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curriculum vitae**

Work experience

COLLINS, BENJAMIN CHRISTOPHER : MALE, BRITISH, 45 YEARS

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Occupation or position held
Main activities and responsibilities
Name and address of employer
Type of business or sector

2014 - [CoupeHardTop](#) Design engineer, Sole Trader, Åkarhagsgatan 2C, 72337 Västerås.

2010-2013

Consultant engineer.

CAD – design automation [Scania](#) at [Tacton](#), Production Tools [Volvo](#), mining equipment [Metso Minerals](#).

[Deva Mecaneyes](#) AB, 6 Stansargränd, Västerås : Employee

Engineering consultancy

2005-2009

Design engineer : engines : technical author.

Developing a desmodromic valve and [variable compression](#) engine.

[CoupeHardTop](#) Sole Trader

Automotive : engine development

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2003-2005

Design Engineer : plastics, packaging, safety, consultant through Coupe Hardtop.

Seating, interior, safety, parts reduction and plastics design for JCI **Volvo**.

[Johnson Controls](#), Arendal, Göteborg.

Automotive : vehicle interiors.

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2002-2003

Design engineer : engines, employee, technical author.

Developing one stroke electric vehicle [recharge engine](#).

[Squarise Design Ltd](#), Ethel Villa, Weston-upon-Trent, Derbyshire, DE72 2BT UK.

Automotive : engine development

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1997-2001

Design engineer : plastics, packaging, safety. consultant through [CoupeHardTop](#).

Vehicle interiors Audi, Mercedes, Fiat and Volvo - Germany/Italy/Sweden.

Including co-invention of the JCI low cost active headrest.

[Johnson Controls](#) Interiors, Burscheid, Germany.

Automotive : Vehicle Interiors.

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1996-1997

Design engineer : plastic mouldings och extrusion, consultant through Albatross Wulf Products Ltd.

Developing a fibre optic connecting module in plastic.

[Emtelle](#), Hawick, Scotland TD9 8LF

Plastics: Fibre optic routing, connectors, plastic extrusion, process.

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1994-1995

Design engineer : bicycle and disabled assistance products, employee.

Microfuge bicycle transmission and two braking systems

Albatross Wulf Products Ltd, [Centre for Sustainable Technology](#), Newtown St Boswells, TD6, Scotland.

Transport : Bicycle engineering

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Education and training

<p>Title of qualification awarded</p> <p>Principal subjects/Occupational skills</p> <p>Name and type of organisation</p>	<p>1992-1993</p> <p>Research only</p> <p>Product Innovation</p> <p>Ergonomic improvements for the permanently disabled (crutches) - Coopers Ltd.</p> <p>Sunderland Innovation Centre - post graduate research.</p>
<p>Title of qualification awarded</p> <p>Principal subjects/Occupational skills</p> <p>Name and type of organisation</p>	<p>1987-1991</p> <p>BSc Honours (Sandwich)</p> <p>Engineering Product Design - multidisciplinary product engineering. Including placement and training with automotive consultancy Hawtal Whiting in Leamington Spa and UMM under Jean Daninos (Facel Vega).</p> <p>South Bank University, Borough Rd, London SE1.</p>

Personal skills and competences

LinkedIn & Mother tongue(s)

English

Other language(s)

Self-assessment
European level (*)

Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Fluent	Fluent	Fluent	Good/Fluent	OK
OK	OK	Basic	Basic	Basic

(*) Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Swedish

German

Social skills and competences

I aim to be; positive, flexible, methodical, vigorous and versatile.

To relax; golf, sail, DIY, swim outdoors, snowboard, Lotus Elise upgrading and enjoy general socialising, cooking, gardening. Enjoy inventing and design philosophy, especially product solutions.

Lived and worked in several European countries outside of England, Sweden 12 years, Germany 2.5 years, Portugal 6 months, Italy 3 months, Scotland 3 years, Spain 3 months.

Technical skills and competences

Catia V4 Expert (7 yrs), Catia V5 Intermediate, SolidWorks Expert (6 years), Inventor Expert (3 years), AutoCad expert, Ppt & Excel expert, TactonWorks expert. Clean complex surfacing – seat foam etc.

Broadly computer literate, Office, Outlook, Lotus, Digital Imagery, HTML, Excel expert.

Other skills and competences

Machining, moulding, vehicle digitising, Engineering Certificate ([Hackney](#)), prototyping.

Patent, brochure, website and technical publishing.

Ergonomic research, [Loughborough University](#), Coopers Ltd, [Institute of Naval Medicine](#).

Driving licence(s)

European UK driving licence. Max 9 Tonne Truck. (Never had points or indictments).

Employment and Personal Referees :

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