

Quick Start
User Guide

Methods Direct

Please familiarise yourself with this document

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1. Log In

- Open your web browser and enter in the following URL:

<https://www.thatcham.com/>

- You will be presented with the Portal screen:

Thatcham Research Portal

➤ Portal Login

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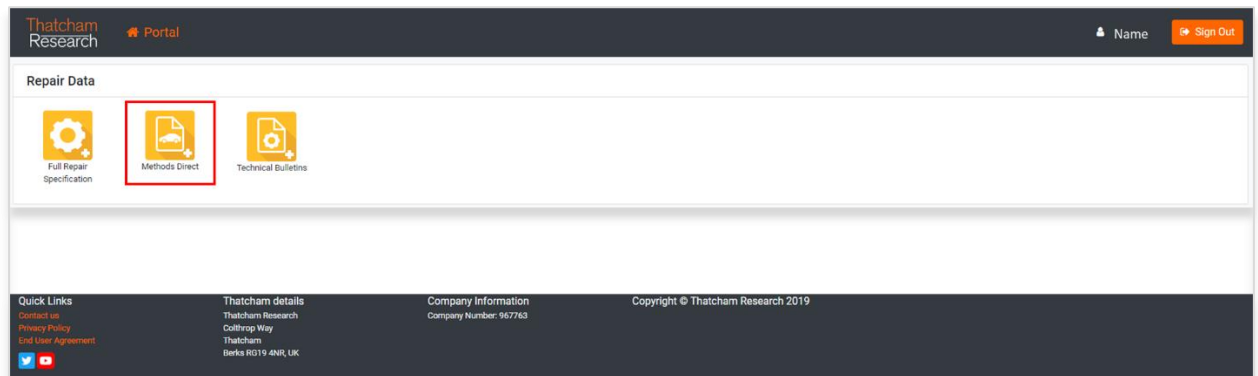
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- Enter your username (your email address) and your password and click the “Login” button.

2. Methods Direct Application

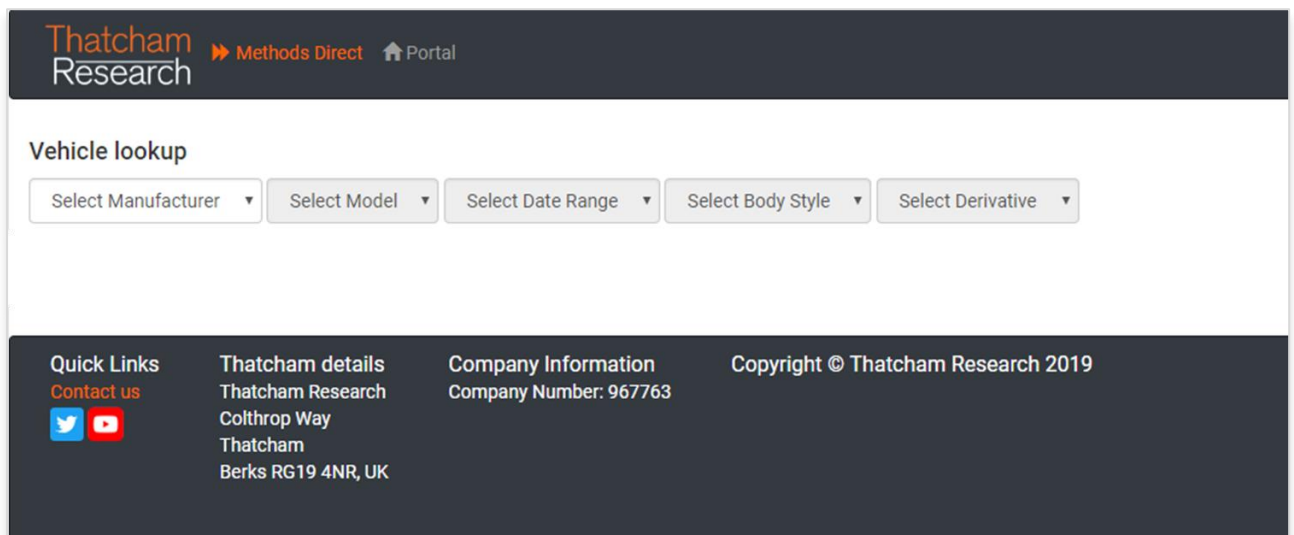
- You should now see your new “Methods Direct ” application on your portal screen, highlighted below:



- Click on the new Methods Direct icon to access Repair Methods.

3. Thatcham Methods Direct home screen

- You should now see the following screen:
- Select your vehicle using the drop down menus



4. Methods Selection

- You should now see the following information:
 - Selected vehicle (left)
 - Key features
 - Damage Appraisal Area (central)
 - Methods available (below):

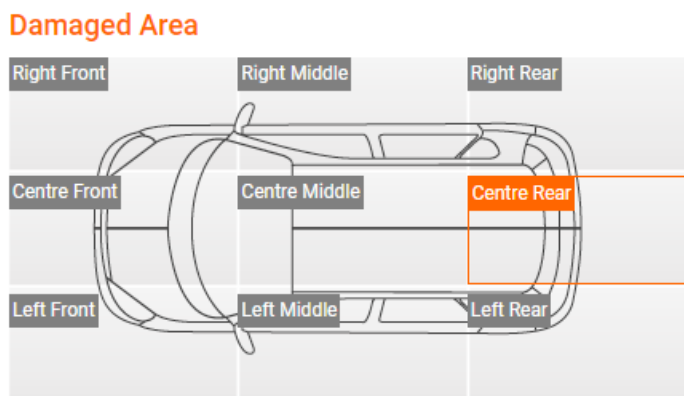
The screenshot shows the Thatcham Research Methods Direct interface. On the left, under 'Selected Vehicle', it lists: Volvo V40 2012-2016, 5 Door Hatchback, SE Nav D2 Diesel 1.6 113bhp Manual 2012, V03733. Below this is a small image of the car. In the center, under 'Key Features', there is a green box with the letter 'A'. To the right, under 'Damaged Area', there is a wireframe diagram of a car with nine regions labeled: Right Front, Right Middle, Right Rear, Centre Front, Centre Middle, Centre Rear, Left Front, Left Middle, and Left Rear. Below the diagram is a table of methods:

Method Name	Updated	Include
Chassis Leg Front Deformation Panel RH	Updated 14 Jan 2016	<input type="checkbox"/> Include
Headlamp RH	Updated 02 Nov 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> Include
Wing Front RH	Updated 02 Nov 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> Include

On the right side of the interface, there are search options and a 'View Methods Pack' button.

4.1. Appraisal Zone

- Using the appraisal zone, selecting any damaged area of the vehicle (highlighted by an orange outline) will present the available methods for that area e.g.
 - **Centre Front** will include Bumper front/ Bonnet related methods
 - **Centre rear** will include Bumper rear/ Boot related method.



4.2. Selecting Methods

There are 3 tabs denoting the types of methods that can be included in your methods pack;

Thatcham Methods have been researched within our Research Technology Centre and are presented in the Thatcham style and format.

Supporting Methods provide information on other areas that may be impacted during repair.

VM Methods have been obtained from the Vehicle Manufacturer where an agreement exists.

Select the tab:

- Start building your methods pack by ticking the appropriate “include” boxes.
- Also note that any method can be previewed by simply selecting the title of the method.
- When you have selected the appropriate method or methods in each damaged area, you now can include all related panels and supportive information by simply selecting “Yes” for “Include Related Panels”
- Click ‘View Methods Pack’ icon to view your methods pack Your methods will be ready in a PDF format.

The screenshot shows the Thatcham Research Methods Direct interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Thatcham Research', 'Methods Direct', and 'Portal'. Below this, the 'Selected Vehicle' section displays details for a Volvo V40 2012-2016 5 Door Hatchback. The 'Key Features' section shows a green 'A' icon. The 'Damaged Area' section features a diagram of a car with labels for 'Right Front', 'Right Middle', 'Right Rear', 'Centre Front', 'Centre Middle', 'Centre Rear', 'Left Front', 'Left Middle', and 'Left Rear'. Below the diagram are three tabs: 'Thatcham Methods', 'Thatcham Supporting Methods', and 'VM Methods'. The 'Thatcham Methods' tab is active, showing a table of methods:

Method Name	Updated	Include
Chassis Leg Front Deformation Panel RH	Updated 14 Jan 2016	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include
Headlamp RH	Updated 02 Nov 2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include
Wing Front RH	Updated 02 Nov 2015	<input type="checkbox"/> Include

On the right side, there are checkboxes for 'Include associated panels for Thatcham Methods', 'Include associated Thatcham Supporting Methods', 'Prefer Thatcham Methods', and 'Prefer VM Methods'. A 'View Methods Pack' button is located at the bottom right.

- You can preview the method by clicking on the title of the method.
- Select all the methods you want and click **'View Methods pack'**. Your methods will be ready in a PDF format.

