

Free training on the new Modena boiler

Ferroli is supporting its new range of Modena HE high-efficiency condensing combi boilers with free one-day courses at the company's newly

refurbished training centre in Burton-upon-Trent, Staffordshire.

With full working products set up in realistic kitchen

environments, the new facility offers installers and engineers the chance to acquire certified training on how to install and service the Modena.

All Ferroli's training courses begin with a skills-set audit to assess the individual's level of expertise and identify any gaps in their knowledge. This means everyone, whether they are a newcomer to the trade or an old hand, can guarantee they will come away with the skills and knowledge they need.

The training pays detailed attention to how to install the correct flues and pipework, how to identify and avoid potential sources of contamination, system

flushing, and how to correctly commission the boiler into the system. As well as gaining valuable knowledge of procedures and Ferroli products, the training courses offer the chance for installers to update their core safety skills, an essential aspect of best practice that can often be ignored.

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Ferroli has refurbished its training centre in Burton-upon-Trent

Get practical oil training

Oil boiler company Firebird has completed its national network of regional training centres by adding five new centres to the existing facilities in Ivybridge and Kingsbury.

The new centres are sited in Wootton Bassett, Hastings, Norwich, Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Leeds, and have been set up in conjunction with selected independent training centres, which will also use Firebird boilers as part of their training.

Specific Firebird courses have been planned to dovetail with the centres' own courses, and have been totally revised to

provide hands-on diagnostics and commissioning elements as well as product familiarisation and installation training.

The courses are kept to a single day so that busy installers can minimise time off the job. They include an overview of the Firebird range, the benefits of the boilers, demonstrations of installation and commissioning procedures, servicing requirements and troubleshooting. A brief introduction to Firebird solar thermal systems is also included.

The centres will also carry out training for appointed Firebird service engineers, with specifically-designed courses covering all aspects from product training and best installation practice, to fault finding, remedies and reporting procedures.

These five new centres have been selected for their expertise, quality of facilities and convenience of location to ensure training is of the highest standard and to minimise installer time spent travelling and attending courses.

"We believe in the importance of training," said Firebird's Barry Brynildsen. "However we appreciate that installers are busy people and may find it difficult to spare the time to travel long distances to get to a manufacturer's premises.

"Offering a national network of high-quality facilities must be better for those wishing to attend training courses. We have done just that and expect to be able to run a considerably higher number of courses throughout the year as a result."

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Plumb to enhance life

BPEC (Training) Ltd, the charitable arm of BPEC, has recently been re-launched as The BPEC Charity.

The BPEC Charity has also announced a new initiative called the Life Award, in memory of BPEC's founding chairman, Raymond J Brooks.

This award offers a first prize of £10,000 to an individual or group in the UK who hold a recognised plumbing qualification, and use plumbing skills to enhance life.

The aim of the award is to recognise and facilitate the use of plumbing skills to benefit life anywhere in the world through knowledge, imagination and determination.

Entrants may be sponsored or supported by any business in the plumbing industry.

There is no restriction on imagination for entrants, and The BPEC Charity has published some initial ideas:

- Product invention
- Innovative product or service
- Charitable plumbing activity or project
- Raising the image of plumbing
- A change in perspective.

The closing date for submissions is 30 June, 2012. To download an entry form visit www.bpec.org.uk/lifeaward.

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Firebird now has a network of training centres across the UK