accurately service them is vital. Therefore, having the technician who works on your car educated concerning the changing technology in the field is absolutely necessary.

But how are you going to be sure that your technician is continually up-to-date? The problem is not that professional auto technicians do not have a strong desire to learn about today's automobiles and trucks—quite the opposite is true. The real problem is that technicians generally do not have much access to affordable real-world training.

However, there is a notable exception to this! Technicians Service Training (TST), a group of dedicated automotive technicians and instructors committed to the mission of continuing the education of all automotive technicians, affordably offers real-world training that helps save you gas, money, and maybe even your life! TST is a 501(c) (3) educational not-for-profit charitable organization that provides such training in Auburn, Massachusetts; Southbury, Connecticut; Totowa, New Jersey; and Mahopac, New York. This organization accomplishes its mission by bringing the nation's best automotive instructors and specialized experts to each chapter to inform and update technicians on all aspects of today's modern vehicles.

TST not only offers training to technicians that helps them improve their craft, it helps members acquire the technical information given at each chapter via the internet at TSTseminars.org. Typical of any professional organization, in TST a member can also network with fellow members to solve difficult automotive problems and share automotive experiences online, by phone or meeting each other at the monthly training seminar.

Lastly, TST works to ensure that customers know that their technician's abilities exceed all legal requirements and that they are fully capable of servicing your vehicle so you can be assured that your vehicle was serviced right the first time. We do this by providing an elite TST certification in six areas: Electrical I, Electrical II, Engine Performance I, Engine Performance II, Emissions (OBDII) I and Emissions (OBDII) II. Certification is not given to technicians that pass a simple written test. Only if a technician demonstrates during a hands-on tests that he can diagnose and repair real problems, is he certified. In the end, it is whether or not a technician can get the job done, not just take a test, that counts.

So, if you are a driver concerned about your vehicle's fuel efficiency and safety, and want to have the peace of mind knowing your vehicle was fixed right the first time, inquire where you get your vehicle serviced whether the technicians there take part in the Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey or New York TST chapter. TST can be reached on the internet at TSTseminars.org or by phone at 845 628-6928.