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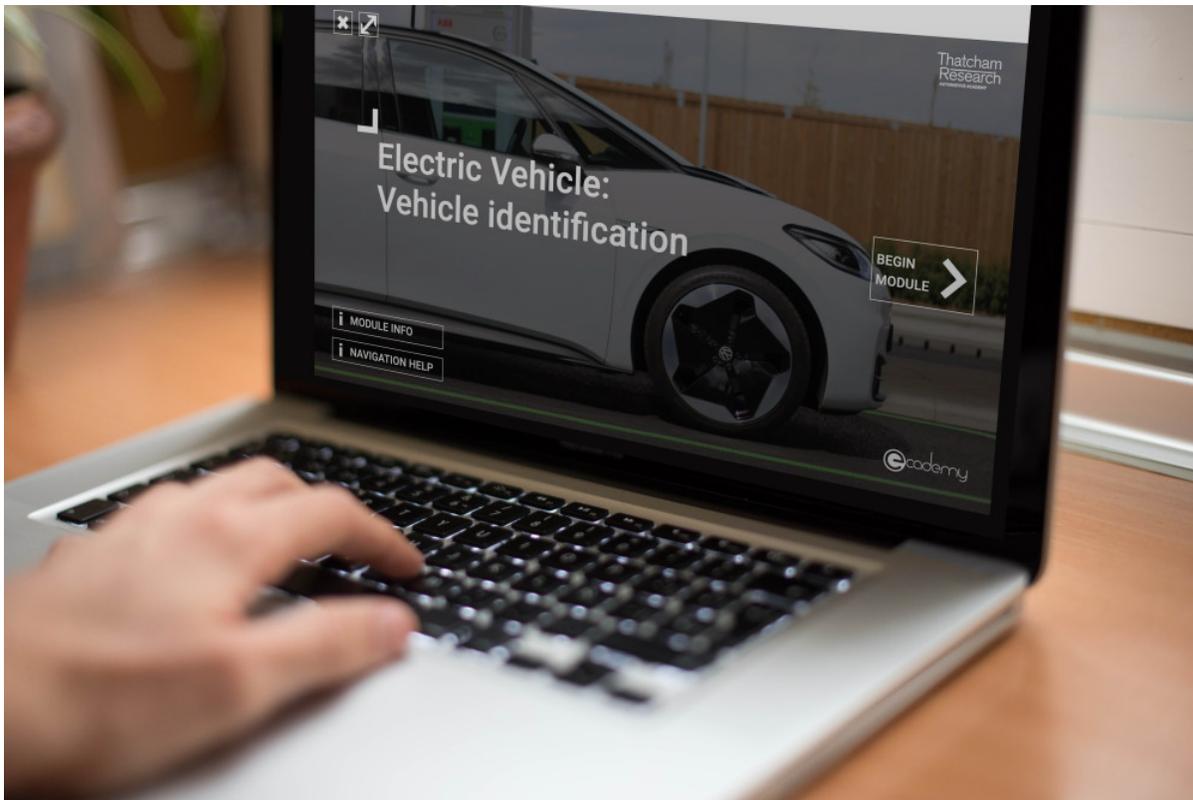
AW Repair Group get EV Ready

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- All AW Repair Group staff will receive the training as part of standardised learning
- EV Ready puts AW Repair Group ahead of the repair curve

AW Repair Group (AW), one of the UK's leading accident repair groups, is supporting its electronic vehicle training with Thatcham Research's EV Ready programme. Following the programme's launch, in July 2021, AW is the first UK bodyshop group to sign up the entire workforce, including its administration teams, to certify EV awareness.

The EV Ready training programme, which consists of online and face to face learning, will help technical and non-technical staff gain EV skills and awareness, helping the business to continue to embrace electrification technology with confidence.

Included are topics such as EV technology identification, health and safety awareness for non-technical teams and EV working voltages, components, tools, equipment and repair competence.



Steve Hoe, Technical Development and VM manager at AW Repair explained why AW were at the front of the queue for EV Ready, “We have been investing in EV training and equipment for quite some time now and as a result, have some highly trained EV technicians, particularly at our specialist TecKnowlogy Centres. However, for us it’s vital that the whole team across all our sites understand the risks of working with EVs.”

He continues, “This training is not just for our technicians and body shop staff. We plan to reach all corners of our business, with EV Ready forming the basis of a standardised learning and induction process for all current employees and new starters, including apprentices.”

“From customer liaison advisors to valet and transport, to behind-the-scenes staff, everyone at AW will complete EV Ready.”

Having already completed all the modules himself, Hoe is familiar with the course content and its focus on ensuring safety for anyone who comes into contact with an EV. “It’s important that we take all possible steps to educate our employees on the potential hazards and how to avoid them. We have already had positive feedback from our team, who are excited to get involved.

“This is about getting ahead of the curve and continuing to develop a reputation for safe and efficient EV repairs. We are guaranteeing the education of our employees and giving confidence to customers bringing their vehicles in for repair.”

Dean Lander, Head of Repair Sector Services, is pleased that businesses are being proactive in signing up, “With more than one million electrified vehicles on UK roads, insurers and other work providers are looking for network capability. Our certified programme will help body shops protect their staff and build a future-ready business.”

“Andrew Walsh and the team at AW are at the forefront when it comes to technology. Therefore, it was obvious from the start that this was the right programme for them. Now the work starts to support the whole team to become EV Ready and demonstrate that readiness to their customers.”

Learn more about EV Ready here: <https://www.thatcham.org/ev-re...>

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Thatcham Research is the independent voice of automotive safety, security & repair, advising motorists, insurers and vehicle manufacturers to help reduce accident frequency, severity and costs and to realise the vision of ‘Safer cars, fewer crashes’, while driving standards in vehicle security.

As well as its world leading crash and track research, Thatcham Research develops repair methods amongst a number of other products and services within the collision repair industry for insurers, motor manufacturers, equipment manufacturers and suppliers.

In addition, Thatcham Research has administered the Association of British

Insurer's (ABI) Group Rating system for the past 50 years. Group Rating is an advisory system intended to provide insurers with the relative risk of private cars and light commercial vehicles.

A founder member of the international Research Council for Automobile Repairs (RCAR), Thatcham Research has also been a member of the European New Car Assessment Programme (Euro NCAP) since 2004.

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