

MOTOR VEHICLE SECTOR

Vocational training
is the **best way** to get
into this sector

£20,000 per year
(potential earnings of
vehicle repair technicians)

There are over **200,000**
employees in vehicle sales

If you love cars this
is the sector for you

Why not consider a
career working in the
motor vehicle industry?

50,000

The UK is home to 8
formula one teams,
employing 50,000
people

Automotive
manufacturing contributes
£6.5 billion to the UK
economy

The industry needs
people in lots of **different**
and **exciting** job roles

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Careers Insight

There are 32 million vehicles on the UK's roads, and all of them need to be serviced, repaired, bought and sold. That's where the motor vehicle industry comes in...

Maintenance and repair

One of the most popular areas, maintenance and repair is about keeping cars roadworthy. These technicians service, fix and replace parts of all sorts of vehicles.

Earnings: Between £13,000 and £20,000 a year.

Body and paint

Body and paint technicians fix cars that have been damaged in accidents.

Earnings: Between £13,500 and £18,000 a year.

Roadside assistance

When someone's car breaks down on the side of the road, it's the roadside recovery technician who comes to the rescue.

Earnings: Between £13,000 and £16,000 a year.

Fitting

Motor vehicle fitters repair and replace parts on cars, like tyres, batteries, brakes and exhausts while customers wait.

Earnings: Between £12,000 and £15,000 a year.

Parts operations

This area is about selling car parts to the public – dealerships, motor vehicle technicians and everyday customers.

Earnings: Between £9,000 and £14,500 a year.

Sales

This is about selling cars, which involves broad knowledge of cars and negotiation skills.

Earnings: Between £10,000 and £15,000 a year, plus commission.

GET QUALIFIED

There are plenty of vocational courses in this sector...

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are a great route into this sector; all of these are NVQ level 2:

- Roadside Assistance and Recovery
- Vehicle Body and Paint Operations
- Vehicle Fitting
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Vehicle Parts Operations
- Vehicle Sales

Advanced Apprenticeships

You can also do an advanced Apprenticeship; all of these are NVQ level 3:

- Roadside Assistance and Recovery
- Vehicle Body and Paint Operations
- Vehicle Fitting
- Vehicle Maintenance and Repair
- Vehicle Parts Operations
- Vehicle Sales

A Levels

Most people take the vocational routes into the motor industry, but you could do the more practical Foundation Degree after A Levels or study something like mechanical engineering at university.

Foundation Degrees

A Foundation Degree is a university-level qualification that is equivalent to the first two years of an Honours Degree. They are different from Honours Degrees as they involve learning in the workplace as well as at university or college.

College Courses

A college course can also be a great route into this sector. To see which colleges have relevant courses in your region check out www.opendoorsmedia.co.uk.

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www.motor.org.uk - The Institute of the Motor Industry is the Sector Skills Council.
www.careersbox.co.uk - Home to a fantastic library of free careers videos.