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Motor industry approves 20,000th car mechanic

The 20,000th mechanic has just been accredited in Britain in a campaign to stop badly repaired cars causing traffic accidents. The Institute of the Motor Industry also hopes the accreditation scheme, which has been running for five years, will boost motorists' confidence in garages and mechanics. A recent poll showed more than 80% of the population did not know how to tell a good mechanic from a bad one. Automotive Technician Accreditation is a national voluntary scheme that tests mechanics' competence. Those who have signed up are also bound by an ethical code of conduct. **Tim Webb**