

Letters to the Editor

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Degrees of engineering

Sir, Colin Miller (letter, Mar 20) is of course completely correct that there are manifold and rewarding careers as engineering technicians.

Young people considering entering engineering should, however, be left in no doubt that the “coolest” jobs in engineering are most easily accessed by the degree route. Formula 1 racing cars, space probes, the latest aircraft and systems to generate the energy we need without compromising the environment are not usually designed by engineering technicians or technician engineers.

They are, though, as your correspondent points out, usually maintained by them.

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