

CASE STUDY

THORNLEY KELHAM



“EVERY LITTLE NIGGLE WE’VE FOUND IN THE PAST WITH FOUR WHEEL ALIGNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IRONED OUT”

So said Robert Clarke the service manager at Thornley Kelham, specialists in the restoration and racing of top-end classic cars. “It’s really clever and they seem to have thought of everything!” he continued.



Robert was on hand when Absolute Alignment installed the latest Rav TD1760WS Bluetooth wheel alignment equipment at Thornley Kelham’s premises near Cirencester in Gloucestershire. The TD1760WS has been especially integrated with an Intercomp corner weight system so that they can offer a complete service to their racing customers. The lightweight and portable unit was particularly attractive as it can easily be taken with the race team to tracks around Europe as well as giving sterling service in the workshop.

Simplicity and time saving are the watchwords of the Rav/Intercomp system. “To switch between alignment and corner weights you just press ‘CTRL-W’ on the 1760’s keyboard,” explained Chris Dear, Absolute Alignment’s Technical Sales Manager, during the comprehensive training session for Thornley Kelham’s technicians. “The beauty of the integrated system is you have all your race set-up information in one place for a rapid turnaround in the paddock.”

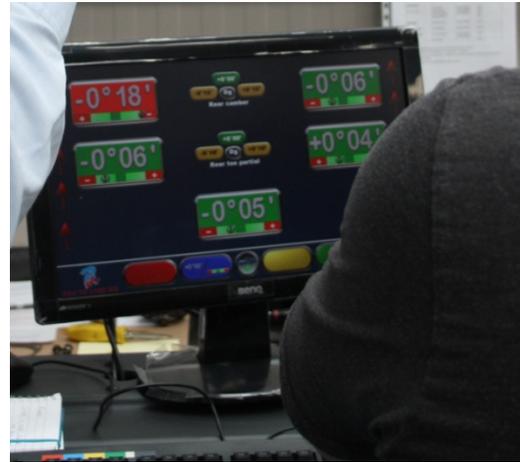


Of special importance to the technicians was the ability of the Rav system to operate “outside the box”. Despite an extensive data base of set up information for most popular cars through the last few decades, many of Thornley Kelham’s charges are so exclusive they don’t feature in the normal vehicle lists.

“It’s no problem,” explained Chris, “you simply input the data into the computer yourself and it is automatically stored for future use as well.”

This facility is important when working with rare Bentleys (above), Bugattis and the like and absolutely invaluable when making adjustments to racing cars where geometry has to be optimised for performance and maybe even altered for changing conditions.

From attaching the measuring equipment to checking the alignment takes a matter of minutes and every step of the way is guided by Rav's on-screen graphics. The TD1760WS Bluetooth processing unit can be positioned anywhere around the car being worked on for maximum efficiency and even has remote repeaters on the alignment heads for when the technician is working in one of those hard-to-see positions. Adjustments can be made accurately and quickly, making good use of the technician's time in the workshop or ensuring speedy adjustment at the race track.



Absolute Alignment and Rav products are making life easier for the skilled technicians at Thornley Kelham, if you would like the same for your workshop then simply call Chris Dear on **07764 939313** or visit www.absolutealignment.co.uk and book a FREE demonstration. They really have thought of everything!



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