

PSI-PCI Instructor Training Course

The quality of PSI-PCI trained visual cylinder inspectors in conjunction with the continuing expert professional support they receive has helped make PSI-PCI the gold standard for cylinder safety and visual inspection training. PSI-PCI Visual Cylinder Inspectors have been instrumental in establishing an unmatched level of safety in our industry by bringing SCUBA and SCBA cylinder explosions down from an average of a dozen or so each year in the US and Canada to today's rate of approximately 2 world-wide. This did not happen by accident. It took a cadre of exceptionally well qualified and knowledgeable instructors to train others in this critical skill. Preparing these instructors is the function of the PSI-PCI Instructor Training Course.



This three and a half day program provides qualified candidates with enhanced background knowledge as well as practical experience in identifying most all commonly occurring cylinder anomalies. Most importantly, it is a unique opportunity to interact with the most knowledgeable experts in cylinders safety in the world. Upon satisfactory completion of this training the candidate is qualified to instruct the PSI-PCI Visual Cylinder Inspector course, the Visual Cylinder Inspector Update Course and the Visual Cylinder Inspector Refresher course. The candidate can also opt to receive additional teaching credentials for the Eddy Current Technician, Valve Repair Technician and Oxygen Cylinder Cleaning Technician courses.

Prerequisites for attending the ITC are:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be a trained and current PSI-PCI visual cylinder inspector
- Be able to speak and understand English
- Have had some form of formal training in the techniques of group instruction (such as through a SCUBA training agency ITC, military training, or in college)

Not all candidates who apply are selected to attend. PSI-PCI instructors are dedicated professionals and all candidates will be vetted by a candidate approval committee. If you want to join our team of exceptional and dedicated professionals, contact PSI-PCI (425.398.4300 or psi@psicylinder.com) to discuss your goals and to obtain an application. Courses are typically held in the Spring and Fall.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the cost of the course?

A: Please contact PSI-PCI to discuss the details of the course tuition. We have a variety of ways to meet the cost. We can also say that the cost is fully recoverable by teaching as few as 12 students. No other instructor training course permits you to recoup your investment as quickly.

Q: Can I just take this Instructor course at a show?

A: No. The standard for a PSI-PCI instructor is high and this cannot be achieved in an afternoon seminar at a dive show. Those with lower standards may try this, but PSI-PCI will not. We have found that 3 ½ days is the minimum time needed to properly prepare candidates.

Q: Can I cross over from another agency as an instructor and just get "signed off" as a PSI-PCI Instructor?

A: No. Given the level of expertise expected as a PSI-PCI trained inspector and the in depth coverage of our training, we do not accept crossovers from other agencies.