

Press Release

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Thatcham Recognised Installer Goes Global

Thatcham's Recognised Installer (TRI) scheme for the recognition of vehicle equipment installers goes from strength to strength, with the announcement of track and locate equipment manufacturer Global Telemetrics as the first product supplier to insist on Thatcham Recognised status for installers of all Global Telemetrics based products.

Thatcham launched their new Thatcham Recognised Installer (TRI) scheme in July this year, stepping in, following the demise of the VSIB (Vehicle Systems Installation Board), to provide a registration scheme for vehicle system installations. In the first 3 months of the scheme more than 30 individual installation companies have registered as Thatcham Recognised Installers.

The move by Global Telemetrics means another 900 fully trained and vetted installers will be added to the TRI network, carrying out more than 5,000 annual equipment installations of track and locate products under the TRI criteria. Several of the Global Telemetrics products have already been accredited under Thatcham's TQA (Thatcham Quality Accreditation) scheme. The link with TRI complements the offering in terms of total quality, for users of Global Telemetrics equipment across the full spectrum of vehicle categories - cars, LCV, HGV, Leisure, Plant, Motorcycle and Marine.

James Mather, Managing Director at Global Telemetrics said, "Global Telemetrics is delighted with the new TRI standard which we believe will make real

improvements in installation quality, one of the most important issues for secure stolen vehicle tracking (telematics) devices. The better the installation, the better the system works and the harder a thief has to try to attack it.”

Mike Briggs, Vehicle Security Manager, at Thatcham, said, “It’s great news to have Global Telematics on board with TRI as the first equipment supplier to insist their installer network join the scheme. It’s a win-win situation with Global Telematics having given themselves a distinct marketing advantage, meanwhile the motoring public benefit from an installation by a fully trained and recognised installer.”

A growing list of Thatcham Recognised Installers is available on line at www.thatcham.org/tri/home

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Employing over 160 members of staff, Thatcham has an established reputation as an automotive standard setter and a proven capability in delivering an array of totally unique, high quality, ready to use and bespoke products and services to the automotive industry, on a global stage.

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