LKQ Europe opens new training center in Italy to support future workshop skills

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Zug, Switzerland. LKQ Europe has expanded its automotive training capabilities with the opening of a new LKQ Academy training centre in Italy, helping independent workshops develop the skills needed to service increasingly complex vehicles.

Opened by LKQ RHIAG in Pero, near Milan, the new 360-square-meter facility brings together practical training, technical expertise and specialist workshop equipment to support the next generation of automotive aftermarket professionals.

LKQ Academy is LKQ Europe's training and development program for automotive aftermarket professionals, offering technical, workshop and business skills training through online and face-to-face courses. Its Learning Management System (LMS) currently has more than 70,000 registered users across Europe, with over 2,000 courses available across 12 markets* and in nine languages.

LKQ Europe's recent Future-Ready Workshop research, involving more than 4,300 independent workshops across six European markets, found that almost one in four identified staff training as one of their biggest challenges in the coming years.

Designed to combine classroom learning with hands-on experience, the new center features two classrooms accommodating up to 25 people each, alongside a fully equipped practical workshop with two vehicle lifts and advanced diagnostic equipment, and a dedicated showroom.

It strengthens LKQ Academy's existing training offering in Italy, which includes more than 150 technical courses and technical-commercial workshops, alongside three specialist certification pathways covering electric and hybrid vehicles, vehicle electronics and diagnostics, and automotive cybersecurity.

Gianluca D'Aurea, Head of Garage Equipment LKQ RHIAG, said: "Technologies are evolving rapidly, and workshops need not only the right components, but also the skills, technical information, and equipment required to make the most of them. It is through the integration of these three elements that the value of our Training Center is created."

Domenico Ferrara, LKQ Academy Lead at LKQ Europe, said: "Independent workshops are being asked to do more as vehicles become increasingly complex, and having access to the right training is becoming just as important as having the right parts, tools and technical information. The new center in Italy brings these elements together, giving technicians the opportunity to develop their knowledge and put new skills into practice.

"Across Europe, we're continuing to invest in making training more accessible and relevant to the challenges our customers face, helping independent

workshops build the capabilities they need to remain competitive, both today and as the market evolves."

The new facility forms part of LKQ Academy's wider European training network, which delivers technical, business and digital learning programs to approximately 20,000 automotive professionals each year.

LKQ Academy has also recently reached its commitment to train 24,000 technicians in electric and hybrid vehicle skills under the European Commission's Mobility Transition Pathway, two years ahead of schedule.

Alongside its investment in physical training facilities, LKQ Academy is expanding its digital learning platform across Europe, giving automotive professionals greater flexibility to access training and manage their professional development.

The opening also builds on closer collaboration between LKQ Academy's European teams, with the Italian team joining its European content development network in June 2026.

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*LKQ Academy is available in Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Slovakia, Switzerland, and United Kingdom.

About LKQ Europe

LKQ Europe, a subsidiary of LKQ Corporation, headquartered in Zug, Switzerland, is the leading distributor of automotive aftermarket parts for cars, vans and industrial vehicles across 17+ European countries including the following regions: Benelux-France, Central Eastern Europe, DACH, Italy, Scandinavia, and the UK & Ireland.

With around 25,000 employees and 900+ branches, it supplies over 100,000 workshops through strong logistics, digital tools and training via LKQ Academy, while expanding circular economy capabilities via REMAN, Salvage, LKQ SYNETIQ, LKQ Electriq, and ACtronics to advance sustainable, repair-first mobility.

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