

Accolades earned

"Challenging" doesn't even begin to capture the spirit of the Audi Diagnostic Technician Pilot that recently concluded. Striving to provide a significant boost to their respective dealerships' efforts to deliver on Audio's "fixed right the first time" goal, a small group of highly capable technicians accepted the pilot challenge. Now, the results are in, and it's time to applaud these service department experts who tested their mettle and passed the course with flying colors.

» Here's a list of the technicians who successfully completed the 2007 Audi Diagnostic Technician Pilot:

June 19-20

Technician
Patrick Angell
John Arkontaky
Richard Ellis
Fares Haffar ★
Anton Hohentstein
Michael Johnson
Shafi Kalici
Ronald Leifer
Timothy Luvisi
Eddie Silva
Noah Zibung

Dealership
Nalley Audi-Roswell
Classic Automobiles
Niello Audi
Rusnak Audi Pasadena
Carousel Automobiles
Flow Audi
Audi of Fairfield
Audi of Charlotte
Keyes Audi
Audi of Downtown LA
Sunnyside

Roswell, Ga
Eastchester, N.Y.
Sacramento, Calif.
Pasadena, Calif.
Minneapolis, Minn.
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Fairfield, N.C.
Matthew, N.C.
Van Nuys, Calif.
Los Angeles, Calif.
Middleburg Heights, Ohio

City, State

June 21-22

Technician
William Armour
William Bupp
Eugene Burns
Mike Machauer
Ramon Mizques
Christian Nordell
Chris Saharek
Jim Stevens
Michael Ryback

Dealership
Fred Baker Audi
YBH Audi
Reeves Import Motorcars
Audi West Houston
Pacific Audi
Santa Monica Audi
Danbury Audi
Rusnak Pasadena
International Autos

City, State
Bedford, Ohio
Edgemont, Pa,
Tampa, Fla.
Houston, Texas
Torrance, Calif.
Santa Monica, Calif.
Danbury, Conn.
Pasadena, Calif.
Milwaukee, Wis.

This elite group of technicians, hand-picked by various regional teams, participated in a pair of summer Audi Diagnostic Technician Pilot sessions. Initiated by AUDI AG, the program is geared to create a new career path for Audi technicians, focusing on advanced Audi electrical systems.

"Technicians participating in the Audi Diagnostic Technician Pilot faced some of the most difficult challenges imaginable, and the 20 individuals that completed the challenge deserve recognition for their accomplishments," said Matt Shepanek, after sales training manager, Audi Academy. "Thus first class of technicians can share this wealth of specialized knowledge with their service departments."

For more information on the Audi Diagnostic Technician Pilot, contact Matt at matthew.shepanek@audi.com. «

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