



“Transport engineers, fleet managers, workshop managers and manufacturers: all are under more pressure than ever to raise their game. The race is on for everyone not only to achieve operational cost savings, but also simultaneously to make serious efficiency and customer service improvements. And there’s an uncompromising mandate to shifting up a gear, in terms of standards and regulatory compliance, too.

The IRTE Conference 2012 focused squarely on practical methods and technologies that deliver on all of these important fronts. Sessions covering the critical issues for today were delivered by operators and specialists – your peers – who have put their heads above the parapet and are now reaping the benefits.

Their experiences and the lessons learned are invaluable. So we hope that the secrets of success revealed in this special Transport Engineer supplement will help you to make similar significant and tangible differences to your operations as you, in turn, walk the walk.

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