

Motor Mechanic

What is it?

A motor mechanic, also known as an automotive technician or car mechanic, is responsible for inspecting, maintaining, and repairing vehicles. They work on a wide range of vehicles, including cars, vans, and motorcycles, diagnosing mechanical issues, and performing necessary repairs to ensure vehicles are safe and reliable.

Qualifications/Experience Required:

While formal qualifications are not always required to become a motor mechanic, many employers prefer candidates who have completed a vocational training program or apprenticeship in automotive technology. Additionally, having relevant qualifications such as a Level 2 or Level 3 Diploma in Vehicle Maintenance and Repair can enhance job prospects.

What the Work Involves:

Performing routine maintenance tasks such as oil changes, tire rotations, and brake inspections.
 Diagnosing mechanical and electrical issues using diagnostic tools and equipment.
 Repairing or replacing faulty components, such as engines, transmissions, and electrical systems.
 Conducting vehicle inspections and test drives to identify problems and ensure vehicles are roadworthy.
 repairs and maintenance recommendations.

Future Prospects – Labour Market Information:

The demand for motor mechanics remains steady, with opportunities available in various settings, including automotive repair shops, car dealerships, and fleet maintenance facilities.

Weekly Pay £570	Annual Pay £29,640
Hours/Week 49h	Hourly Pay £12

Workforce Change (projected)	
Contraction -4.1%	Replacement 52.7%

Type of person who may be suited to this job:

This job may be suited to individuals who have a passion for cars and enjoy working with their hands. Motor mechanics need to have strong technical skills, problem-solving abilities, and attention to detail.

Money/Wage Guide:

Entry-level motor mechanics can expect to earn around £18,000 to £25,000 per year. With experience and expertise, this can increase to £25,000 to £35,000 or more.

Related Opportunities:

- Automotive engineer
- Vehicle technician
- MOT tester
- Specialised mechanic
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Further Information:

Institute of the Motor Industry (IMI):
<https://www.theimi.org.uk/>

National Careers Service:
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/vehicle-technician>