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News to Keep You in Good Working Condition

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Welcome to your Q3-Q4 issue of "The Lube Room." As ICML pursues continuous improvement by enhancing and expanding our world-class portfolio of certification exams (and our website!), you might wonder what kind of thinking drives our vendor-neutral, nonprofit business model. The "Different by Design" article below offers some highlights into what makes ICML such a unique provider that has long been trusted by some of the world's most respected end-user companies, independent training partners, and career-minded lubrication practitioners.

Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy our recently refreshed website as much as we do, especially when you find the new, ***personalized account portal*** for our active and former candidates and certified members. Monitoring your growth and engaging with ICML's friendly support team have never been easier.

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-- Paul Hiller, Director of Marketing
International Council for Machinery Lubrication

Different by Design

Independence Matters to the Future of Lubrication Certifications



ICML's independence is at the very heart of its certification philosophy. This overview explains how vendor-neutral exams, rigorous peer review, and a holistic approach to addressing workforce needs continue to set the tone for the lubrication certification market...

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From Apprentice to Technician, Exactly as Envisioned



Ben Stalder's progression from LAT to MLT I offers a compelling success story for ICML's apprentice-level certification. He used it exactly as it was intended, and so can you!

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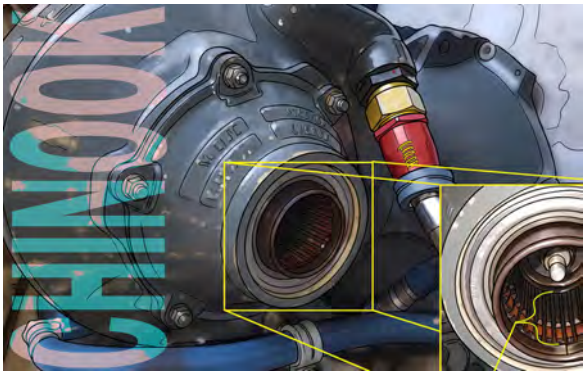
REFRESHING: Website User Experience is Now Faster, More Efficient, and More Practical



ICML's website continues to be a blend of user interfaces, applications, and informative content—and now it's all streamlined in one place with a more intuitive structure and enhanced language translation. Moreover, now every practitioner who has ever sat for an ICML exam can log into a personal portal for self-management of account profile data, exam history, membership status, and more.

Explore It for Yourself

Optimizing Rotorcraft Lubrication for the Chinook Helicopter



Guest authors Mike Johnson (AMRRI) and Rich Wurzbach (MRG Laboratories) share how ICML-certified personnel optimized Boeing's recommended grease-servicing intervals for the H-47 Chinook helicopter. Originally presented at a Vertical Flight Society forum, this paper describes the collaborative effort by Mike (MLA III), Rich (MLE), Dylan Kletzing (MLA II), and Richard Janosky (MLA II) that they say yielded $$ millions in annual savings...

Read the paper on MRG's site

Use Your 2026 Training Budget Before Year-End



Don't let those unspent funds go to waste! Our independent training partners offer both online and in-person courses to help prepare team members for ICML certification exams that will strengthen the culture of your entire lubrication ecosystem for 2027.

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