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## **AAPEX to Host NASTF Fall 2015 General Meeting**

### ***Benefits of new SAE J2534 Standard to take center stage***

**LAS VEGAS, Nev. – Aug. 19, 2015** – [AAPEX](#) will host the [National Automotive Service Task Force](#) (NASTF) Fall 2015 General Meeting that will feature a compelling session on “SAE J2534-1 v5.00: The Benefits for OEMs, Technicians and Tool Makers.” The NASTF meeting will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 4, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (PST), in Casanova Room 504 at the Venetian, with the J2534 session starting at 2:15 p.m.

Kurt Immekus, service publications specialist for Volkswagen of America, and Greg Potter, executive manager of the Equipment and Tool Institute (ETI), will present the J2534 session. The two are co-chairs of the NASTF Equipment and Tool Committee and are leading the campaign for adoption of v5.00

The Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) issued their first version of J2534 in 2002 to facilitate shop computer communication with vehicle emission systems, and recently, SAE J2534-1 (emission systems) version 5.00 was published.

“Shops, technicians, automakers and tool companies are keenly aware that advances in technology offer benefits, as well as challenges. While the benefits of upgrading OEM programming software and J-devices to the new standard are huge, adoption is likely to take a large voluntary commitment from the industry before the government steps in to make it mandatory,” according to Skip Potter, NASTF executive director.

Immekus and ETI’s Potter will cover the benefits of SAE J2534-1 v5.00, including:

- OEMs and tool makers greatly improve compatibility between OEM programming applications and device firmware. Validation is less formal and the expense of it is greatly reduced for both OEMs and device-makers. The technician improves productivity and the help desks have one less concern to handle.
- The actual range of vehicles covered and programmable modules served improves for device-makers, giving technician’s a clearer picture of what to buy; and reducing the number of device brands and models necessary in an all-make service shop.
- Reprogramming times are greatly reduced.

At the same time, they recognize and will address the challenges, including:

- The 2018 diagnostic requirements present a related, additional challenge.

- OEMs are not all in the same place with SAE J2534 today.
- Upgrades cost money for everyone, and to coordinate investments between OEMs, technicians and device-makers is a great expectation.

Registration is not required for the NASTF event, but seating is limited. Registration, however, is required for AAPEX. The full agenda for the NASTF Fall 2015 General Meeting is posted at [www.nastf.org/GeneralMeetings](http://www.nastf.org/GeneralMeetings).

[AAPEX](#) is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 3 through Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Sands Expo in Las Vegas, Nev., with AAPEXedu sessions starting on Monday, Nov. 2.

AAPEX 2015 is expected to feature more than 2,400 exhibitors, 5,000 booths, 50-plus AAPEXedu sessions and 39,000 targeted buyers. Approximately 130,000 automotive aftermarket professionals from nearly 140 countries are projected to be in Las Vegas during AAPEX.

#### **About NASTF**

NASTF was established in 2000 to identify, communicate and resolve gaps in the availability and accessibility of automotive service information, service training, diagnostic tools and equipment for the benefit of automotive service professionals and their customers. NASTF was incorporated in 2006 as a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit organization. Additional details can be found at [www.nastf.org](http://www.nastf.org). NASTF logos are located at [www.nastf.org/media](http://www.nastf.org/media).

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