



Professional 4x4 Off-Road Course Portfolio.





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Professional Off-Road Training.

For many people, driving is often the most dangerous work-related activity that they undertake. For some, it is the main purpose of their job. Driving 4x4 vehicles professionally, particularly off-road, presents additional challenges. These include driving on unfamiliar surfaces such as grass, mud and rocks as well as controlling the vehicle on steep gradients and through water. Many of the techniques required to drive safely off-road are counter-intuitive to drivers who have not been trained by experts.

Off-Road Driver Training.

Our portfolio of practical and theory-based training courses are designed with the professional driver in mind and are subject to a rigorous quality control system. The courses sit in our training framework allowing individuals to progress from a basic level to our “in-house trainer” qualification, enabling employers to help meet ‘duty of care’ obligations under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (1998).

Drivetech’s portfolio of training products and services include off-road and all-terrain vehicles such as 4x4s, sit-in and sit astride All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), 6x6, and specialist vehicles, together with supporting activities. In addition, on-road driver development courses are available in safety culture, eco-driving and speed awareness that can help improve all-round vehicle operating costs and availability. Training is supported by a suite of fleet risk management solutions including policy framework development and process design.

Benefits to you.

Our professional off-road training helps you to:

- gain peace of mind - meet your ‘duty of care’ obligations.
- progressive off-road training specifically designed for the professional driver.
- reduce fleet operating costs - through improved driving skills, lower fuel consumption, reduced insurance premiums and maintenance/repair expenditure.
- care more for the environment; off-road training can improve driving techniques, so there is less damage to the countryside, vehicles and equipment.
- ensure a continual improvement plan - giving a sustainable improvement in off-road safety performance.
- raise a general driving safety awareness culture.



Professional Off-Road Training Courses.

Basic Level.

Advanced Level.

Trainer Level.

Professional 4x4 Familiarisation
(Half day)

Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver Basic
(Whole day)



Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver Advanced
(Whole day)

Professional 4x4 Sand and Shingle Driver
(Whole day)



Professional 4x4 Off-Road "In-House"
(Five days)

Professional ATV Off-Road User Basic
(Whole day)



Professional ATV Off-Road User Advanced
(Half day)

Professional UTV Off-Road User Basic
(Whole day)



Professional UTV Off-Road User Advanced
(Half day)

Professional Winch Operator Basic
(Whole day)



Professional Winch Operator Advanced
(Whole day)



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Professional 4x4: Familiarisation.

Course Aims.

To introduce drivers to the handling characteristics and the technology associated with a 4x4 vehicle.

During this course participants will identify, discuss and practice the following topics relating to the operation of a 4x4 vehicle in an on-road or unpaved track environment:

- Improved vehicle knowledge.
- Traction and how to maintain it.
- Types of four-wheel drive systems.
- When and how to engage and disengage four-wheel drive.
- Safe operation of a 4x4 vehicle.
- Technology associated with 4x4 vehicles.

Course Outline.

This half-day course is designed for a 1:2 ratio starting at either 08.30 or 12.30. The course focuses on the use of 4x4 technology to assist drivers when negotiating normally benign terrain such as roads and tracks that are affected by inclement weather conditions. The course comprises:

- An interactive workshop to introduce the types of 4x4 systems available, how and when to use them safely and available technology.
- Practical 'behind the wheel' tuition, enabling the delegates to practice the techniques themselves including gradients, slopes and simulated terrain.
- Each delegate receives feedback on their performance and a Drivetech certificate of attendance.

Who is the course suitable for?

The course will be of most value to any person needing to drive a 4x4 vehicle on roads and tracks that are affected by inclement weather conditions – such as snow and minor flooding – in the course of their duties.

Professional 4x4: Off-Road Driver - Basic.

Course Aims.

A one-day course that provides basic information, guidance and tuition for those unfamiliar with off-road driving. The course focuses on the principles and practice of driving off-road safely.

Course Outline.

The full-day course is designed for a 1:2 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course emphasises the health and safety aspects of driving off-road and comprises:

- An interactive workshop to introduce the types of 4x4 systems available, how to ensure your safety and the safety of others, vehicle and journey preparation, and the principles of negotiating typical off-road terrain.
- A demonstration drive with a qualified Drivetech off-road instructor who will illustrate key principles of off-road driving.
- Practical 'behind the wheel' tuition, enabling the delegates to practice the techniques themselves including gradients, slopes, rough terrain, mud and water.
- Each delegate receives feedback on their performance and a Drivetech certificate if they complete the course successfully.

Who is the course suitable for?

The course will be of most value to those with little or no experience, who need to drive off-road occasionally as part of their job.



Professional 4x4: Off-Road Driver - Advanced.

Course Aims.

This course follows on from the Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver - Basic. It provides a progression in the principles and practice of off-road 4x4 driving. The aim is to build on the basic principles by introducing trainees to more challenging terrain, environment and situations throughout the course.

Course Outline.

The full-day course is designed for a 1:2 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course is made up of three modules:

1 Driving with a load.

The module focuses on the different vehicle dynamics when traversing off-road terrain with a heavier vehicle, including:

- Advanced route planning and driving a V shaped gully.
- Reversing out of a failed route with/without using a Banksman.
- Driving through water (site and season dependent).

2 Self-recovery.

Covering best use of shovels and traction mats and discussing various self-recovery techniques including:

- Reduced tyre pressures.
- Use of a Banksman/radios.

3 Recovery using standard tow ropes and kinetic strops.

Focusing on the safety aspects of third-party vehicle recovery including:

- Use of correct equipment, connection points and round recognition.
- Communication options.

Who is the course suitable for?

The course is designed as a stand-alone for drivers who have completed the basic course within the previous six months or as day two following a basic course. It is ideal for delegates who drive off road on a regular basis as part of their job.



Professional 4x4: In-House Trainer.

Course Aims.

The course aims to give delegates a thorough grounding in:

- 4x4 technology and the types of 4x4 systems available.
- The principles and practice of driving off-road safely and minimising the potential environmental impact of 4x4 vehicles.
- Legislation relating to off-road driving.
- Off-road driving techniques.
- The knowledge, skills and techniques required to train employees in driving 4x4 vehicles off-road safely.

Pre-requisites.

Delegates must have completed our basic and advanced courses or hold an equivalent qualification from another provider. They must also hold a nationally recognised instructor/trainer qualification or preferably a PTTLS or an Award in Education and Training level 3 qualification before being accepted on the course.

Course Outline.

The 5-day course is designed for a 1:2 ratio starting at 09.00 am. It will develop and test delegates' appreciation of 4x4 systems and tried and tested driving and journey planning techniques that minimise the risks of off-road driving. Equip delegates with effective methods to impart their knowledge to others and get the best from their students in the classroom and in the vehicle. Delegates receive feedback and guidance throughout the course before a final examination of their ability to train others.

- Day 1: Participate and observe the delivery of the Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver – Basic course.
- Day 2: Participate and observe the delivery of the Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver – Advanced course.
- Day 3: Coached by a professional off-road trainer, participants will practise their classroom delivery skills using the Professional Off-Road Driver – Basic course presentation
- Day 4: Participants will practise their practical delivery skills, delivering training sessions on all the practical elements of the Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver –Basic course whilst being mentored by a professional off-road trainer.
- Day 5: Participants will share the delivery of the Professional 4x4 Off-Road Driver – Basic course to a Drivetech examiner.

What's Included.

The qualification includes up to three visits from a Drivetech coach to assist in their development and to quality assure the training.

Subsequent Costs.

Successful candidates will need to apply to Drivetech to run courses, supplying dates and trainee's names. They will then receive all the up to date course material, once the course is completed course reports and material are returned and Drivetech will certify their successful trainees. Each course is subject to a separate cost, invoiced at the time of delivery.

Who is the course suitable for?

Our "In-house" trainer course is designed for experienced off-road 4x4 drivers whose management require off-road 4x4 training to be delivered to other employees within their own organisation, this course does not qualify individuals as independent off-road trainers.



Professional ATV/UTV: Off-Road User - Basic.

Course Aims.

The course gives delegate's the basic knowledge and skills to drive ATVs safely on level ground and rough terrain.



Course Outline.

The full-day course is designed for up to a 1:6 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course emphasises the health and safety aspects of using and ATV or UTV in the off-road environment and comprises:

- Introduction to machine(s).
- Personal protective equipment.
- Vehicle familiarisation, pre-start safety checks and procedures.
- Operations planning and safe operation on level ground.
- Operating on slopes and rough terrain.
- Basic trailer handling.

Who is the course suitable for?

The course is suitable for those with or without ATV driving experience and who are required to use ATV or UTVs as part of their daily tasks.

Professional ATV/UTV: Off-Road User - Advanced.

Course Aims.

This course follows on from the basic allowing trainees to further hone their skills whilst learning new ones on a more challenging terrain with laden machines or machines fitted with ancillary equipment.

Course Outline.

The half-day follow-up course is designed for up to a 1:6 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course emphasises the health and safety aspects of using ancillary equipment attached to a standard machine in the off-road environment and would include but not restricted too:

- Towed equipment
- Temporary fitted equipment (winches, sprayer etc as required).
- Loading and using the machine off-road.
- Operations planning and safe operation on rough and challenging terrain.

Who is the course suitable for?

The course is suitable for those who have passed the basic course and need further training covering the use of a machine fitted with ancillary equipment and in a fully laden state. An appropriate certificate will be provided on successful completion of the course.





Professional: Sand and Shingle Driver.

Course Aims.

This course aims to give delegates the knowledge and practical experience to drive safely on sand and shingle surfaces, e.g. those found in coastal areas. This course is seasonal and location dependant, please check with us for availability.



Course Outline.

The full-day course is designed for a 1:2 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course emphasises the health and safety aspects of driving off-road vehicles on beaches, foreshores and other sandy terrain, it comprises:

- Vehicle preparation.
- Surface and terrain assessment.
- Safety checks.
- Loading and stability.
- Off-road driving techniques and practice.
- Vehicle self-recovery and recovery techniques.

Who is the course suitable for?

This is an ideal course for delegates who need to traverse beaches and foreshores on a regular basis as part of their job. Course participants are expected to have a basic familiarity with 4x4 vehicles in off-road environments having ideally completed the Professional 4x4 off road driver – Basic.

Professional: Winch Operator - Basic.

Course Aims.

The course gives delegates the knowledge and skill to use a winch safely during the course of their work, particularly recovery or self-recovery of a vehicle that has become stuck while travelling off-road.



Course Outline.

This full-day course is designed for a 1:3 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course emphasises the health and safety aspects of operating winches and using ancillary equipment. The course comprises:

- Winching calculations.
- Safety considerations.
- Inspection of winching equipment.
- Anchorages.
- Selection of the correct winch layout and ancillary equipment.
- Preparation for winching.
- Managing a winch task of a third party vehicle and self-recovery up to a two-part pull.

Who is the course suitable for?

Any drivers who use a winch as part of their work or who are likely to encounter severe off-road terrain, 4x4 driving instructors who want to broaden their knowledge and capabilities. This is the first course in a progressive programme. An appropriate certificate along with individual course reports will be provided on successful completion of the course.

Professional: Winch Operator - Advanced.

Course Aims.

The second course in this progressive programme aims to enhance the skills learnt on the basic course. It will broaden the delegates the knowledge of winching theory and practise them on more advanced winch pulls allowing them to use winching equipment to its maximum potential reducing the need to call out professional recovery technicians.

Course Outline.

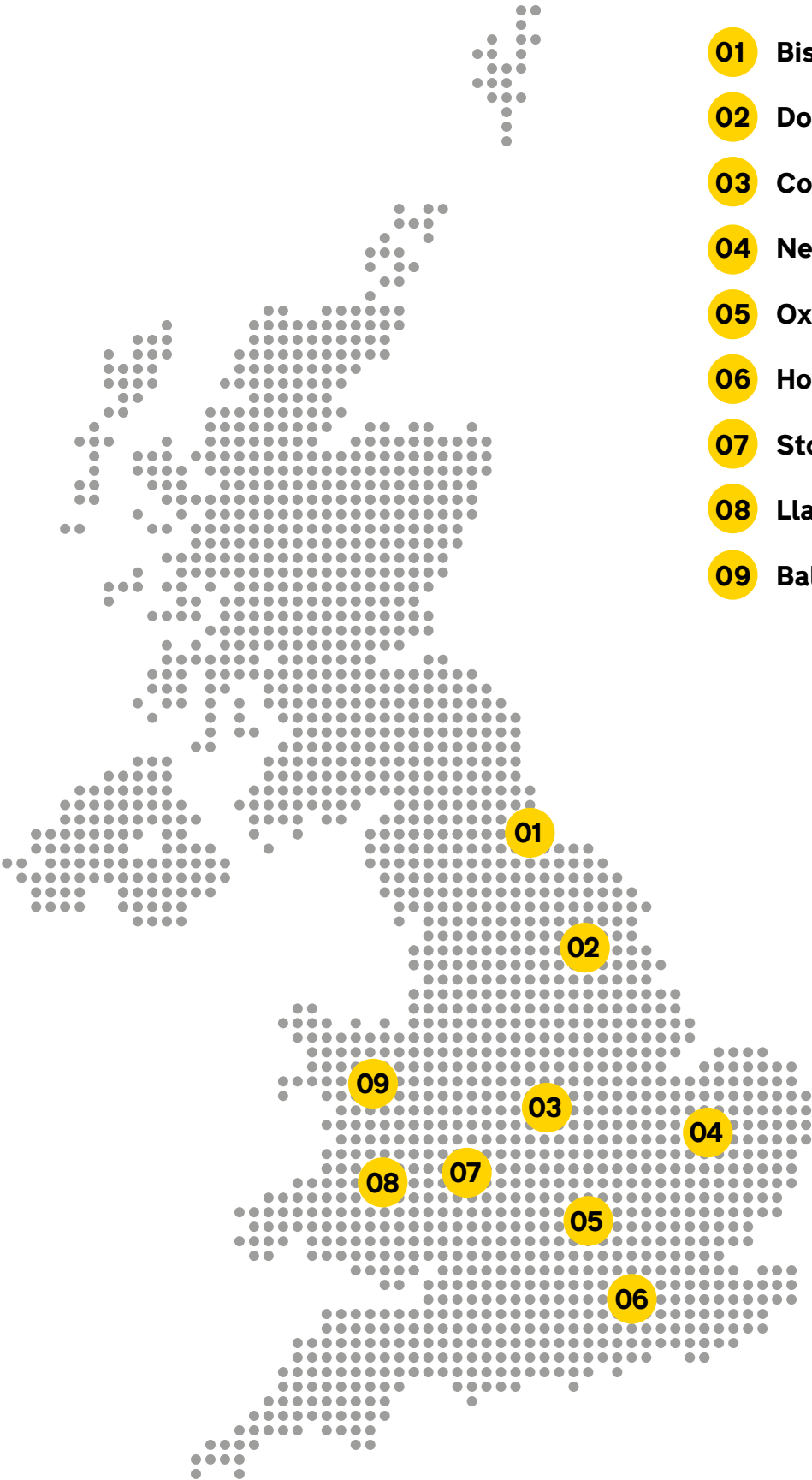
The full-day course is designed for a 1:3 ratio starting at 09.00 am. The course emphasises the health and safety aspects of operating winches and using ancillary equipment. The course comprises:

- Revision of basic course content.
- Use of a Mechanical advantage.
- Two-part pulls.
- Indirect pulls.
- Managing a winch task of a third party vehicle and self-recovery up to a two-part pull, direct and indirect.

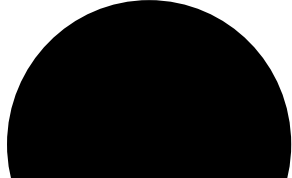
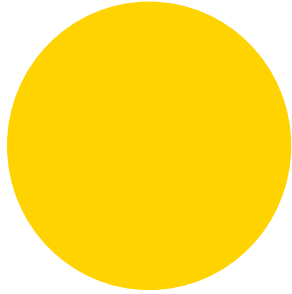
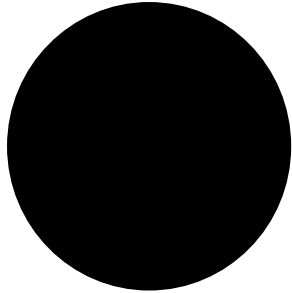
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The course is suitable for any drivers who use a winch as part of their work or who are likely to encounter severe off-road terrain, 4x4 driving instructors who want to broaden their knowledge and capabilities. This is the second course in our progressive programme, attendees must have completed the "Professional Winch Operator - Basic" course prior to applying. An appropriate certificate along with individual course reports will be provided on successful completion of the course.

Training Locations in England and Wales.



- 01 Bishop Auckland
- 02 Doncaster
- 03 Coventry
- 04 Newmarket
- 05 Oxford
- 06 Horsham (Limited Course Types)
- 07 Stourport-on-Severn
- 08 Llandrindod Wells
- 09 Bala



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