James Harness

INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER

If you've received a link to this, it's because I am examining the next step in my career adventure & personal development.

I've spent the last 8 months working on the Dyson electric car project, in which time I've received awards for the quality of my work and dedication to the task.

I love to work on cars, especially interiors, but also bicycles and related products. In my experience, enjoying this breadth of interests has allowed me to often provide unexpected insights within each discipline. I am also pragmatic and I understand that not every brief can be an opportunity for genre-defining innovation. In these cases I use my detail orientated approach to ensure each design challenge is executed flawlessly by working hands on in data with surface engineers or if necessary doing it myself. james@jamesharnessdesign.com

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Experience

Senior Designer

Dyson Automotive

Hullavington, UK Jan 2019 - Present **Design Contractor**

Bentley Motors Ltd

My work at Bentley has been extensive and varied. Being a relatively small OEM studio, all team members work on a range of projects from Advanced Design to full scale Production.

My work is almost completely within the Interior Design Team, where I have worked on all aspects, but in particular the Interior Components & Details that elevate the interior of a Bentley above that of any other. I have also worked occasionally on HMI related projects, as well as Exterior Design.

I have also given presentations on behalf of the company at Product Launches and represented the Bentley Design Team within the international design community.

Industrial Product Designer

Ross Lovegrove

I worked with the acclaimed design visionary Ross Lovegrove and his design team on proposals for his commercial partnerships with Artemide, Serralunga & Biotherm.

Industrial Product Design Intern

Scott-Sports

At Scott I worked with the design team on early stage Advanced Design for the current Addict, Plasma and Spark models. Notting Hill, London, UK

Oct 2011 - Dec 2011

Givisiez, Fribourg, Switzerland Jul 2010 - Sep 2010

Crewe, Cheshire, UK Mar 2012 - Present Advanced Design Intern

Decathlon

At Decathlon I worked within the Advanced Design team where my role was to support the 'House Brands' with new design concepts. This involved many design innovation workshops which were a fantastic catalyst for new products from this forward thinking brand.

Also while at Decathlon I was able to develop my own concept - a Multi-Use Road Bicycle or Vélo Polyvalent which I proposed internally to B'Twin.It featured many innovations for 2008 variable depth & section carbon aero rims and adjustable Road/TT/Track geometry. Villeneuve-d'Ascq, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, France Sep 2007 - Feb 2008

Design Consultant

Alex Moulton Developments Ltd

I worked on the design development, patents and testing of the MDev90 'Flat Pack' Bicycle Concept.

'Dr Moulton is happy with the Mdev 90 representing his ultimate endeavor of 50 years aspiration to make riding more pleasing than on the classic big wheeled bicycle.' Bradford-On-Avon, Wiltshire, UK Mar 2008 - Dec 2012

Education

Vehicle Design MA

Royal College of Art

Transport & Product Design BA (Hons)

Coventry University

1st Class Honours

Foundation Art & Design BTEC Diploma

University of Lincoln

Kensington, London, UK Sep 2009 - Jul 2011

Coventry, West Midlands, UK Sep 2004 - Jul 2009

Lincoln, Lincolnshire, UK Sep 2003 - Jul 2004 Awards

German Design Council

'Team of the Year' - Winners 2016

"With the Bentayga's interior, Bentley has transformed its design history and specific details of the brand into an entirely new vehicle configuration. What has been created is a perfect, British luxury interior."

SKILLS

Physical Skills

Freehand Sketching & Rendering Clay & Hard Model Making Tape Drawing Ergonomic Rig testing Collaboratively working cross functionally with many departments - from modellors, engineers aerodynamicists and ergonomists, to marketers, purchasing, and project teams.

Digital Skills

Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign Alias Studiotools Keyshot VRED Wacom

Design Processes

Entrepreneurship & Innovation Innovation Workshop Management

Interests

All cycling - Road Racing, Track Racing, Cyclocross, Time Trial Competition, Sportive and XC. Small wheel bicycles too!

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