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# THE BEST OF THE BEST SHINE AT ISUZU'S "WEEK OF WEEKS" COMPETITIONS

Isuzu Sales, Service, Parts, and Technical Associates compete in the annual National Championships

**PITTSTON, PA.**—Isuzu Commercial Truck of America, Inc., distributor of America's best-selling low cab forward trucks, held its National Sales Walkaround, Service Walkaround, Parts Salesperson Product Presentation, and North America I-1 Grand Prix Technical competitions. Over 800 contestants submitted entries and completed training in 2025 to qualify for this coveted event. Finalists gathered in Pittston, Pennsylvania, at Isuzu's Center of Excellence during the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> to showcase their talents and skills.

"It is so fun for our staff and competitors to spend time and compete with the best of the best for 2025!" said Shaun C. Skinner, president of Isuzu Commercial Truck of America and Isuzu Commercial Truck of Canada. "It speaks volumes of the talent our Isuzu dealers have recruited and trained to get to this level. I know this is a big competition, but more than that, it is a celebration of the contestants' hard work and giving their best for the Isuzu brand and their dealership."

## **2025 Isuzu National Sales Walkaround Competition**

The Isuzu National Sales Walkaround Competition featured participants that had first won their district and regional contests, earning their place to compete at the prestigious "Isuzu Week of Weeks." Their challenge was to present a 2025 Isuzu FVR Derate with a Voth aluminum dump body to a fictitious "customer" who had never owned an Isuzu or a low cab forward truck. It was a very close competition with each contestant showcasing their unique style and approach. The 2025 National Sales Walkaround Champion goes to Walter Stick from Truckworx in Birmingham, AL.

- National Champion (Isuzu Winners' Circle Gold trip to Prague, Czech Republic, and Vienna, Austria in February 2026)
   Southern Regional Champion
- Walter Strick
   *Truckworx Isuzu Birmingham Birmingham*, AL.

Second Place (Isuzu Winners' Circle Silver trip to Scottsdale, AZ in March 2026)
 Northern Regional Champion
 Matt Sherman
 Isuzu Truck Providence
 Providence, RI

• Third Place (\$2,000 in cash)
Western Regional Champion
Brady Christenson
Pritchard's Isuzu Truck
Forest City, IA

# 2025 Isuzu National Service Walkaround Competition

The Isuzu National Service Walkaround Competition consisted of four Regional Champions that had only 10 minutes to demonstrate their Isuzu product and maintenance expertise to a fictious service customer on a 2022 Isuzu NRR. Given the limited time available to inspect the truck and identify all serviceable areas, participants faced a significant challenge in effectively communicating the necessary service requirements to our simulated customer. After the rigorous competition, the 2025 National Service Walkaround Champion went to William (Will) Little from Truckworx in Birmingham, AL.

 National Champion (Isuzu Winners' Circle Gold trip to Prague, Czech Republic, and Vienna, Austria in February 2026)
 Southern Regional Champion William (Will) Little Truckworx Isuzu Birmingham Birmingham, AL

Second Place (Isuzu Winners' Circle Silver trip to Scottsdale, AZ in March 2026)
 Western Regional Champion
 James Buechner
 PTR Isuzu Truck
 West Chicago, IL

Third Place (\$2,000 in cash)
 Northern Regional Champion
 Chris Wodarcyk
 Fyda Isuzu Trucks
 Walton, KY

Fourth Place (\$1,000 in cash)
 Canada Regional Champion
 Tanya Doolan
 Western Isuzu Truck
 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

# 2025 Isuzu National Parts Product Presentation Competition

The Isuzu National Parts Product Presentation Competition took place in a replica dealership parts counter that was constructed at the Isuzu Center of Excellence to study the retail presentation and experience of parts customers. Contestants were challenged to effectively communicate with a mock customer who visited their dealership to purchase parts for an older fleet of Isuzu trucks. They had to showcase their knowledge of Isuzu resources and quickly identify the parts needed while confirming their customers' needs. The 2025 National Parts Product Presentation Champion went to Shaela Medley from Pierre Isuzu Truck of Everett in Everett, WA.

- National Champion (Isuzu Winners' Circle Gold trip to Prague, Czech Republic, and Vienna, Austria in February 2026)
   Western Regional Champion
   Shaela Medley
   Pierre Isuzu Truck of Everett
   Everett, WA
- Second Place (Isuzu Winners' Circle Silver trip to Scottsdale, AZ in March 2026)
   Southern Regional Champion
   Luis Moreno
   Tampa Isuzu Truck
   Tampa, FL
- Third Place (\$2,000 in cash)
   Canada Regional Champion
   Wayne Werkhoven
   Lewis Isuzu Truck Sales
   Barrie, Ontario, Canada
- Fourth Place (\$1,000 in cash)
   Northern Regional Champion
   Ryan Avera
   Isuzu Truck Providence
   Providence, RI

# 2025 Isuzu North America I-1 Grand Prix Technical Competition

Without a doubt, the most grueling of all the "Isuzu Week of Weeks" competitions is the I-1 Grand Prix Technical Competition for service technicians. Each technician was required to pass a challenging 75-minute entrance exam in a single try. The twelve technicians with the highest scores were invited to enroll and participate in the competition held this week.

The competition featured three intense rounds where technicians were challenged to diagnose and repair trucks, navigate some of the most demanding repairs possible on an Isuzu chassis, all while under meticulous observation and evaluation. The winners are:

• First Place (Invitation to participate in IML's 20th Isuzu World Technical Competition; \$5,000.00 cash; I-1 Grand Prix Finalist certification on ITU transcript for 2025)

Micael Lechasseur Pare Isuzu Truck Quebec City, Quebec, Canada

• Second Place (Invitation to participate in IML's 20th Isuzu World Technical Competition; \$4,000.00 cash; I-1 Grand Prix Finalist certification on ITU transcript for 2025)

Rick Engler Transwest Isuzu Truck, Henderson Henderson, CO

• Third Place (Invitation to participate in IML's 20th Isuzu World Technical Competition; \$3,000.00 cash; I-1 Grand Prix Finalist certification on ITU transcript for 2025)

Juan Bisono Gabrielli Isuzu Truck, Long Island Long Island, NY

• Fourth Place (\$1,000.00 cash; I-1 Grand Prix Finalist certification on ITU transcript for 2025)

Candido DeLeon Rush Isuzu Truck, Dayton Dayton, OH

• Fifth Place (\$1,000.00 cash; I-1 Grand Prix Finalist certification on ITU transcript for 2025)

William Nields Faulkner Isuzu Truck Westchester, PA • **Sixth Place** (\$250.00 cash; I-1 Grand Prix Finalist certification on ITU transcript for 2025)

James Lucero Tom's Truck Center Santa Ana, CA

• Finalists, each of the winners will receive \$250 on their Winners' Circle Michael Marrs
Coffman Isuzu Truck
Aurora, IL

Riley Dodson Rush Isuzu Truck, Dallas Dallas, TX

Tristan Smithey Scarff Isuzu Truck Auburn, WA

Richard Nonamaker Rush Isuzu Truck, Waco Waco, TX

Justin Carter Eagle Isuzu Truck Shreveport, LA

Joseph Donlon Maher Isuzu Truck St. Petersburg, FL

As an added incentive for the technicians that compete in the 20th Isuzu World Technical Competition ("I-1 Grand Prix World Competition"), should any of them place first, second, or third in the competition, they too can plan on packing their bags for the 2025 Winner's Circle Gold Program trip to Prague, Czech Republic and Vienna, Austria in February 2026.

# **About Isuzu**

Headquartered in Anaheim, California, Isuzu Commercial Truck of America, Inc. is the distributor of Isuzu commercial vehicles in the United States. Isuzu commercial trucks have been the best-selling low cab forward trucks in America every year since 1986. For more information, call (866) 441-9638 or visit www.isuzucv.com.

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