

U.K. Insurers Examining Autonomous Car Policies

The U.K.'s biggest auto insurers are mulling turning their industry upside down by shifting liability for accidents from drivers to automakers as a result of the arrival of driverless cars, according to reports by Wardsauto.com. Automated Driving Insurer Group, including 11 U.K. insurers and led by the Association of British Insurers and Thatcham Research, the insurance industry's research arm, has formed a group to consider issues relating to automated driving, particularly concerning insurance and liability. Other issues include how to cope with vehicles at different levels of automation; how data from individual vehicles will be recorded and used to improve safety and clarify liability; whether changes to existing road-traffic laws are needed; and what those changes might be. ABI says with 94% of road accidents caused by human error, the development of increasingly automated vehicles has huge implications for road safety. ABI Director of General Insurance Policy **James Dalton** says the presence of driverless cars on U.K. roads would be life-changing in many ways, and one of the business sectors likely to be most affected is insurance. "Contrary to what some people might expect, insurers are not standing in the way of this development but actively looking to support progress and innovation," Dalton said in

a statement. "The developments we've seen towards increasingly autonomous vehicles are already reaping rewards—with autonomous emergency braking reducing collisions and injuries and helping to bring down insurance premiums." Dalton said truly driverless cars have the potential to dramatically reduce deaths and injuries on the roads. "The role of motor insurance in such a future will be very different to what it is today, but insurance will be part of the picture," he says. Thatcham Research CEO **Peter Shaw** says safety is paramount for both drivers and insurers. "Working with car manufacturers and insurers, we'll be researching and testing systems, to provide insight and evaluation of the potential risks and benefits at each step of the way towards a world where cars can drive themselves," Shaw said in a statement. Reports indicate driverless cars are expected to dramatically reduce accidents, cutting insurance premiums up to 80% in 25 years' time. Insurers could also find themselves dealing with vehicle manufacturers, rather than drivers, as responsibility for accidents moves to those who have designed driverless-car technology, forcing them to re-evaluate their business models. The U.K. government says it will amend traffic laws by 2018 to account for the rise of driverless or semi-autonomous cars.

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- Analyzing financial statements and running a business by the numbers
- Continuous improvement and the skills necessary to make people want to help you improve
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By developing new skills and working on those things that are sometimes uncomfortable, you can actually change your mental mapping for how you approach things in life. You could quickly find a new lease on life and begin to live a more fulfilling life or at least you may find yourself in a similar situation as me with my tennis game. Beating a lot of opponents, but still feeling like I suck! Perhaps I should change my mental approach and look at it in a more positive light?



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Midwest Trade Show

'tough love' and lots of kindness.

Over 70 vendors populated the trade show floor, offering door prizes, product demonstrations and new information. The floor was buzzing and



Custom bike builder **Steve Bruggenwirth** judged the Midwest Auto Body Trade Show Community College Refinish Competition

the booths were full of activity. Meron took the roving microphone to each booth and announced door prizes. Chad Holamer, owner of Dent Smart, announced a \$500 donation to the Iowa Collision Repair Association to fund a student scholarship.

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Gas Monkey Garage Selects Evercoat Products

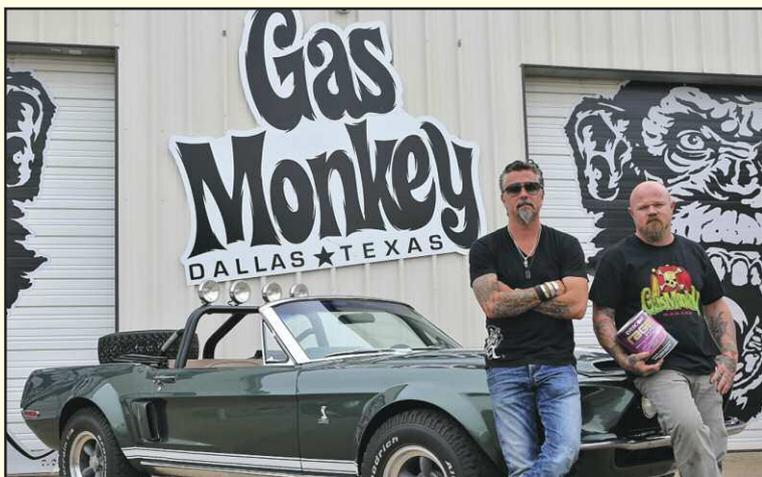
ITW Evercoat announced on January 26 that *Gas Monkey Garage* has selected Evercoat products to help them transform "ordinary cars into extraordinary rides."



"Every day at Gas Monkey Garage we use innovative products from Evercoat to help with our amazing car transformations," said **Richard Rawlings**, motor mastermind and owner of Gas

Monkey Garage. "From innovations like Rage Ultra body filler to Evercoat's patented 4:1 Polyester Primers, Gas Monkey trusts Evercoat to deliver products that perform."

"We are excited that Gas Monkey Garage trusts Evercoat products on their restoration masterpieces," added **Marvin Gillfillan**, vice president and general manager of ITW Evercoat. "Richard Rawlings and the team at Gas Monkey Garage are car restoration visionaries and we are thrilled that our products meet their demanding needs."



From left, **Richard Rawlings**, owner of *Gas Monkey Garage*, and **Mike Coy**

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