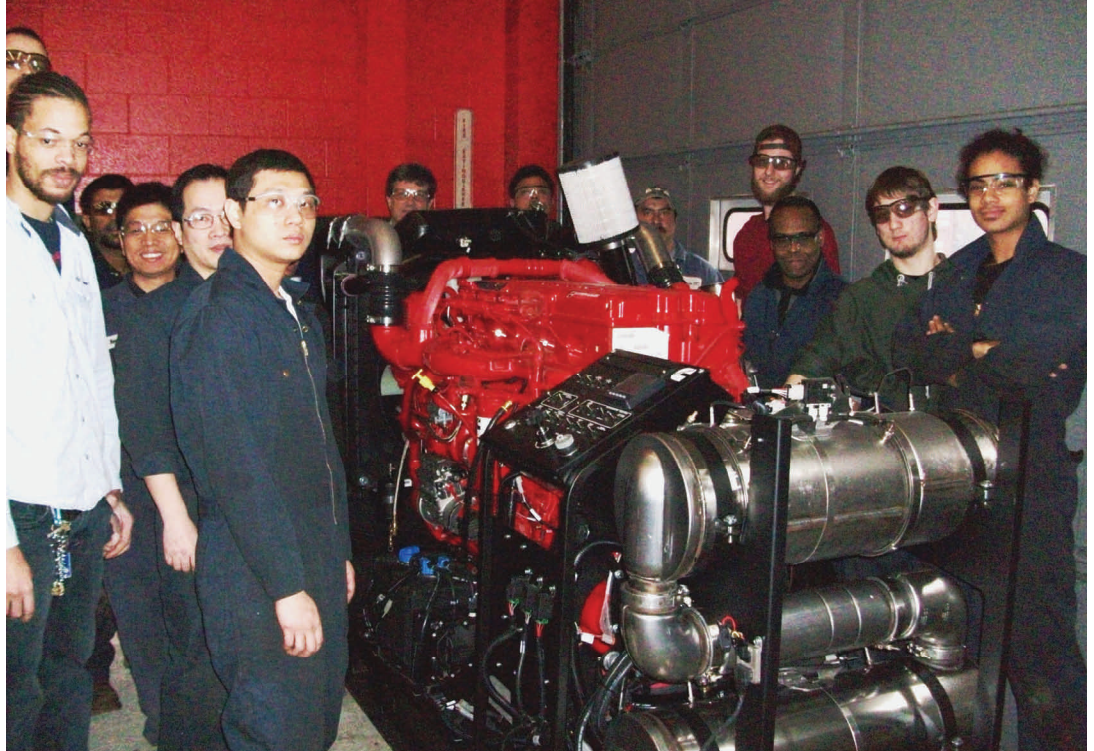


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Freightliner Modified Apprenticeship Program



The Freightliner Modified Apprenticeship Program is a MAP 32 program in which students are signed on as apprentices and complete all three levels of their in-school apprenticeship training in one academic year. We began on August 31st with a full class of 22 students and there has been very little attrition since then.

These future technicians range from 17 to 42 years of age and many have travelled from the far corners of the globe. Some of their places of origin include:

Africa, China, Vietnam, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South America and the Caribbean.

Several possess previous electronics, mechanical and engineering training within their countries of origin. Also, some of the students have already had a fair bit of prior experience in high school technology programs, co-op placements, work place training, or other on-the-job mechanical training.

Their mutual interest in truck & coach technology has inspired the group and through group work, they have developed strong interpersonal skill sets in their quest for technical knowledge.

Last week, signals the third co-op work week for their term. All students have arranged their own placement, with a focus on full time employment at the conclusion of the winter College semester.

Strong Equinox Sales Equals Good News for Ingersoll



Detroit—General Motors Dealers may have to wait until later in the year when production can be further ramped up in order to return to a normal supply of cross-over vehicles. Dealers, typically have a 60-day supply of vehicles in inventory but due to such strong demand for the Chevrolet Equinox and GMC Terrain, dealers are left with a 2-week supply of these Ingersoll-built vehicles.

In October 2009, GM started a 3rd shift at the CAMI plant in Ingersoll Ontario but that production increase still hasn't kept up with demand, so GM is considering a Saturday shift as well. If demand continues to outstrip the supply, GM may look to an idle plant in the US to add further production capacity for these hot cross-over models.

Mark Reuss, GM's president of North America, said long term, the company may reopen plants. He declined to say which plants GM was considering opening. But he did mention GM's plant in Spring Hill, Tenn., saying, "We've got a damn good plant in Spring Hill sitting idle."

In addition to these GM models. CAMI also builds the XL7 SUV for Suzuki.

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Teachers Making a Difference

Hi

I'm a 60 year old Second Career student in the Motorcycle and Powersports program who was experiencing difficulty, this week, making welds in my Welding class with Roy King.

Mr. King worked closely with me and suggested I might have vision problems. I wear corrective, progressive lenses and switched to my reading glasses with good results. All praise to Roy for his holistic instruction. He is helping us all to a brighter future.

Cheers

David Forster

View the SoT video (2 minutes) by clicking [here](#)