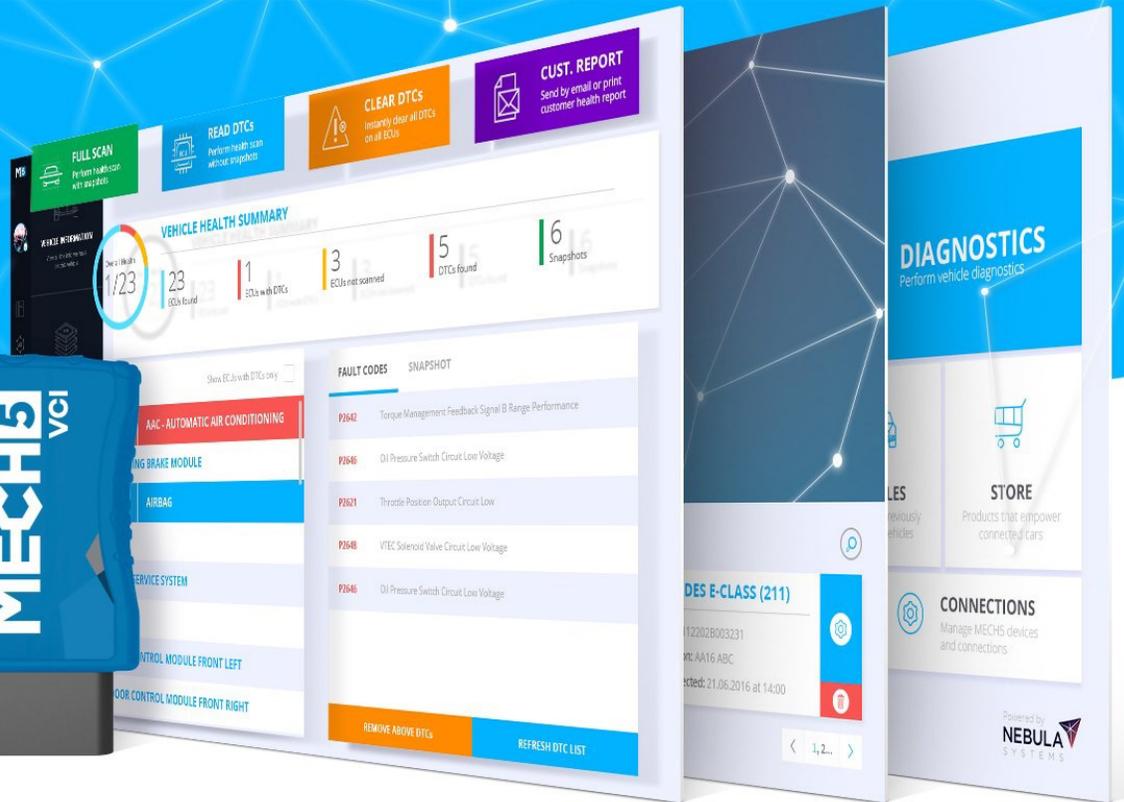


MECH5
CLOUD DIAGNOSTICS ON DEMAND

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MECH5 from Nebula Systems launches November 28

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Nebula Systems cloud-based vehicle diagnostics set to disrupt sector

A truly innovative cloud-based diagnostics tool is set to disrupt the garage aftermarket sector when it is launched by Nebula Systems, a member of the RAC Group of Companies.

The product, MECH5.com, is not only offering the most flexible diagnostics available on the market when it launches on November 28, but also an entirely new business model by taking out the need for costly hardware and software updates.

By leveraging the flexibility and reliability of Microsoft's Azure cloud, MECH5 will deliver a highly powerful diagnostics system into the hands of mechanics and garage owners across the UK and the world, including members of the RAC Approved Garages network.

A lean, efficient and highly scalable internet infrastructure removes cost for all parties as Nebula Systems can support and develop a single platform, while garages avoid the cost and hassle of maintaining or updating specific IT hardware. Instead, all customers now gain access to real-time information and automatic updates every time they login on-line.

Microsoft's Azure cloud gives MECH5 flexibility that will encourage and embrace cloud connectivity to other platforms for technical data, technical support and eventually parts ordering. Coverage will initially closely follow the industry-leading DEC Superscan scantool which is part of the Nebula Systems core tool-set.

Andrew Steer, CEO of Nebula Systems, said: "We're enabling the democratisation of diagnostics, making this technology available to everybody from the small independent garage, up to nationwide dealerships. There's no longer any big outlay required and technicians can also work from any device, even a smart phone if they really want to!

"Nebula is proud to be part of the RAC which is leveraging the flexibility and reliability of Microsoft's Azure cloud to support MECH5's core infrastructure.

Nick Walker, RAC Telematics MD said: "This solution brings a revolutionary business model to an industry that has moved at a slow pace for years.

"MECH5 is the first of a range of services that RAC and Nebula Systems will bring to market based on Microsoft technologies."

MECH5 comprises a small 'MECH5 VCI' - a Bluetooth OBD Vehicle Communications Interface – plus a flexible pay-as-you-go internet subscription. Several hundred pre-ordered MECH5 VCIs are about to be delivered, to meet surging pre-orders placed from around the world.

With the RAC Approved Garage network set to gain access to MECH5 as part of their association package, the roadside breakdown specialists will ensure

the highest standards of technical competence, supporting their stated aim of offering good quality reliable garages to UK motorists.

Garages can pre-order online today, or register for a free demo account, simply by visiting <https://www.mech5.com/>.

About RAC Business Services

RAC is one of the UK's most progressive motoring organisations, providing services for both private and business motorists.

RAC Patrols repair vehicles on average within 30 minutes at the roadside and carry more than 500 parts and tools, so we're always well-equipped and ready to fix wherever possible

RAC Business offers a comprehensive range of services and products for UK businesses of all sizes and currently provides cover to around six million vehicles.

Products available include: fleet breakdown coverage, telematics, fuel cards, accident management, inspections, training, commercial and fleet insurance, fleet management (Business Club) and risk management services.

RAC also provides client-branded outsourced services and call centre support for customers of leading car manufacturers, insurance, fleet providers and logistics companies, as well as truck breakdown, truck warranty and insurance for vehicles from 3.5t to 44t.

About Nebula Systems and MECH5

Nebula Systems Ltd was formed in 2014 to harness the combined expertise of Maverick Technology (UK) Ltd and DEC Automotive of Argentina to work on next-generation cloud-based diagnostics and data systems.

DEC Automotive began in 1995 to meet demand for automotive diagnostic tools in the South American market, later growing into a world leader in diagnostic equipment manufacture and software development.

Maverick was established in 1999, then supporting independent garages moving into the fast-developing world of advanced diagnostic tools, since successfully selling and supporting many market leading brands.

Nebula Systems Ltd was acquired by RAC in February 2016. RAC Telematics managing director Nick Walker anticipated this would “lead to the RAC moving from a reactive, to a proactive and ultimately predictive breakdown service”.

The new MECH5 diagnostics system is a secure, cloud-based, vehicle data analytics platform that can help garages access the wealth of data within the ECUs of modern vehicles. The mission is to revolutionise the ways technicians perform diagnostics and repairs on modern vehicles.

The system itself comprises the small “MECH5 vci”, a Bluetooth OBD Vehicle Communications Interface (VCI), supported with an internet subscription package. This combination brings complete flexibility to perform diagnostics through the cloud, so technicians can access anytime, anywhere and on any web-enabled device.

For more information please visit www.nebulasystems.com and www.mech5.com

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