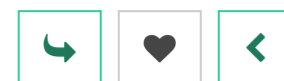


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Motor mechanic

Also called: Light vehicle service technician, car mechanic

Motor mechanics repair and service cars and vans.



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What you'll do

You may work for an independent garage, or freight, transport and construction companies, fast-fit outlets and car dealerships. You may specialise in one particular make of vehicle.

Your day-to-day tasks may include:

- telling customers if repairs are needed and whether they're urgent
- working out the estimated time and cost for jobs
- checking stock levels and ordering parts
- carrying out standard servicing, repairs and maintenance
- road testing vehicles to check repairs
- fitting and servicing accessories like stereos and alarms
- keeping records

Record relevant activities you've already done on the [Activities tool](#) >

Working hours and environment

You'll usually work between 38 and 45 hours a week, Monday to Saturday. You may have to work shifts or work late to finish a job.

If your employer deals with breakdowns, you may be on call and have to travel long distances.

Career path and progression

With experience, you could become a senior technician, workshop supervisor or garage manager.

You could work as a breakdown engineer or [MOT tester](#), or specialise in a particular area like motorsport engineering.

You could also work on electric and hybrid cars, or specialise in tuning and modifying vehicles for higher performance.

You could also set up your own business.

Skills required

You'll need:

- customer service skills
- the ability to accurately follow written and spoken instructions
- strong practical and problem-solving skills
- the ability to quickly grasp new vehicle technologies

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Entry requirements

You'll need:

- a Level 2 qualification in Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- a driving licence for road testing the vehicles you've repaired

The most common way to get your level 2 is through an [apprenticeship](#) in motor vehicle service and maintenance technician (light vehicle). This will usually take around 3 years. You'll do on-the-job-training and spend time in college.

You could also take:

- a college course with one day a week on placement
- a full-time college course with practical exercises

To get onto an apprenticeship or a course you'll find it useful to have:

- GCSEs (or equivalent) in maths and English
- work experience as a garage assistant
- a passion for the motor industry

A level 1 course in light vehicle maintenance could also help you prepare for an apprenticeship or college course.

[Autocity](#), run by The Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI), has more information about careers in the motor vehicle industry.

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Current and predicted figures relating to the Motor mechanic profession. Median averages are shown, each with the specific career, or group of careers, that they apply to.

- UK
 USA

Jobs

Vehicle trades

220,462

 **1,029** in your local area of Liverpool

Top 5 local areas

| | | |
|---|------------|-------|
| 1 | Hampshire | 7,145 |
| 2 | Essex | 6,170 |
| 3 | Kent | 5,955 |
| 4 | Lancashire | 5,576 |
| 5 | Norfolk | 4,600 |

Salaries

Vehicle technicians, mechanics and electricians

£31,959

Vehicle trades

£32,362

📍 £31,106 in your region of North West

Top 3 regions

| | | |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| 1 | Scotland | £33,229 |
| 2 | East Midlands | £33,002 |
| 3 | East of England | £32,180 |

Growth

2020-2035

Skilled metal, electrical and electronic trades

-6.8%

↓ 74,461 jobs

📍 -12.1% in your region of North West, an decrease of 14,733 jobs

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