

Automotive Technician Required Competencies

Required Competencies

Preventive Maintenance Inspection

Performs preventive maintenance inspection tasks based on shop standards, the vehicle, and the vehicle's usage.

Preventive Maintenance Defect Corrections

Uses information from a preventive maintenance inspection to recognize and address defects and perform repairs.

Diagnosis

Appropriately verifies and diagnoses causes of varied issues.

Diagnostic Repairs

Finds information on how to perform a corrective repair and performs corrective repairs based on diagnosis.

Tool Choice, Maintenance, and Care

Appropriately uses tools for essential job functions and takes necessary steps to maintain and care for tools.

Safety

Understands and upholds safe workplace practices in an automotive shop environment.

Documentation

Appropriately documents work performed based on the complexity of the job

Engine Repair

Applies theory to diagnose and perform repairs on components of the engine, including mechanical repair and diagnosis, fuel, ignition, and engine management system repair and diagnosis.

Transmission/Transaxle Repair

Applies theory to diagnose and perform repairs on the mechanical and hydraulic systems as applicable. Performs transmission/transaxle repairs both in and off vehicle.

Suspension and Steering Repair

Applies theory to diagnose and perform repairs on suspension and steering. Identifies various types of suspension.

Tires

Diagnoses and performs repairs and replacements on tire and wheel failures/maintenance.

Brake Repair

Applies theory to diagnose and perform repairs on hydraulic and air brake systems.

Electric and Electronic Systems Repair

Applies theory to diagnose and perform repairs on electrical and electronic systems, including on the battery, lighting, and body systems.

Heating and Air Conditioning Repair

Applies theory to diagnose and perform repairs on heating and air conditioning systems, including HVAC, refrigeration, and operating systems.



Optional Competency

Welding

Uses basic understanding of a MIG welding machine to set up the machine and do basic welds.