

I-CAR AUSTRALIA & TESLA JAPAN WELDING PROGRAM

As part of I-CAR Australia's vision in ensuring that every person in the collision repair industry has the information, knowledge and skills required to perform complete, safe and quality repairs for the ultimate benefit of the consumer, we extended our OEM training offering to parts of Asia, with Tesla Japan participating in training. We conducted steel and aluminium welding training and certification for sixteen technicians across four separate weeks.

The program was initiated in October 2019, with planning comprising of I-CAR Australia and Nathan Oppedisano, Steve Allison and Shuji Fujitsuka from Tesla. This training was arranged to fulfil Tesla's requirement of having two steel and aluminium welding certified technicians in each site in Japan. The delivery of training was executed in September 2022, the postponement caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic. Whilst our steel and aluminium welding Hands-On Skills Development courses are structured as individual programs, the decision to operate both consecutively was made to maximise learning efficiency and reduce extensive international travel.

Our Senior Technical Specialist Geoff Mitchell lead the programs, providing guidance and an accumulation of over 30 years of industry experience.

Technicians were trained on machine set up, and how to use the latest Tesla approved Inverter Synergic Mig / Mag welding equipment. Course content also covered the utilisation of all the background features to change pulse frequency, Hot Starts, and crater fill options. All technicians were successful in completing the courses, gaining a certificate of Professional Development for a two-year period, five Platinum Individual points together with a welding certification card.

"I-CAR Australia has recently embarked on a strategically planned expansion of its fixed site operations within Australia to ensure they provide the best quality training experience for all student regardless of their point of origin. It's exciting for the entire I-CAR team to put together such an extensive hands-on training program and to see such positive results," commented Jason Trewin, Chief Operating Officer.

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“Great training results can only come from clear and concise instruction, and I-CAR Australia is fortunate to have many technical specialists within its team. We are looking forward to even more engagement in 2023 from our friends from Tesla.”

We thank David Shield from Shield Interpreting and Translation for his vital role as our translator, ensuring course content was delivered accurately to the technicians.

This program is a preliminary step into collaborating with more body shops across Asia, allowing us to provide a platform for upskilling the collision repair industry on a global scale. Further training has been scheduled for November 2022, and a full calendar is planned for 2023.



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