



I-CAR® WELDING PROGRAM FOR SELECT SERVICE® REPAIRERS

WELDING TRAINING & CERTIFICATION™

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Select Service welding requirement?

Beginning April 2017, I-CAR's Welding Training & Certification is a requirement as a participant in the State Farm™ Select Service Program. All repairers within the Select Service network will now be required to complete all three I-CAR Welding programs:

- Steel GMA (MIG) Welding – WCS03
- Steel Sectioning – SPS05
- Aluminum GMA (MIG) Welding – WCA03

Why did State Farm initiate this requirement?

State Farm made this requirement change so that more of the industry, and ultimately every technician, has the knowledge and skills to perform proper welds.

Why I-CAR Welding Training & Certification?

All I-CAR Welding Training & Certification programs begin with the Welding Capability & Readiness Assessment of the facility's gear, equipment and infrastructure (Phase 1). Each program includes in-shop instruction on welding theory (Phase 2), followed by a skills assessment, then intensive hands-on practice with coaching as appropriate (Phase 3). Students are then required to pass a formal welding certification test to I-CAR standards (Phase 4).

What are the dates to meet these program requirements?

By December 31, 2017:

- All repairers with 10 or fewer technicians, at least one technician at each shop (any role) is currently certified in I-CAR Steel GMA (MIG) Welding (WCS03) and Steel Sectioning (SPS05).
- All repairers with 11 or more technicians, at least two technicians at each shop (any role) is currently certified in I-CAR Steel GMA (MIG) Welding (WCS03) and Steel Sectioning (SPS05).

By March 31, 2018:

- All repairers with 10 or fewer technicians, at least one technician at each shop (any role) is currently certified in I-CAR Aluminum GMA (MIG) Welding (WCA03), or Ford Aluminum GMA (MIG) Welding (WCA05).
- All repairers with 11 or more technicians, at least two technicians at each shop (any role) is currently certified in I-CAR Aluminum GMA (MIG) Welding (WCA03), or Ford Aluminum GMA (MIG) Welding (WCA05).

Current certifications from other welding certification programs that will also satisfy the requirement include:

Steel GMA (MIG) Welding Skills Verification (WCS03)

- Toyota T300 - Welding Techniques for Collision Repair
- Lexus L300 - Welding Techniques for Collision Repair
- Lew Kinney - Welding Training and AWS Certification Testing to the AWS D1.3 Structural Welding Code - Sheet Steel
- JLR - Steel Repair - Structural

Steel Sectioning Skills Verification (SPS05)

- Toyota T460 - Structural Body Repair Techniques
- Lexus L460 - Structural Body Repair Techniques



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Aluminum GMA (MIG) Welding Skills Verification (WCA03)

- Audi - Aluminum Repair Training Program (9606-2)
- JLR - Aluminum Repair - Structural
- Mercedes - T0463F-AA (9606-2) / T0854F-AA (recert) / T0906F-AA (recert) / T0909F-AA (recert) / T0846F-AA
- Tesla - Aluminum Structural Welding - First Course, 9 welds
- Tesla - Aluminum Structural Welding Recertification, 19 welds

What is the training incentive?

In an effort to encourage all who weld to complete their welding training, if more than the minimum required number of technicians register, attend, and become certified in an I-CAR welding event, each of those certified technicians will receive complimentary access to I-CAR's Vehicle Technology and Trends 2017 (VT017E01) online course upon certification.

Incentive examples/details:

- Repairers with 10 or less techs are only required to have 1 technician certified in each course. If 2 or more become certified in a course, they each will receive access to the complimentary course.
- Repairers with 11 or more techs are only required to have 2 technicians certified in each course. If 3 or more become certified in a course, they each will receive access to the complimentary course.
- Allow up to 6 weeks from the event date for complimentary access.
- No refunds for any who have already paid for and taken the complimentary course prior to this program.

What are pricing details?

Select Service Repairers who register for the I-CAR Welding Training & Certification Program will receive discounted pricing and can continue to save more with each additional technician who is registered for welding training.

1. For technicians in Gold Class® shop and/or Platinum™ technicians, the price for each event (WCS03, SPS05, and WCA03) is:
 - First student = \$875
 - Each additional student = \$480
2. Special Select Service Program price for each event (WCS03, SPS05, and WCA03) for technicians NOT in a Gold Class shop and/or NOT Platinum technicians is:
 - First student = \$985
 - Each additional student = \$540

What else is there to know about this program?

- Certification in WCS03 is a prerequisite to taking the SPS05 course.
- Certification in SPS05 also renews WCS03 certification for students who are currently certified in WCS03.
- Repairers holding both WCS03 and SPS05 events may do both events in one day, but this is at the discretion and agreement of both the repairer and the I-CAR Instructor.
- All other I-CAR Welding Training & Certification rules and policies apply.



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How do I register my shop for an I-CAR welding event?

Scheduling your I-CAR welding event is as easy as following these six simple steps found at <https://www.I-CAR.com/SelectServiceWelding>

1. Prepare Your Facility — Use the Facility Preparation Checklist to confirm that your shop has all the required gear, equipment and infrastructure. There are checklists dedicated to each of the three I-CAR welding courses.
2. Request a Certificate of Insurance from your insurance agent.
3. Download and complete the I-CAR Welding Program for Select Service Repairers welding form.
4. An I-CAR welding instructor will contact you about the Welding Capability & Readiness Assessment and scheduling your event.
5. It's training day! The instructor will complete the onsite portion of your Welding Capability & Readiness Assessment and your participating technicians will receive welding instruction, intensive hands-on welding practice and coaching and will complete the certification test.

How do I know what training my technicians have already completed?

I-CAR will send repairers, with a valid and up-to-date email address on file, a listing of what training needs to be completed. To ensure that you receive these emails, log onto your *myI-CAR* account to update your email address and be added to these regular email reminders.

Repairers may also check the training records of their technicians by accessing the “All Training Report” available at *myI-CAR*.

Information on the I-CAR Welding Program for Select Service Repairers is available at [I-CAR.com/SelectServiceWelding](https://www.I-CAR.com/SelectServiceWelding)

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