**MEYLE study: automotive mechanics intimidate 8 out of 10 French people, but also arouse their curiosity**

**Paris, 14. October 2025** **–** MEYLE, a leading German manufacturer of high-quality automotive spare parts, unveils the results of an exclusive OpinionWay study on the French people's relationship with automotive mechanics\*. The study reveals that 80% of French people do not feel capable of repairing their car. However, motorists and their vehicles share a special relationship, and more than half say they are willing to learn how to pamper their car.

**Key figures:**

* 86% of French people say they cannot repair their car themselves due to a lack of knowledge, and 58% feel completely incapable of doing so.
* 38% of French people have already carried out repairs themselves.
* 55% are interested in learning about car mechanics.

**Automotive mechanical repairs remain the preserve of enthusiasts.**

The study reveals that, with an average score of 5.1/10, more than one in two French people consider themselves to have limited or no knowledge of automotive mechanics.

This lack of knowledge translates into a lack of confidence, as 80% of respondents do not feel confident enough to carry out repairs themselves. 58% of them even feel completely incapable of doing so.

It is therefore only natural that 73% of French people call on a mechanic when a technical problem arises with their vehicle. The role of the mechanic remains key today. Indeed, they are perceived as a time-saver (82%) and a trusted specialist (60%), effectively addressing motorists' lack of knowledge.

**Self-repair: a minority practice but one that is growing rapidly**

French people therefore rely heavily on mechanics, particularly for repairs that are considered complex:

* Electronics (92%)
* Complex mechanics (92%)
* Bodywork (90%)

But while most French people do not consider themselves capable of repairing their cars, 38% of them have already carried out repairs on their cars themselves, including 25% on several occasions.

These repairs mainly involve minor tasks such as replacing lights or windshield wipers (53%) or changing the battery (40%). In fact, 43% of respondents have already ordered spare parts online.

**MEYLE supports French motorists with their repairs**

Although repairing your own car can be a practical and rewarding experience, most French people turn to professionals when it comes to major repairs.

“Our role at MEYLE is to support workshops in delivering high-quality service, while also helping motorists understand the importance of having thorough repairs carried out by trained professionals. By combining reliable and durable parts with the know-how of certified mechanics, we enable cars to run better and longer,” says Jean-Pierre Rodrigues, Managing Director of MEYLE France.

MEYLE distributes various product ranges through its authorized network, including the HD (High Durability) range. The result of extensive R&D and strong German expertise, the brand's parts are distinguished by their unique reliability and durability, as well as their OE-equivalent fit.

The HD range is designed to last longer than original parts and comes with a four-year warranty. It is the ideal choice for those looking for reliability and durability.

*\*Survey conducted on a sample of 1,000 people between September 10 and 11, 2025.*

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**About the company**

MEYLE AG is a company of Wulf Gaertner Autoparts AG.

Under the MEYLE brand, MEYLE AG develops, produces and distributes over 24,000 high-quality spare parts and solutions for cars, vans and commercial vehicles across 120 countries worldwide. With the three product lines MEYLE ORIGINAL, MEYLE PD and MEYLE HD, MEYLE offers the independent aftermarket precise parts and solutions for combustion engines as well as hybrid and electric cars. Therefore, the company works with a strong network of its own production plants and selected partners.

Today, the company employs around 1,000 people worldwide, including almost 500 in Hamburg, the company's logistics centre and headquarters.

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