

MOTHERWELL CENTRE SUPPORTS HONDA

The first training programme in Scotland designed to teach mechanics about new energy efficient hybrid cars has been held at MISC's Motherwell Centre

Motor manufacturer Honda, in partnership with Skills Development Scotland, ran the two day course at the college which was attended by independent garages and lecturers from across the country.

The aim was to keep them up-to-date with advances in hybrid cars with part-electric and part-petrol engines. The hope is that they will then use the skills acquired to train young apprentices and colleagues.

On average, petrol-electric hybrids reduce tailpipe CO2 emissions by around 30% compared to an equivalent petrol car.



The course teaches mechanics about hybrid technology

Motherwell College is among Scotland's leading provider of automotive engineering courses.

David Massie from the Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI) said: "With the rapid pace of technological change in the motor industry it is critical that not only technicians, but lecturers delivering Modern Apprenticeship programmes are kept up to date with new and emerging technologies.

"The IMI in Scotland are delighted to welcome Honda, a major motor manufacturer in the field of hybrid vehicles to Motherwell College, a leader in automotive training.

"By sharing their knowledge and experience we can ensure that apprentices and technicians who will be required to repair and maintain these vehicles now and in the future have access to the very best training available."

Eliot Smith, technical training co-ordinator at the Honda Institute said: "Having had Hybrid technology in the market place for some 10 years, it is right for us to share the know-how with others in the industry so that all can benefit, including the customer".