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## **MECP Certification Benefits**

MECP staff has compiled the following list of companies who are directly supporting the certification program through the products they manufacturer or the people they hire. If you have additional examples, please e-mail [MECP@MECP.com](mailto:MECP@MECP.com) and we will add them to the list below.

### **Best Buy**

Best Buy offers compensation for achievement of MECP Basic, Advanced, and Master Installation Technician Certification. Best Buy also pays for their employees to take the MECP exams after they have achieved a minimum score on their own “internal” (i.e., practice) exam.

### **Car Toys**

Car Toys offers the following compensation for their MECP Installation Technicians:

- Car Toys Advanced Installation Technician Pay Grade.
  - Higher title and increased pay for MECP Advanced certification.
  - Technician is able to do custom work, as well.
- Car Toys Master Installation Technician Pay Grade.
  - Only “grandfathered” installation technicians who achieved the Master Installation Technician pay grade before the program was terminated.
  - The installation technician must keep the certification current to remain eligible for the pay grade.
- Car Toys Custom Installation Technician Pay Grade.
  - Technician must have at least an MECP Advanced Installation Technician certification to be able to do any custom work.

### **Kenwood USA**

Kenwood requires all Excelon dealer franchises to have an MECP certified installer on staff. Kenwood enhances the warranty coverage to two years for electronics and three years for speakers installed at Excelon locations.

### **Memphis Car Audio**

Memphis Car Audio offers a free one-year warranty extension (in addition to the existing product warranty) on ALL products that are sold and installed by MECP certified installation technicians.

### **Tweeter**

Tweeter offers additional weekly compensation above the base pay for all those who achieve Master Installation Technician status.

### **Ultimate Electronics**

Ultimate Electronics offers increased labor percentage compensation (i.e., commission) for ALL levels of MECP certification. Each has an experience level and percentage of labor commission paid to the individual with an increase for the corresponding MECP certification level if they have achieved it. For example:

- An “Ultimate Basic Installer” requires 0-1 years experience.
  - with MECP Basic Installation Technician Certification = 40%
  - without certification = 38%
- An “Ultimate Intermediate Installer” requires 1-3 years experience.
  - with MECP Advanced Installation Technician Certification = 45%
  - without certification = 43%
- An “Ultimate Advanced Installer” requires 3+ yrs experience.
  - with MECP Master Installation Technician Certification = 50%
  - without certification = 48%

### **Victory Technologies**

MECP Master Installation Technicians get a free one-year personal subscription (\$299 value) to Victory Technologies’ Installation Excellence software. This is not for replacement of a shop license or for multiple users.

### **Contact MECP**

If you have questions regarding these benefits, please email [MECP@MECP.com](mailto:MECP@MECP.com).