



You rely on your lifts every day. Read on to learn how to keep them working for you.



Invest in Your Future: Invest in Lift Safety

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LIFT SELECTION AND INSPECTION ARE KEY

Vehicle repair gets more demanding every day. Those of you on the front lines working with equipment to maintain and repair vehicles can never afford to “take it easy.” Not when you are entrusted with the safety of your customers’ vehicles, your employees and yourself.

This 16-page supplement provides an overview of the hot topics in vehicle lifting that technicians, fleet maintenance managers and shop owners need to be aware of in order to maintain bay safety and productivity. Needless to say, safety is a major consideration when lifting a vehicle weighing thousands of pounds and then working under it.

This piece covers lift safety considerations and the story behind the Automotive Lift Institute (ALI) Gold Lift Certification Label.

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ger role in many businesses nowadays, more service shops are looking for heavier duty lifts. The article, “Go Big – But Go Safely,” provides input on choosing a heavy duty lift.

This supplement also explains the importance of having every vehicle lift inspected annually by a qualified lift inspector. This requirement is found in the ANSI National Standard covering vehicle lift operation, inspection and maintenance, which is included by reference in regulations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

To make it easier for shops to find qualified lift inspectors to inspect their lifts, ALI

launched North America’s first third-party vehicle lift inspector certification program last fall. For more information about the ALI Lift Inspector Certification Program, see the article, “What’s Riding on Your Lifts?” To find a local ALI Certified Lift Inspector, visit www.autolift.org/certified-inspector.php. The database is searchable by ZIP code and will be continuously updated as additional inspectors achieve certification.

You rely on your vehicle lifts every day. Invest the time to make sure you are using and maintaining them properly. As ALI says, “Your safety is riding on it.” ■