

Garage Rehab: The “before and after” show for auto service shops

KAESER on the TV series "Garage Rehab"

KAESER's been doing it for years: evaluating each customer's needs and designing the right system for the job. Some may think this philosophy applies only to large industrial and manufacturing facilities. But

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KAESER has always known that automotive service, collision repair and other after-market specialty shops also deserved the same consideration.

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Richard Rawlings and his team.

The potential for substantially reduced downtime and adding more money to the bottom line is greatly enhanced when there's a reliable source of clean, dry air. Over the years, KAESER has helped thousands of auto service shops upgrade their aging or outgrown air systems. And we've been there to set up many new installations as well. But it is not very often that an existing shop starts over from scratch.

Now, KAESER is featured in Discovery Channel's hit motor series, Garage Rehab. The series chronicles Fast N' Loud star and Gas Monkey Garage owner, Richard Raw-

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GARAGE REHAB
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lings and his expert team, Russell Holmes and Chris Stephens, as they help breathe new life into shops that have seen better days. Once selected, no aspect of the garage's business is overlooked – and it's not just the cosmetics! Richard looks at the business as a whole, helping the owners find op-

portunities for success. Looking at the entire operation, including software upgrades, personnel allocation, product and service promotion, the Garage Rehab team's keen business sense can lead to a whole new lease of life for these struggling businesses. Tools, lifts, fans, diagnostic equipment and support systems are all updated, including the shop's compressed air system.

The philosophy of operating efficiency

KAESER's reputation for providing a reliable source of clean dry, compressed air is

perfect for garages and automotive repair facilities. Tools can't run and technicians can't do their job, if the compressed air supply can't keep up or if the air is contaminated with water or oil. KAESER offers a wide range of compressed air solutions, and are featured in the show to make sure the right system

is installed for all Garage Rehab projects. Air System Specialist Frank Remsik from KAESER COMPRESSORS Fredericksburg (Virginia) reviews the specific needs of the shop and selects the right combination of compressor, air treatment, storage and

less. Operating at lower pressures is a significant energy saver. Plus, because most tools only require 6-7 bar, tool life is likely to be extended.

lines. Plus, it offers shop flexibility for the future if they need to expand or reconfigure. Every episode of Garage Rehab and every shop comes with their own set of challenges.

However, it is always fun to watch Richard and his team perform miracles as they turn a struggling garage back into a successful business. Every

week, they work their magic – with a little help from KAESER COMPRESSORS Fredericksburg.

We find that KAESER AIRTOWERS work best for auto workshops.

Time is money

Getting the air to where it is needed is just as important as choosing the right compressor. "If the shop has old iron pipe, if the piping isn't up to code, or if the compressed air distribution system needs to be re-



Richard Rawlings helps old workshops that have seen better days to shine again. KAESER COMPRESSORS are there to help.



Frank Remsik (KAESER Fredericksburg) and Chris Stephens (Specialist team) by the KAESER air receiver.

piping. "We do a total system design – tailored to what they do in their business. We find that KAESER AIRTOWERS work well because they have a tank, dryer and compressor all in one package. They save floor space and most of these shops are small and need to be efficient with floor space." KAESER also sees many automotive shops that would benefit from rotary compressors still using reciprocating or piston compressors. Depending on compressed air uses and the overall air demand, more consistent flow, lower pressures and cleaner air can significantly improve operations in these shops. Most piston compressors normally operate at pressures of 10-12 bar when most shops only need 8-9 bar or

worked because of the overhaul, KAESER can help with its modular, aluminium SmartPipe™ system. A lot of these older systems are done in PVC and we have to take it all out because they don't meet code. We want to make sure they stay safe and SmartPipe helps maintain the integrity of the system with excellent air quality and low pressure drop," says Remsik. SmartPipe has become an increasingly popular product for KAESER in the last 15 years because it solves numerous performance issues. The Garage Rehab refurbishment experts also swear by the pipe system. It's beneficial to the Garage Rehab team because it can be installed quickly and their projects are normally under very strict dead-

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