



## *Technicians Service Training*

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Technicians, not coffee, keep America running! A customer who has ever been stranded on the side of the road should know the importance of a good automotive technician. Drivers rely on skilled auto techs to quickly and accurately diagnose problems with their 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 to know how to make our automobiles as fuel efficient is ever more apparent. As drivers turn to vehicles that exploit new and changing fuel-saving technologies, the knowledge to safely and accurately service them is vital. Therefore, educating America's technicians concerning the changing technology in the automotive field is necessary.

Understandably, professional auto technicians have a strong desire to learn about today's automobiles and trucks, but there is not much access to affordable real-world training. A notable exception to this is Technicians Service Training (TST), a group of dedicated automotive technicians and instructors committed to the continuing education of all automotive technicians. TST is a 501(c) (3) educational not-for-profit corporation that provides training in Auburn, Massachusetts; Southbury, Connecticut; Totowa, New Jersey; and Mahopac, New York. TST brings 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 is also unique in the automotive industry by allowing automotive technicians to demonstrate their knowledge and ability through hands-on testing as opposed to just taking written exams. Auto technicians receive TST certification in six areas: Electrical I, Electrical II, Engine Performance I, Engine Performance II, Emissions (OBDII) I and Emissions (OBDII) II. In the end, it is whether or not a technician can get the job done, not just take a test, that counts.

Furthermore, TST members can acquire the technical information given at each chapter via the internet at [TSTseminars.org](http://TSTseminars.org). Typical of any professional organization, in TST a member can also network with fellow members in order to solve difficult automotive problems and share automotive experiences online, by phone or meeting each other at the monthly training seminar.

Thus, TST is more than training—it is a brotherhood of technicians. TST members have come to the aid of fellow members who have endured a major loss or illness. Raising donations at monthly seminars has relieved some of the financial burdens of those TST members in their time of need.

So, if you are a professional automotive technician interested in improving your ability to quickly solve the problems of today's modern vehicles with their ever more sophisticated electronics and computers then join TST by attending a seminar held at one the chapters in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey or New York. TST can be reached on the internet at [TSTseminars.org](http://TSTseminars.org) or by phone at **845 628-6928**.