



OESAA announces Andrew Pirt as Automechanika winner of Bosch package

OESAA has selected Andrew Pirt of Station View Garage in Dorking as winner of a Bosch KTS package, after participating in its recent Automechanika competition.

Andrew will take away a KTS 940 plus trolley, and an FSA 500, with a combined value of £7,215 RRP. The KTS 940 consists of KTS 540 diagnostic hardware and DCU 220 toughbook, with ESITronic 2.0 software. The FSA 500 allows innovative analysis and diagnostics, and includes an oscilloscope.

Donated by [Bosch](#), Andrew won his state-of-the-art garage equipment after posing questions set by OESAA to non-OE manufacturers exhibiting at the Automechanika show held in June, such as "What quality certification and procedures are in place to ensure the reliability and quality of your products?".

"I found the exhibition to be very informative, and the competition was a great opportunity to talk in depth with a wide range of manufacturers about OE parts. There were also some very interesting stands which demonstrated the direction that the industry's technology is heading", said Andrew.

Station View Garage began life in a PSV repair shop with one Stenhoj ramp, back in 1993. Andrew grew the business, quickly gaining MOT status and developing its local reputation. In 2004 the business relocated to far a bigger 6500 sq. ft. unit, which now houses two MOT lanes and eight repair ramps. With planning permission recently granted, the business will soon also accommodate a new reception, waiting area, staff recreation facilities, and a training room for up to 12 technicians, plus a hands-on area for practical tuition.

Commenting on the Bosch diagnostic equipment, Andrew said: "I am sure that the benefits to the business will be huge. Our team of technicians are looking forward to having this new kit in their armoury."

"Our Automechanika competition certainly helped to drive home the message that 'matching quality' alternatives simply aren't worth the reputational risk", said OESAA Chairman Nigel Morgan.

"Clearly our winners are progressive, customer-focused businesses who are already fully on-board with our vision, which is great to see."

For further information on OESAA, visit <http://www.oe-suppliers.org/>.

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About OESAA

The Original Equipment Suppliers Aftermarket Association (OESAA) is a group of world-leading OE component manufacturers, who have joined forces to help raise awareness about the differences between OE components supplied for original fitment on new vehicles and the so-called 'matching quality' alternatives sold in the aftermarket.

OESAA members are concerned that many distributor motor factors and garage installers are being sold products that misleadingly claim to be of 'matching quality': a phrase which does not qualify how this standard is achieved or measured. To win OE business, OE suppliers – including OESAA members – have to meet the hugely challenging standards set by the vehicle manufacturers, with zero defects.

OESAA's aim is simply to increase awareness at workshop level of the huge difference in quality and testing regimes between genuine OE Parts and those parts claiming to be 'matching quality' – to benefit the entire automotive industry.

OESAA believe it is their responsibility to make the aftermarket aware of the different quality levels available, and the inherent risks of fitting lower quality parts, to ensure garages and motor factors can make informed decisions on what to buy.