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Course 1 of 10

YOU ARE NO LONGER A TECHNICIAN

Shop Foreman Transformation System



Welcome to Repair Order Intelligence Training

This course is designed to change how you *think*, not what you *do*.

Before you continue, understand this:

You are not entering a training on how to fix more problems.

You are entering a system on how to stop being the person problems get routed to.



Identity Check (Required Before Starting)

Select the statement that best describes how you currently operate:

- ☐ I step in and fix vehicles when the shop gets overwhelmed
- ☐ I often help technicians complete stalled jobs
- ☐ I get pulled into problems multiple times per day
- ☐ I focus on both repairs and shop coordination
- ☐ I primarily manage workflow, not repairs

👉 If you selected ANY of the first four options, this course applies directly to you.



Core Shift of This Course

OLD ROLE THINKING:

“I’m the best tech in the shop, so I help where needed.”

NEW ROLE THINKING:

“I am responsible for how work flows—not who performs it.”

SECTION 1: The Technician Trap

Most foremen stay stuck in technician mode without realizing it.

That creates three hidden breakdowns:

Dependency

Technicians escalate problems they should solve themselves.

Bottlenecks

Work pauses waiting for your involvement.

Role Drift

Your leadership time gets replaced with repair time.

QUICK INPUT (Type your answer mentally or log it if using LMS)

Where do you personally get pulled in the most?

- Diagnostics
- Comebacks
- Parts issues
- Customer complaints
- Scheduling / dispatch gaps

 Write your top 1–2 friction points:

SECTION 2: The Help Paradox

Helping feels like leadership.

But in shop operations, uncontrolled help creates system dependency.

Every time you step in, ask:

✓ Am I removing a bottleneck...

OR

 Am I becoming the bottleneck?



RULE OF THIS COURSE:

If your involvement is required for routine flow, the system is not scalable.



INTERACTIVE SCENARIO

A technician is stuck diagnosing a vehicle.

You have two options:

A) Step in and complete the diagnosis yourself

B) Guide them through next steps and move on to another stalled unit



Choose your instinct:

☐ A

☐ B

Now ask yourself:

What happens to your shop if you choose A ten times per day?

What happens if you choose B ten times per day?



SECTION 3: Visible vs Invisible Work

TECHNICIAN WORK (Visible):

- Repairs
- Diagnostics
- Completed jobs

FOREMAN WORK (Invisible):

- Removing delays
 - Preventing escalations
 - Managing flow between jobs
 - Reducing interruptions
 - Increasing technician independence
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KEY REALIZATION

If your day is full of visible work,
you are not operating in the foreman role.

SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECK

Rate yourself honestly (1–5):

1 = Rarely / 5 = Constantly

- I perform hands-on repairs during my shift: 1 2 3 4 5
- Technicians come to me for most problems: 1 2 3 4 5
- I actively manage shop flow without stepping in physically: 1 2 3 4 5
- I am able to step away and the shop continues moving: 1 2 3 4 5

 Your lowest score = your biggest system gap.

SECTION 4: Identity Rebuild

Repeat this internally:

“My job is not to fix cars faster.”

“My job is to make sure cars never stop moving unnecessarily.”

PRACTICAL SHIFT CHALLENGE (Today)

For the next shift:

RULE:

You are NOT allowed to physically complete a repair that a technician can complete with guidance.

Instead:

- ✓ Redirect
 - ✓ Clarify
 - ✓ Support decision-making
 - ✗ Do not perform the work yourself
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END OF COURSE 1 CHECKPOINT

Before moving to Course 2, confirm:

- ☐ I understand my role is no longer technician-based
 - ☐ I recognize where I create dependency in the shop
 - ☐ I understand the difference between work and flow
 - ☐ I completed the self-assessment honestly
 - ☐ I can identify at least one behavior I need to change immediately
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FINAL TAKEAWAY

You are no longer measured by:

- speed of repair
- technical output
- personal problem solving

You are measured by:

How little the shop needs you in order to function at a high level.

Next Course Preview:

COURSE 2: “Flow Collapse Points — Where Shops Actually Break Down”

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