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Course Title: Composite Repair – Stage 1

Course Code: DMSC58

Course Fees: £2,100.00 course fee plus £420.00 UK VAT (£2,520.00 per delegate)

Structure: 30% theory, 70% practical, 10 delegates maximum, no experience required

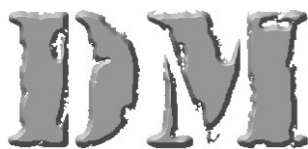
Summary

This course provides comprehensive training, understanding and hands on application of a full range of repair techniques to composite mouldings, from cosmetic through to structural repairs. Emphasis is on understanding failure modes, recognising materials and production process, and correct use of tools, abrasives and dust extraction in order to apply effective repairs.

This course is suitable for anyone involved with repairs to composite materials, including repair technicians, supervisors, engineers, designers, researchers and managers.

Course Content

	09:00 – 11:00	11:15 – 13:15	13:45 – 15:45	16:00 – 18:00
Monday	<u>Introduction</u> <u>Equipment issue</u> <u>Health & Safety</u> <u>Theory</u> Introduction to composites theory, materials & processes	<u>Theory & Discussion</u> Damage detection Repair of composites overview <u>Theory, Discussion & Demo</u> Dust generation, risk assessment & capture	<u>Theory & Discussion</u> Material removal tools & abrasives <u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Non-structural cosmetic & temporary repairs	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Wet lay-up laminating Matrix preparation, application, curing & exotherm control Application of cosmetic gel coat repairs Application of temporary repairs
Tuesday	<u>Demo & Practical</u> Sanding and polishing of cosmetic gel coat repairs Re-filling of cosmetic gel coat repairs Assessment of temporary repairs	<u>Theory, Practical & Discussion</u> Failures modes & predicting failure Impacts & assessment of damage <u>Theory</u> Minor and major structural laminate repairs	<u>Demo & Practical</u> Removal of temporary repair Preparation of tapered/scarf surfaces Preparation of single & double sided repair surfaces	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Temporary backing structures Process & material matching & preparation
Wednesday	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Wet lay-up laminating of single & double sided, minor & major structural repairs	<u>Theory & Demo</u> Structural sandwich panel repairs Core preparation & splicing <u>Practical</u> Preparation of type A, B & C structural sandwich panel repair surfaces & materials for infused & pre-preg panels		<u>Theory & Demo</u> Vacuum bagging & materials Caul plates <u>Demo & Practical</u> Wet lay-up & vacuum bagging of type A/B structural repairs
Thursday	<u>Demo & Practical</u> Recognition & orientation of pre-preg materials Laminating of type B/C structural pre-preg sandwich panel repairs	<u>Theory & Practical</u> Curing pre-preg repairs Temperature & pressure profiles Tg points Use of hot bonder for curing pre-preg repairs	<u>Discussion & Practical</u> Inspection, evaluation and review of repairs completed Destructive testing of repairs	<u>Assessed Practical</u> Assessment of damage Complete a repair strategy Preparation of repairs
Friday	<u>Assessed Practical</u> Completion of repairs to a range of test piece components, including step sanded surface preparation, identification of laminate plies, preparation & application of orientated materials, vacuum bagging, curing, surface finishing, blending and polishing			<u>Reinstate Workshop</u> <u>Written test</u> <u>Equipment return</u> <u>Summary / Feedback</u>



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Course Title:	Composite Repair – Stage 2
Course Code:	DMSC59
Course Fees:	£2,100.00 course fee plus £420.00 UK VAT (£2,520.00 per delegate)
Structure:	25% theory, 75% practical, 8 delegates maximum
Pre-requisite:	Prior completion of course DMSC58 (previously DMSC59, Repair of Composites)

Summary

This progression course addresses more advanced composite repair techniques and issues in respect to more extensive and complex structural repairs. Repairs are conducted on solid laminates and sandwich panels using temporary repair tooling, step sanding routers and jigs, standard repair patches and more extensive range of curing methods. Emphasis is on refinement of the repair techniques and working with on-tool dust extraction.

This course is suitable for anyone involved with repairs to composite materials, including repair technicians, supervisors, engineers, designers, researchers and managers.

Course Content

	09:00 – 11:00	11:15 – 13:15	13:45 – 15:45	16:00 – 18:00
Monday	<u>Introduction</u> <u>Equipment issue</u> <u>Theory & Discussion</u> Advanced composite repairs Co-bonding & secondary bonding structural repairs Structural repair design and processes	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Refresh of composite materials & processes On tool extraction, dust containment and capture strategies Advanced dust control & dust free material removal	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Pre-preg material life, storing & defrosting Ply orientation standards, notations & variations Spring back, distortion, balanced & un-balanced orientated plies Nesting & kitting	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Adhesion & release Release agents Adhesive Bonding Peel plies <u>Demo & Practical</u> Production of a pre-preg panel to production documentation
Tuesday	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Sandwich panels & multistage processing Core materials & tracer films Preparation & application of honeycomb core Second stage curing of pre-preg panel	<u>Theory & Discussion</u> Human Factors Damage inspection & evaluation Damage reporting Structural repair design considerations	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> NDT inspection overview & techniques Setting up and using NDT equipment NDT inspection of undamaged parts	<u>Practical</u> NDT Inspection of damaged parts Production of inspection report Design of a standard step sanded repair scheme
Wednesday	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Conducting laminate discovery activities using 'Step Sanding Tool Kit' Plan repair activity Fibre, fabric, orientation & thickness records	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Prepare step sanded repair surface for type B wet lay-up part using Step Sanding Tool Kit		<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Fibre to resin ratios Ply thickness calculations and variation De-bulk factors Bleed variation Calculation of bleed plies
Thursday	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Prepare and apply materials to the repair surface Wet lay-up laminate repair using double membrane vacuum bag with bleeder plies	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Tg point of parts Using infra-red lamps & temporary ovens for curing Positioning of thermocouples Recording of cure profile	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Producing and using standard repair patches Pressure de-bulk of repair patch	<u>Practical</u> Prepare step sanded repair surface for type A pre-preg part using Step Sanding Tool Kit
Friday	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Selection and sequence of vacuum bagging consumables <u>Practical</u> Apply standard repair patch & vacuum bag	<u>Theory, Demo & Practical</u> Using hot bonders & heat mats, for on part curing Positioning of thermocouples Determination & monitoring of cure profile	<u>Discussion & Practical</u> Inspection, evaluation and review of repairs completed Completion of repair reports Destructive testing and inspection of repairs completed	<u>Reinstate Workshop</u> <u>Written test</u> <u>Equipment return</u> <u>Summary / Feedback</u>



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Composite Course Schedule 2025-26

We provide the most comprehensive range of composite training courses available. Delegates regularly attend our courses from all industry sectors worldwide which are suitable for individuals and small companies through to tier one suppliers and OEMs.

We are continually involved in training industry personnel for the next generation of composite parts. Our courses are recognised as demanding, rewarding and representative of current best practice and processes and are continually updated. Our tutors are industry experts and our facilities set the standards for best practice and are specifically designed for delivery of composite training courses.

Course Code	Title	Price per Delegate (incl. 20% UK VAT)	Course Dates
DMSC50	Introduction to Composite Materials & Processes	£2,100.00	1-5 Sep 2025 1-5 Jun 2026
DMSC51	Wet Lay-Up Laminating	£2,100.00	23-27 Feb 2026
DMSC52	Spray Lay-Up Laminating	£2,100.00	<i>please call/email us for further details</i>
DMSC53	Resin Infusion Laminating & Light RTM	£2,100.00	8-12 Sep 2025 8-12 Jun 2026
DMSC54	Pre-Preg Laminating – Stage 1	£2,100.00	10-14 Nov 2025 2-6 Nov 2026
DMSC55	Pre-Preg Laminating – Stage 2	£2,100.00	17-21 Nov 2025 9-13 Nov 2026
DMSC56	Pre-Preg Mould Making	£2,520.00	19-23 Jan 2026
DMSC57	Trimming, Finishing & Assembly of Composites	£2,520.00	13-17 Apr 2026
DMSC58	Composite Repair – Stage 1	£2,520.00	29 Sep - 3 Oct 2025 20-24 Apr 2026 28 Sep – 2 Oct 2026
DMSC59	Composite Repair – Stage 2	£2,520.00	6-10 Oct 2025 5-9 Oct 2026
DMSC60	Producing Your Own Composite Parts	£2,100.00	26-30 Jan 2026
DMSC61	Composites for Engineers & Designers Stage 1 - Materials & Processes	£2,100.00	22-26 Sep 2025 16-20 Mar 2026 7-11 Sep 2026
DMSC62	Composites for Engineers & Designers Stage 2 – Next Steps	£2,100.00	23-27 Mar 2026 14-18 Sep 2026

Bespoke Training Courses

If you cannot find a course to suit your needs, bespoke courses can also be provided for individuals through to full company training programs, worldwide at the customers' own facilities or at our premises. Pricing is dependent on location, delegates and course content. Please contact us to discuss your needs.



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Entry Requirements

No qualifications or previous experience is required unless otherwise stated on the specific course information sheet. If you are unsure, please contact us.

Enrolments

- Enrolments are taken on a first come, first served basis. We require either an on-line booking or a completed enrolment form and full payment.
- On receipt of your booking/enrolment form, we will process your payment if there are places available on the course and issue a full course confirmation.
- If the course is full, your payment will not be processed and you will be advised accordingly.
- Please note that we do not take provisional bookings or hold any places. Course confirmations are only sent if places are available and full payment has been received into our account.

Payment

We accept the following forms of payment and can provide companies with pro-forma invoices where required:

- Credit and Debit cards including Mastercard, Visa, Maestro, Solo and American Express
- Personal or Company cheques payable to 'Dark Matter Composites Ltd'
- Paypal
- BACS, CHAPS or IBAN bank transfers

Course Fees

- The fees are stated on the individual course information sheets and are per delegate per course.
- Course fees stated are in pounds sterling and are subject to UK VAT at the current rate (20%).
- EU companies may be able to reclaim UK VAT through their local VAT system.
- Non-EU delegates cannot reclaim the VAT as the course is a service provided in the UK and not an exported product.
- The fees stated are valid until 31st December 2025.
- All fees stated include: provision of all materials, tools, equipment and protective clothing (except footwear, see below); lunch, tea & coffee for each day of the course; and course handouts.
- All course fees must be paid prior to the start of the course.
- Items produced by delegates can be taken away at the end of the course.

Location

Our courses are run at our dedicated training facilities in Redbourn, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom. We are close to London with good travel links to Central London and all London Airports, with London Luton Airport just 8 miles away. There are good transport links to the M1/M25 motorways and train links at the local towns of Hemel Hempstead, St Albans, Harpenden and Luton.

Times & Attendance

Each day starts promptly at 9am and finishes at approximately 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Clothing, tools and equipment

- Delegates must wear full-length trousers and closed leather shoes or safety boots (no fabric, perforated or open footwear) during the course.
- All other tools, equipment and personal protective equipment are included in the course fee.

Course Assessment

Assessment activities are built into our courses, to give feedback on the achievement and potential of delegates. Delegates are assessed on their attendance, quality of practical work completed and a written test. Assessment marks are printed on the course certificates and kept on record.

Exclusions

Travel, accommodation and general sustenance expenses incurred by delegates are excluded from the course prices (except where otherwise stated).

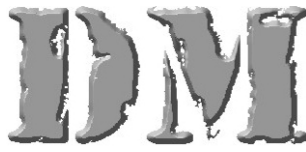
Accommodation

Please note that we have an accommodation list that is available on our website or upon request.

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Course Enrolment Conditions

1. These Course Enrolment Conditions apply to all training services provided by Dark Matter Composites Ltd (DMC). Customer's Terms & Conditions or deviations from these are not applicable unless agreed in writing.
2. It is the customers' responsibility to check that the course is suitable for its delegate(s) training needs. We shall advise on course content and anticipated outcome as requested.
3. Enrolments are taken on a first come, first served basis and shall only be confirmed on receipt of completed enrolment forms and receipt of full payment.
4. For company and group bookings, an enrolment form must be completed for each delegate.
5. Courses will be confirmed as running as soon as sufficient applications are received and no later than 2 weeks prior to the course start date. Bespoke courses will be confirmed on receipt of full course payment.
6. All course fees are per delegate per course and include: provision of all materials, tools and protective clothing (except footwear, see below); lunch, tea & coffee for each day of the course; and course handouts.
7. Payment of course fees are due prior to the course start date. Prices stated are in pounds sterling.
8. Travel, accommodation and general sustenance expenses incurred by delegates are excluded from the course fees (except where otherwise stated).
9. Cancellations by delegates prior to the course will be refunded on the following basis: 14 calendar days or more 80%; less than 14 calendar days no refund. If a cancellation is unavoidable by DMC, an alternative date or full refund will be given.
10. Transferral of bookings applies to a change in course or course date and must be completed 14 calendar days prior to the start of the original course booking. Each transferred booking, will be subject to an administration and materials charge equivalent to 20% of the course fee. A maximum of two booking transfers will be processed. Outside of these transfer terms, cancellation terms will apply.
11. Delegates must advise DMC of any dietary requirements or special needs on enrolment.
12. The outcome and achievement of delegates is based upon the ability and attendance of the individual delegates.
13. DMC shall not be liable for any kind of damage arising directly or indirectly out of or in connection with the performance or non-performance of the training, unless such damages are caused by the gross negligence or intent of DMC or its employees.
14. Delegates attending DMC courses must comply with safety procedures covered at the start of and during each course. DMC seeks to achieve the highest standards in health, safety and the environment and anticipate that customers and their delegates will assist us in achieving these objectives.
15. Delegates must wear full-length trousers and closed leather shoes or safety boots (no trainers or fabric footwear) during the course. Delegates who do not wear appropriate clothing and footwear will not be able to take a full part in practical sessions.
16. Marked tools and equipment shall be issued and checked with delegates at the start of the course. Delegates may be charged for tools and equipment not returned.
17. Copyrights on licensed material provided by DMC remain with DMC. Copyrights on third party licensed materials remain with identified third parties. Licensed materials include but are not limited to all course documentation, manuals and instructions in electronic or printed form. The Customer/Delegate shall not copy, make accessible or distribute licensed material to third parties without DMC's prior written consent.
18. The Customer/Delegate acknowledges and agrees that a breach of copyright cannot be compensated adequately by an award of damages or indemnity or other pecuniary remedy and DMC shall be entitled in the event of any such breach to the remedies of injunction specific performance or other equitable relief to redress any such breach.
19. DMC will treat any information about delegates and/or any internal business information of the Customer/Delegate as confidential.
20. The validity, construction and performance of these conditions shall be governed by the Laws of England.

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