# 14th National Mechanics Championship – new categories and exciting challenges!

## Registrations are now open for the 14th National Mechanics Championship! The organizers have prepared a thrilling lineup of attractions, along with exciting new additions.

New categories, fresh challenges, and the chance to acquire valuable knowledge and hands-on experience—this is what awaits those who choose to participate in the 14th National Mechanics Championship. Are you ready to seize new opportunities and embark on an exciting journey into the world of automotive? If you’re eager to test your skills and explore the latest technologies, this championship is made for you! Registrations for the 14th National Mechanics Championship opened on January 14, 2025.

The National Mechanics Championship is a unique educational initiative that attracts numerous passionate partners and experts each year, all dedicated to providing essential training materials and organizing practical challenges. The Strategic Partner of the Championship is ORLEN OIL, which plays a key role in the development of young and professional mechanics, particularly in the use of lubricants in the automotive industry. Brand ambassadors—Kuba Przygoński, Bartosz Zmarzlik, and Kajetan Kajetanowicz—actively support participants, sharing their invaluable experiences.

“At ORLEN OIL, we are convinced that enhancing the qualifications of young mechanics is essential for the future of the automotive industry. Our goal is to educate the next generation of mechanics and improve the skills of experienced professionals, enabling them to deliver top-tier services using cutting-edge technologies and products. The use of the right lubricants is critical not only for vehicle performance and technical condition but also for ensuring road safety. That’s why it’s vital for future mechanics to possess both practical knowledge and specialized expertise. We’re thrilled to once again be a part of the National Mechanics Championship and contribute to the future of Polish mechanics,” says Arkadiusz Trela, CEO of ORLEN OIL.

## Categories of the 14th National Mechanics Championship

Each year, the National Mechanics Championship surprises with new categories and challenges that reflect the rapidly evolving automotive industry. This year, alongside the already established 9 categories, a new one has been introduced: *Young Film Applicator*. This category is designed for those who want to hone their skills in applying protective and decorative films, providing participants with the chance to gain valuable experience in one of the industry's fastest-growing areas, under the guidance of professionals from 3M, the Strategic Partner of this category.

*"Applying protective and decorative films is a rapidly growing field in the automotive industry, driven by the increasing demand for vehicle customization and body protection. Our partnership with the Mechanics Championship not only gives young people the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in this area, but also allows them to learn from experts who work daily with cutting-edge technologies. Supporting initiatives like this is how we promote innovation and help develop the future specialists who will rise to the challenges of the automotive industry,"* says Tomasz Turkiewicz from 3M.

In addition to this, The Wrap Center will again join the Championship to educate young mechanics, sharing knowledge and practical tips on car wrapping techniques.

### The remaining categories, already well-known from previous editions, include:

* Young Mechanic
* Professional Mechanic
* Electromobility
* Young Agricultural Machinery Mechanic
* Young Truck Mechanic
* Young Motorcycle Mechanic
* Young Painter
* Young Detailer
* Young LPG Installer

One of the key partners of the *Young Detailer* category is FLEX Polska. *"We’ve supported the Young Detailer category since its introduction last year, and we see it as the perfect opportunity to help foster young talent. FLEX, a manufacturer of power tools, offers polishing machines designed for the automotive sector, and we recognized that this was an ideal way to contribute to the development of young enthusiasts in this field. Last year, we hosted a polishing competition, and we are pleased to see how quickly this industry is growing. In fact, it was officially added to the business activity catalog at the end of 2024, which shows how important and popular this sector has become,"* says Anna Rydzewska from FLEX Polska.

The Young LPG Installer category will make its return for the second year, after receiving significant interest from students in mechanical schools last year. *"We’re excited to return to the Championship this year. The project has made a tremendous impression on us, both in terms of its scale and the consistency with which it focuses on developing young talent in the automotive industry. The LPG sector is primarily made up of small, often family-run workshops that install gas systems, including our STAG products. However, we’ve noticed a generational gap – there’s a shortage of young people, both men and women, who are willing to take over these businesses and continue developing the industry. When we learned about the Mechanics Championship, we knew it was the perfect place for us. Not only does it cover a wide range of specializations in the automotive world, but it also offers the chance to collaborate with leaders in the field, making this project exceptional. We were pleasantly surprised last year by the interest young people showed in LPG installations, and we can see that our industry aligns perfectly with their interests. Despite the growing popularity of electromobility, the LPG market in Poland continues to develop. Both sectors can coexist, and we’re confident that LPG has a bright future ahead, both economically and ecologically,"* says Urszula Mirończuk from AC SA, the Strategic Partner of the category, alongside the STAG brand.

## A thorough exploration of the various fields within the mechanic profession

The XIV National Mechanic Championship is set to be an exciting and dynamic event! Organizers have crafted a series of thrilling competitions designed to test participants’ skills and knowledge across various aspects of the mechanic profession.

VARTA, with its comprehensive range of batteries for various vehicles, including electric and hybrid cars, will share valuable insights into cutting-edge battery technologies. Experts from VARTA will lead challenges that will assess not only battery selection but also proper handling, installation, and diagnostics.

"Taking part in the National Mechanic Championship is a fantastic opportunity for us to enhance young mechanics' knowledge on battery selection, maintenance, and diagnostics. As the popularity of electromobility grows, and with advanced electrical systems becoming increasingly common in vehicles, understanding these technologies is essential for any mechanic. As a partner of this event, we are thrilled to share our expertise and experience to help young mechanics develop the skills they’ll need in the automotive world of tomorrow," says Łukasz Sikorski, Regional Manager at Clarios Poland, owner of the VARTA brand.

ZF Aftermarket, a leader offering a wide range of products and services for automotive workshops, will introduce young mechanics to the latest in automotive technology. The company specializes in products such as drivetrains, suspension systems, steering, and advanced driver-assistance systems (ADAS), all of which are becoming standard in modern vehicles.

"As a pioneer in the automotive industry, ZF Aftermarket is not only committed to providing innovative products but also to educating the next generation of mechanics who will shape the future of the automotive world. During the National Mechanic Championship, we aim to share our knowledge, not just about our products, but also about the emerging technologies and systems increasingly integrated into vehicles – from drivetrains to advanced driver assistance systems. The practical sessions and educational materials we’ve prepared will help young mechanics better understand these technologies and get ready for the challenges they will face in their professional careers," says Michał Głażewski, Director of Network Management and Technical Team at ZF Aftermarket.

Electromobility will also take center stage during the Championship, with experts from NexDrive guiding participants through the specifics of electric vehicles. Participants will not only learn about these vehicles but also gain hands-on experience in diagnosing and servicing them.

"Electromobility is no longer just the future – it’s already here. As this sector rapidly evolves, it’s crucial for young mechanics to stay up-to-date with the latest advancements. With support from NexDrive experts, participants will acquire the knowledge needed to work with electric and hybrid vehicles. The challenges developed by NexDrive will offer them a deeper understanding of how these innovative technologies function," says Andrzej Guzek, Groupauto CEE.

The National Mechanic Championship isn’t just an opportunity to compete; it’s also a unique chance to gain invaluable knowledge and skills from across the automotive industry.

"The National Mechanic Championship is an event that beautifully combines passion, education, and competition. Each edition offers a platform for young mechanics to acquire new skills, discover the latest automotive technologies, and build meaningful connections with leaders in the field. By organizing this event, our goal is to ensure that young mechanics have access to the most current knowledge and are able to develop their passions under the guidance of experts. The Championship also provides a great opportunity to put your skills to the test in various categories and give your best in a supportive and friendly environment. We invite you to participate – it’s an investment in the future of every mechanic!" says Adrian Dekowski, President of V8 Team and co-organizer of the National Mechanic Championship.

Whether you’re just beginning your journey in the automotive world or already have some experience, the National Mechanic Championship is the ideal place to boost your qualifications and stand out from the competition. Join this one-of-a-kind event, which is sure to open new doors and opportunities for you!

"Education is the cornerstone upon which the future of the industry is built. The young mechanics of today will shape the automotive world of tomorrow, so it’s vital that they develop solid skills and knowledge now. Only well-trained specialists will be able to meet the challenges brought about by electromobility and other innovations in the industry," says Grzegorz Duda, the main ambassador and co-founder of the Young Mechanic Academy Foundation, multiple rally champion, and host of TVN Turbo's "Garaż Dudy" and "101 Napraw" programs.

## The Young Mechanic Academy is ready and waiting!

The Young Mechanic Academy remains a dynamic hub where a passion for automotive technology blends seamlessly with education. Through expert-created educational materials and the collaboration of the Partners of the National Mechanics Championships, participants are fully equipped to excel in the competition. Throughout the year, the Academy hosts a variety of workshops, events, and classes, offering young mechanics the opportunity to explore cutting-edge trends and innovations in the automotive industry.

As in previous years, the Academy is taking to the road again. The Young Mechanic Academy On Tour, in partnership with the Ambassadors and Partners of the National Mechanics Championships, will visit key cities to inspire young automotive enthusiasts to take part in the National Mechanics Championships. During this tour, participants will engage in the Duda Challenge and experience events filled with surprises and exciting attractions.

The grand finale of the XIV National Mechanics Championships will take place from April 24–27, 2025, as part of the Poznań Motor Show—Poland’s largest automotive fair.

*“We’ve been supporting the National Mechanics Championships since almost the very first edition. The Poznań Motor Show, which we organize, offers participants a fantastic chance to explore the latest automotive trends, not only through the final competitions but also by visiting the exhibitor stands,"* says Dariusz Wawrzyniak, Director of the MTP Product Group.

The National Mechanics Championships are organized by V8 Team, the Poznań International Fair, and the Young Mechanic Academy Foundation. The event’s Strategic Partner is ORLEN OIL.

The event enjoys the honorary patronage of several prominent organizations, including the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Ministry of Development and Technology, the National Centre for Research and Development, the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, the Polish Agency for Investments and Trade, the National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management, the Agricultural Social Insurance Fund, the Agency for Restructuring and Modernization of Agriculture, the Polish Automotive Industry Association, the Polish Tire Industry Association, the Car Dealers Association, the Educational Research Institute, the Polish Chamber of Electromobility Development, as well as city leaders such as the President of Warsaw, Rafał Trzaskowski, the President of Bydgoszcz, Rafał Bruski, and the President of Radom, Radosław Witkowski.

Key partners of the National Mechanics Championships include: AC, the owner of the STAG brand, ZF Aftermarket (with brands like TRW, Sachs, Lemförder, Wabco), VARTA, EuroWarsztat with the NexDrive workshop network, 3M, Autos, The Wrap Center, CS-II, Flex, Pure Chemie, Luwo, PRS Expert, Axalta, Anest Iwata, Mirka, John Deere, TEXA, Integra Software, Pit Bike, Yamaha, EVB, Overcome, Duda Motorsport, Trecom, 3MM Racing, Google for Education, GoCloud.pl, Actina, Uni-Trol, Ósemka, Werther Polska, and AC Fix Liga Niezwykłych Umysłów. The Educational Partner is Vulcan, and the Technological Partner is Atos. The Media Partner is Radio ESKA, while the Expert Partner is BETiS.

Additionally, numerous higher education institutions support the Championships, including PWR Racing Team, Wrocław University of Technology, Kielce University of Technology, Cracow University of Technology, Poznań University of Technology, Wrocław University of Economics, Hugo Kołłątaj Agricultural University in Kraków, Radom University, and Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz.

This collaboration ensures that the National Mechanics Championships continues to be a significant event, bringing together passion, expertise, and future-focused innovations to shape the mechanics of tomorrow.

You can find detailed information about the **National Mechanics Championships** on the official website<https://mistrzostwamechanikow.pl/> and on the [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/MistrzostwaMechanikow).
To register for the Championships, visit the **Young Mechanic Academy** website at<https://akademiamlodegomechanika.pl>.

**XIV National Mechanics Championships Schedule**:

1. **Registration Opens** – January 14, 2025
2. **Young Mechanic Academy ON TOUR** – March 10-12, 2025
3. **Semi-finals** – March 28, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM
4. **Grand Finals** at the Poznań International Fair during the **Poznań Motor Show** – April 24-27, 2025