



## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**(RFP # 1107)**

### **Railway Car Technician**

#### **Program Outline and Examination Item Bank Development Project**

**November 2007**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
(RFP # 1107)  
PROGRAM OUTLINE AND EXAMINATION ITEM BANK DEVELOPMENT**

**PURPOSE**

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The Railway Association of Canada (RAC) seeks proposals from qualified Canadian organizations to convert the existing Ontario outline for the Railway Car Technician Program into the established BC format, meeting the program outline standards of the Industry Training Authority (ITA) in British Columbia. Further, the selected organization will develop a 300 question examination item bank for each of the Levels (1 – 3) of the Railway Car Technician Apprenticeship Program and complete an analysis of available learning resources based on the program outline.

**BACKGROUND**

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The Railway Association of Canada, situated in the nation's capital, represents membership of approximately 60 freight, tourist, commuter, and intercity Canadian railways, playing a major role in promoting the safety, viability, and growth of the railway industry within Canada. More information on the RAC can be found at [www.railcan.ca](http://www.railcan.ca).

The British Columbia Industry Training Authority (ITA) approved a proposal at its January 23rd, 2007 Board meeting to modify the Railway Car Technician Program. The ITA Board has placed a priority on the establishment of rigorous and well-defined industry training program standards in order to ensure the credibility and broad recognition of the qualifications and credentials it provides to trainees. In this respect ITA sees its role as approving and applying standards that have effectively been defined by industry bodies, including national inter-provincial standards mechanisms. More information on the ITA can be found at [www.itabc.ca](http://www.itabc.ca).

To facilitate program and credential alignment and inter-provincial mobility of workers, British Columbia is adopting the Railway Car Technician apprenticeship program that is currently recognized in Ontario, to meet specific provincial requirements. For example, ITA has established specifications for all key elements including program outlines, tables of specifications, and examination item banks. The Ontario Railway Car Technician Program will need to be modified to meet these BC standards.

ITA uses LXR examination management system for item banking, exam generation, scoring and item analysis.

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS & SCOPE

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1. Convert the existing Railway Car Technician Program Outline (See Appendix 1) from Ontario, to the British Columbia ITA Format. (See Appendix 2 and Appendix 3)
  - This includes the development of achievement criteria for workplace competencies.
  - The outline must include the following Training Provider Standards:
    - Tools
    - Equipment
    - Facilities
    - Instructor Qualification.
2. Develop a **Table of Specifications (TOS)**, (See Appendix 4) based upon the ITA Railway Car Technician Program Outline that will serve as the basis for the development of examination item banks for Level 1-3 of the provincial apprenticeship program. The TOS will specify, by Level, the number of multiple choice questions for each Line / Block based on the suggested instructional time allocations detailed in the Program Outline; the total number of questions in the bank; and the number of questions in taxonomy 1 – 3.
3. Develop an **Examination Item Bank**, based upon the Table of Specifications, for each of the program's 3 levels that assesses attainment of learning outcomes (objectives and tasks) specified in the Program Outline. The item bank for each level will comprise 300 multiple choice questions developed in accordance with ITA exam bank guidelines. (See Appendix 5) The item banks are intended to enable the generation of three distinct level examinations comprising 100 questions each without duplicating items.
4. Conduct an Examination Item Bank Validation Workshop with industry subject matter experts to ensure the reliability and validity of the item bank multiple choice questions. The selected supplier(s) will need to take measures to ensure the integrity and security of the examination bank during the validation process.
5. Deliver to ITA the completed and validated item banks for each level in Microsoft Word electronic format along with a full assignment of copyright of the item bank(s) to ITA.
6. Complete a gap analysis of available learning resources, against the competencies in the BC Program Outline.

## **PREFERRED SUPPLIERS**

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Preferred service suppliers may be public, private, or non-profit Canadian organizations with demonstrated expertise and experience in one or more of the following the following areas:

- Training design and implementation, preferably for trades occupations
- Curriculum design and development
- Examination and assessment development
- Subject matter expertise (Railway Car Technician)

Proposals based upon a partnership arrangement among suppliers are acceptable with the requirement that one partner is designated as the lead organization for contract and accountability purposes. The selected supplier will be required to enter into a standard Contract with the Railway Association of Canada.

## **PROPOSAL FORMAT**

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Any portions of the proposal which is to be treated by RAC as proprietary and confidential information must be clearly marked as such. *Clarity and brevity are important.* All proponents must provide, at a minimum, the following information:

**A. Table of Contents**

A table of contents properly indicating the section of the information included

**B. Understanding of the Project**

A concise abstract stating the proponent's overview and understanding of the project.

**C. Organization Qualifications**

A company / organizational profile; a statement of qualifications; vendor relationships; and resumes of project manager(s) and professional staff that are to be directly involved in providing the required services

**D. Methodology**

A description of how the proponent plans to execute the project including a work plan detailing major tasks and timelines.

**E. Price Proposal**

A price proposal detailing all costs for labour, materials, travel and any other costs that may be incurred in the provision of the required services.

**F. References**

A minimum of two references for similar project-related work completed within the past three years and include:

- Project Description
- Project Location
- Contact name and telephone number and e-mail address
- Date of completion

**EVALUATION CRITERIA**

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Each proposal will be reviewed prior to the selection process for completeness and adherence to the format. A proposal will be considered complete if all required sections are present. Proponents may provide any additional information that they consider relevant. All proposals will be evaluated under the following criteria:

1. Proponent's costs, including labour, travel, expenses and materials (30%)
2. Proponent's overall technical capabilities based upon demonstrated experience, past performance, reliability and project team qualifications. (25%)
3. Project methodology (25%)
4. Client references for project of a similar nature (10%)
5. Proposal preparation, thoroughness and responsiveness to the requirements of the RFP. (10%)

The RAC will not be bound to accept the lower cost proposal, nor any proposal at all.

The RAC shall be entitled to cancel this RFP award of the related contract at any time before awarded and no compensation of any nature shall be payable to the consultants because of the exercise of this option

**QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE RFP**

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There will be no pre-proposal bidders' conference for the RFP. Proponents with questions relating to the RFP should contact [kflint@railcan.ca](mailto:kflint@railcan.ca) via e-mail within the prescribed timeline. All questions and answers will be shared, via e-mail, with those persons / organizations who have submitted an Intent to Submit Form (Appendix 6).

## PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. RFP Released                         | November 19, 2007    |
| 2. Deadline For Submission of Intent    | November 26, 2007    |
| 3. Response to Submitted Questions      | November 29, 2007    |
| 4. Deadline For Submission of Proposals | December 7, 2007     |
| 5. Proposal Evaluation                  | December 10-14, 2007 |
| 6. Contract Award                       | December 21, 2007    |
| 7. Project Initiation                   | January 2008         |

The RAC does not guarantee that these dates will be respected as they are dependent on selection committee availability and other factors not within the RAC's control, such as other business priorities. The RAC endeavours to act diligently in order to meet the dates.

## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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All organizations that intend to submit proposals must first submit the Intent To Submit form (Appendix 6) to Kent Flint @ [kentf@railcan.ca](mailto:kentf@railcan.ca) not later than 17:00 on November 26, 2007.

Completed proposals shall be submitted electronically to [kentf@railcan.ca](mailto:kentf@railcan.ca) no later than at 17:00 on December 7, 2007.

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **ONTARIO RAILWAY CAR TECHNICIAN PROGRAM OUTLINE**



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**Apprenticeship  
In-School Curriculum Standards**

# **Railway Car Technician**

## **Level 1**

### **268R**

Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities  
Workplace Training Branch

Development date: September 2006  
Implementation date:  
Printing date:

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This new curriculum standard for the Railway Car Technician trade is designed from the learning outcomes, which were developed from the industry-approved training standard.

The curriculum is organized into three levels of training, each including reportable subjects containing learning outcomes to reflect the units of the training standard. The hours charts indicate how the curriculum can be delivered in the current block release format and summarizes the hours of training for each reportable by level. Since the reportable subjects are all divisible by three they can be adapted to accommodate a more flexible training delivery other than block release.

The reportable subjects are cross-referenced to the training standard for ease of comparison.

Each reportable subject and learning outcome identifies a recommended number of training hours. This hour allotment is broken into hours for instruction in theory and practical application. The division of the curriculum into reportable subjects follows a natural progression of learning through the training program. This structure will allow training centres and apprentices flexibility in program delivery while still observing the importance of sequencing learning in a logical progression.

The curriculum is framed by and includes specific references to terminal performance objectives in the Apprenticeship Training Standards Railway Car Technician. However, the curriculum identifies only the learning that takes place off the job, in a training environment. The in-school program focuses primarily on the theoretical knowledge required to master the performance objectives of the Training Standards. Employers are expected to extend the apprentice's knowledge and skills through appropriate practical training on the work site. Regular evaluations of the apprentice's knowledge and skills are conducted throughout training to assure that all apprentices have achieved the learning outcomes identified in the curriculum standard. The balance between theoretical and practical evaluation is identified for each unit of learning outcomes.

**Implementation date:** to be determined

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## Summary of Total Program In-School Training Hours

<b>Reportable Subjects</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>
1. Protect Self and Others	6	6	0
2. Occupational Practices	63	63	0
3. Workshop Techniques	63	24	39
4. Material Handling	18	12	6
5. Welding	33	9	24
6. Regulatory Publications	24	24	0
7. Brakes	24	15	9
8. Safety Appliances	9	9	0
Total	240	162	78

Number: 1

Title: **Protect Self and Others**

Duration: 6 Total Hours Theory: 6 hours Practical: 0 hours

Prerequisites: N A

Co-requisites: N A

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### **1.1 – Protect Self and Others**

6 Total Hours

Theory: 6 hours

Practical: 0 hours

**1.1 – Protect Self and Others**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5570.01, 5570.04, 5570.05, 5570.10, 5570.11, 5570.15

Duration: 6 Total Hours

Theory: 6 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures and practices to protect self and others in accordance with Safety Legislation and site procedures/standards.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 1.1.1 Identify workplace health and safety hazards, corrective action requirements, and reporting procedures as specified by current government legislation.
- 1.1.2 Identify and describe safe work habits according to current government regulations.
- 1.1.3 Identify and describe fire procedures as specified in current government regulations and site procedures/standards.
- 1.1.4 Identify the procedures for the reporting of information about injuries and safety incidents according to the site guidelines and current government legislation.
- 1.1.5 Identify and describe the procedures for applying first aid as specified in current government regulations and site requirements.
- 1.1.6 Identify and describe procedures for handling work site hazards according to government legislation.

Learning Content:

- 1.1.1 Identify workplace health and safety hazards, corrective action requirements, and reporting procedures as specified by current government legislation.
- describe the current government legislation that relates to workplace hazards
  - identify hazardous conditions
  - describe the required reporting procedures
  - identify the required corrective action to be taken
- 1.1.2 Identify and describe safe work habits according to current government regulations.
- describe safe work habits in accordance with current government and AAR regulations
- 1.1.3 Identify and describe fire procedures as specified in current government regulations and site procedures/standards.
- identify plan of action when a fire is detected
  - describe the assessment of the severity of the fire
  - describe techniques to suppress a minor fire
  - describe reporting procedures related to fires
- 1.1.4 Identify the procedures for the reporting of information about injuries and safety incidents according to the site guidelines and current government legislation.
- describe the injury reporting procedures outlined in the current government regulations
  - state the procedures for reporting injuries
- 1.1.5 Identify and describe the procedures for applying first aid as specified in current government regulations and site requirements.
- assess situations
  - list the prescribed procedures for reporting injuries

1.1.6 Identify and describe procedures for handling work site hazards according to government legislation.

- identify workplace hazards including (but not limited to)
  - inadequate ventilation
  - confined spaces
  - noxious fumes
  - high intensity light
  - elevated work sites
  - suspended loads
  - poor lighting
  - extreme temperatures
  - uncontrolled power sources
- describe the procedure for notification of hazards
- identify applicable legislation related to workplace hazards



Number:	2
Title:	<b>Occupational Practices</b>
Duration:	63 Total Hours Theory: 63 hours Practical: 0 hours
Prerequisites:	N A
Co-requisites:	N A

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**2.1 – Trade Calculations**

15 Total Hours Theory: 15 hours Practical: 0 hours

**2.2 – Engineering Drawings and Documentation**

33 Total Hours Theory: 33 hours Practical: 0 hours

**2.3 – Precision Measuring**

15 Total Hours Theory: 15 hours Practical: 0 hours

**2.1– Trade Calculations**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5571.02

Duration: 15 Total Hours

Theory: 15 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Perform metric and imperial calculations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 2.1.1 Interpret charts, manuals, and job documentation.
- 2.1.2 Perform trade calculations.
- 2.1.3 Perform conversions of decimals and fractions.
- 2.1.4 Perform conversions of metric and imperial units for volumes, weights, tolerances, gauging limits, condemning limits, circumferences, radii, areas, diameters, temperatures, and torque values.

Learning Content:

## 2.1.1 Interpret charts, manuals, and job documentation.

- interpret and demonstrate use of trade specific conversion tables/charts
- interpret and demonstrate use of trade specific material and product-related specification and value tables and charts

## 2.1.2 Perform trade calculations.

- solve trade-specific problems using ratios and proportions
- solve trade-specific algebraic equations
- identify and calculate trade-specific perimeters, areas, and volumes

## 2.1.3 Perform conversions of decimals and fractions.

- round off decimals to the closest one thousandth of an inch
- change common fractions to decimal fractions and decimal fractions to common fractions
- add, subtract, multiply, and divide fractions
- add, subtract, multiply, and divide decimals
- identify and calculate percentages

## 2.1.4 Perform conversions of metric and imperial units for volumes, weights, tolerances, gauging limits, condemning limits, circumferences, radii, areas, diameters, temperatures, and torque values.

- identify and demonstrate conversions between SI (International Standards) and Imperial systems of measurements including (not limited to):
  - linear units
  - mass units
  - charts
  - tables

**2.2– Engineering Drawings and Documentation**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5571.01, 5571.05, 5571.06

Duration: 33 Total Hours            Theory: 33 hours            Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Plan and prepare for a job according to engineering drawings, specifications, reference materials, and work orders.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 2.2.1 Interpret engineering drawings to plan the maintenance job.
  
- 2.2.2 Use reference documentation including (not limited to): manufacturers' manuals, parts bulletins, service or preventative maintenance manuals, technical bulletins, fact sheets, Association of American Railroads (AAR) field manuals, and government regulations to identify job specifications.
  
- 2.2.3 Use work orders including (not limited to): billing repair cards, wheel reporting cards, inspection records, and dangerous goods documentation.

Learning Content:

## 2.2.1 Interpret engineering drawings to plan the maintenance job.

- identify the type of drawing including (not limited to): schematics, blueprints, and assemblies
- determine tolerances, scales, and dimensions
- perform calculations
- identify drawing information including (not limited to): line types, symbols, title block information, references, abbreviations, and bill of materials
- identify common railway nomenclature/terminology
- identify components
- identify types of securement devices
- identify assembly and disassembly sequences

## 2.2.2 Use reference documentation, including (not limited to): manufacturers' manuals, parts bulletins, service or preventative maintenance manuals, technical bulletins, fact sheets, Association of American Railroads (AAR) field manuals, and government regulations to identify job specifications.

- identify applicable reference documentation
- identify assembly and disassembly sequences
- describe the properties and characteristics of workplace materials
- describe the properties and characteristics of cutting fluids/lubricants
- identify specialty tools
- identify applicable AAR interchange rules
- identify applicable government regulations

## 2.2.3 Use work orders including (not limited to): billing repair cards, wheel reporting cards, inspection records, and dangerous goods documentation.

- identify types of work orders
- identify applicable safety and dangerous goods legislation
- identify car billing repair codes
- determine work procedures or schedules
- identify applicable AAR interchange rules
- identify applicable government regulations

**2.3 – Precision Measuring**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5571.03, 5571.04

Duration: 15 Total Hours

Theory: 12 hours

Practical: 3 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Use and prepare precision measuring and checking devices to verify workpiece.

Learning Outcomes:

- 2.3.1 Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:
- 2.3.2 Prepare measuring and checking devices in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications.
- 2.3.3 Verify workpiece material in accordance with engineering drawings and job documentation.

Learning Content:

2.3.1 Prepare measuring and checking devices in accordance with the manufacturers' specifications.

- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- identify types of measuring devices including (not limited to): micrometers, callipers, wheel gauge, vernier callipers, magnetic particle tester, dial indicator, truck gauges, air pressure gauges, bubble flowrator, depth or height gauge, restoration gauges, levels, explosive safety meters, air quality meters, thickness meters, straight edge, tapes, steel rules, and plumb bob
- assess device condition
- describe the markings on measuring devices
- demonstrate measuring and checking practices
- describe methods for calibration
- describe maintenance procedures
- document processes

2.3.2 Verify workpiece material in accordance with engineering drawings and job documentation.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- describe the properties of ferrous or non-ferrous materials including (not limited to): steel, alloys, aluminium, and iron
- describe material testing practices
- identify workpiece material
- verify workpiece material for correct size and type

Number:	3
Title:	<b>Workplace Techniques</b>
Duration:	63 Total Hours Theory: 27 hours Practical: 36 hours
Prerequisites:	N A
Co-requisites:	N A

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**3.1– Hand and Power Tools**

9 Total Hours Theory: 6 hours Practical: 3 hours

**3.2– Benchwork**

36 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 27 hours

**3.3– Materials and Fasteners**

12 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 3 hours

**3.4–Shop Environment**

6 Total Hours Theory: 3 hours Practical: 3 hours



**3.1– Hand and Power Tools**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5571.07, 5571.08, 5571.09, 5571.10

Duration: 9 Total Hours            Theory: 6 hours            Practical: 3 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and select hand, power, pneumatic, and hydraulic tools.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

3.1.1 Select hand tools.

3.1.2 Select power tools.

3.1.3 Describe the use and application of pneumatic tools.

3.1.4 Describe the use and application of hydraulic tools.

Learning Content:

## 3.1.1 Select hand tools.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- select required tool including (not limited to): hammers, wrenches, sockets, ratchets, chisels, drifts, punches, pinch bar, screwdrivers, files, saws, pliers, pipe wrench, and steel banding tools
- assess tool condition
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe methods for calibration

## 3.1.2 Select power tools.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- determine required tool including (not limited to): grinders, drills, die grinders, sanders, and saws
- assess tool condition
- determine calibration requirements
- determine required attachments and tooling

## 3.1.3 Describe the use and application of pneumatic tools.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- determine required pneumatic tool including (not limited to): jacks, grinders, drills, impact guns, reamers, drifts, punches, and rams
- assess tool condition
- determine calibration requirements
- determine required attachments and tooling
- determine tool limitations including (not limited to): leverage, weight ratios, capacity, tolerances, fluid power, clearances, and stability

#### 3.1.4 Describe the use and application of hydraulic tools.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- determine required hydraulic tool including (not limited to): jacks, rams, Enerpac™, presses, wrecking equipment, and rivet guns
- assess tool condition
- determine calibration requirements
- determine required attachments and tooling
- determine tool limitations, including (not limited to): leverage, weight ratios, capacity, tolerances, fluid power, clearances, and stability

### **3.2 – Benchwork**

#### Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5570.03, 5570.07, 5572.01, 5572.02, 5572.03, 5572.04, 5572.05, 5572.06

Duration: 36 Total Hours                  Theory: 9 hours                  Practical: 27 hours

#### General Learning Outcome:

Perform benchworking procedures in accordance with government legislation and job specifications.

#### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

3.2.1 Chisel a workpiece in accordance with job documentation.

3.2.2 Grind a workpiece.

3.2.3 Describe painting procedures.

3.2.4 Drill or ream holes.

3.2.5 Cut internal (ID) and external (OD) threads.

Learning Content:

## 3.2.1 Chisel a workpiece in accordance with job documentation.

- identify applicable safety standards
- interpret applicable documentation
- select required tools per application
- inspect chisel for defects including (not limited to): burrs or mushroom head
- dress tool
- document work
- maintain a clean worksite

## 3.2.2 Grind a workpiece.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret job specifications
- select applicable equipment and tooling
- set-up workpiece
- grind the workpiece
- maintain a clean worksite
- document work

## 3.2.3 Describe painting procedures.

- identify applicable safety standards
- Identify the steps in operating respiratory protectors according to manufacturers' recommendations and the current government regulations
- identify respiratory protectors
- outline the respiratory protectors operating procedures
- describe the of respiratory protectors
- identify applicable environmental procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- list types of painting equipment
- describe site preparation
- describe the painting process
- describe the stencilling and decaling and documenting procedures confirming the standards including (not limited to): government legislation and AAR

### 3.2.4 Drill or ream holes.

- identify applicable standards
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select appropriate tools
- layout workpiece
- perform trade calculations
- drill hole
- ream hole
- use measuring devices
- sharpen drill bit
- verify work
- document work
- maintain a clean worksite

### 3.2.5 Cut internal (ID) and external (OD) threads.

- identify applicable standards
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select appropriate tools
- layout workpiece
- perform trade calculations
- cut internal threads
- cut external threads
- use measuring devices
- verify work
- document work
- maintain a clean worksite

**3.3 – Materials and Fasteners**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5071.04, 5571.15, 5572.07

Duration: 12 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 3 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Perform benchworking procedures in accordance with government legislation and job specifications.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

3.3.1 Verify workpiece material in accordance with engineering drawings.

3.3.2 Select fasteners per application.

3.3.3 Fasten workpieces in accordance with legislation and regulations.

Learning Content:

## 3.3.1 Verify workpiece material in accordance with engineering drawings.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- describe the properties of ferrous or non-ferrous materials including (not limited to): steel, alloys, aluminium, and iron
- describe material testing practices
- identify workpiece material
- verify workpiece material for correct size and type

## 3.3.2 Select fasteners per application.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- identify the types and applications of fasteners including (not limited to): nuts, bolts, rivets, screws, pins, clips, cotter keys, and lock washers
- determine the size, grade, and nomenclature/terminology of fasteners
- identify torque values
- identify tap drill sizes

## 3.3.3 Fasten workpieces in accordance with legislation and specifications.

- identify applicable safety standards
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select appropriate fasteners
- use hand and power tools including (not limited to): wrench, power tool, torque wrench, and socket
- describe calibration techniques
- select appropriate locking, sealing, and lubricating fluids including lubricant, oils, Locktight™, and Teflon™
- fasten workpiece using threaded fasteners
- describe locking techniques including (not limited to): tacking, chiselling, heating, and peening
- document work
- maintain a clean worksite



### **3.4– Shop Environment**

Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5570.07, 5570.08, 5570.09, 5570.12

Duration: 6 Total Hours

Theory: 3 hours

Practical: 3 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Ensure safety of self and others in the shop environment.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 3.4.1 Practise personal hygiene in a shop environment.
- 3.4.2 Maintain a clean and organized classroom environment.
- 3.4.3 Inspect all equipment for defects and safe working condition according to manufacturers' specifications and current government legislation.
- 3.4.4 Identify steps in locking out and tagging mechanical equipment or dangerous goods/commodities utilizing approved and specified equipment according to government legislation.

Learning Content:

## 3.4.1 Practise personal hygiene in a shop environment.

- identify the applicable safe work practices and current government regulations
- interpret workplace safety policies
- identify and wear required protective clothing and gear
- demonstrate the use of safety eye wash stations and showers
- practise personal hygiene in a shop environment

## 3.4.2 Maintain a clean and organized classroom environment.

- identify the applicable safe work practices
- maintain a clean work area
- store tools and equipment in appropriate locations

## 3.4.3 Inspect all equipment for defects and safe working condition according to manufacturers' specifications and current government legislation.

- describe current government legislation relating to operating equipment
- assess guards and condition of safety devices on equipment
- identify the required corrective action to be taken

## 3.4.4 Identify the steps in locking out and tagging mechanical equipment according to manufacturers' recommendations and current government regulations.

- outline the lock out and tag procedures
- describe the procedure for a lock out and tag for repair on mechanical equipment

Number:	4
Title:	<b>Material Handling</b>
Duration:	18 Total Hours    Theory: 12 hours    Practical: 6 hours
Prerequisites:	N A
Co-requisites:	N A

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#### **4.1– Material Handling Procedures**

18 Total Hours            Theory: 12 hours            Practical: 6 hours

## 4.1– Material Handling Procedures

### Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5570.14, 5573.01, 5573.02, 5573.03, 5573.04, 5573.05, 5573.06, 5573.07, 5573.08, 5573.09, 5573.10

Duration: 18 Total Hours          Theory: 12 hours          Practical: 6 hours

### General Learning Outcome:

Perform material handling procedures in accordance with government legislation and job specifications.

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 4.1.1 Calculate forces and loads.
- 4.1.2 Select and inspect rigging equipment.
- 4.1.3 Position and attach rigging.
- 4.1.4 Describe inspection and preparation of hoisting and lifting equipment.
- 4.1.5 Describe worksite preparation.
- 4.1.6 Describe hoisting equipment operations.
- 4.1.7 Describe the use of scaffolds, lift platforms, and ladders.
- 4.1.8 Describe how to move the load or workpiece.
- 4.1.9 Describe procedures to set down the load.
- 4.1.10 Describe shut down and storage of material handling equipment.

Learning Content:

## 4.1.1 Calculate forces and loads.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- determine load weights
- determine allowable loads
- identify centre of gravity
- calculate vertical and horizontal forces
- determine distribution of loads
- select sling patterns and configurations
- calculate the load and capacity
- plan the move

## 4.1.2 Select and inspect rigging equipment.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select rigging equipment including (not limited to): cable clamps, chain block hoists, chains, chokers, come-alongs, connectors, ropes, slings, and tuggers
- perform pre-operational checks including (not limited to): damaged links, cracks, frayed cables, kinking, cuts in slings, threads on shackles, and any other physical damage
- make recommendations for repair and further action

## 4.1.3 Position and attach rigging.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- demonstrate hand signals
- position the rigging
- attach rigging
- verify lifting capacity
- verify position of rigging and load
- move the workpiece
- document work

#### 4.1.4 Describe inspection and preparation of hoisting and lifting equipment.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- perform calculations
- identify types of lifting equipment including (not limited to): forklift, jib-crane, portable boom, overhead hoist, and other lifting equipment
- describe pre-operational circle check
- describe equipment assessment process
- recommend repair or further action
- describe tagging and isolation procedures
- document work
- identify and describe procedures for operating and storing lift equipment

#### 4.1.5 Describe worksite preparation.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe worksite clearing procedures
- describe pathway clearing process
- describe pathway verification process
- document work

#### 4.1.6 Describe hoisting equipment operations.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- identify applicable hoisting equipment including (not limited to): forklift, jib-crane, portable boom, overhead hoist, chains, slings, and hooks
- describe inspection procedures
- describe verification procedures
- describe lifting and moving procedures
- document work

4.1.7 Describe the use of scaffolds, lift platforms, and ladders.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe visual inspection techniques
- describe assembly procedures
- describe fall protection systems
- describe disassembly procedures
- document work

4.1.8 Describe how to move the load or workpiece.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe load control including (not limited to): installing required tag lines; correctly controlling speed and travel; turning and positioning load; checking that travel path/way is clear of overhanging interference and all obstructions; checking that all personnel are clear of load travel path/way; checking that all operators keep to the back end of the load; and checking that the slinger guide keeps to the front to guide the load
- document work

4.1.9 Describe procedures to set down the load.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe set down procedures including (not limited to): checking that work or job site is clear of all equipment and personnel; checking that all supports are correctly placed and aligned; controlling lowering speed; checking for adequate spacing by stopping the set down before placing down the load; and sounding the alarm confirming “all clear for down”; so that materials are correctly placed, balanced, aligned, and secure
- document work

4.1.10 Describe shut down and storage of material handling equipment.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe shut down and storage procedures
- document work

Number: 5

Title: **Welding and Fabrication 1**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 24 hours

Prerequisites: N A

Co-requisites: N A

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### **5.1 Welding and Fabrication 1**

33 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 24 hours



## 5.1 – Welding and Fabrication 1

### Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5570.02, 5570.06, 5570.13, 5571.11, 5571.13, 5571.14

Duration: 33 Total Hours                      Theory: 9 hours                      Practical: 24 hours

### General Learning Outcome:

Demonstrate the use of oxy-fuel and plasma-arc cutting equipment, and Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) equipment.

### Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 5.1.1 Demonstrate the use of oxy-fuel and plasma-arc cutting equipment.
- 5.1.1 Demonstrate the use of Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) equipment.
- 5.1.2 Describe gas-fuelled equipment.
- 5.1.3 Identify steps in operating emergency safety equipment according to manufacturers' recommendations and current government regulations.
- 5.1.4 Handle, store, and control hazardous materials or dangerous goods/commodities utilizing approved and specified equipment according to government legislation.

Learning Content:

## 5.1.1 Demonstrate the use of oxy-fuel and plasma-arc cutting equipment.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- wear, adjust, and maintain personal protective equipment as required by the current government legislation and recommended by the manufacturer
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- determine required pressures and equipment including fuel gases, tips, gas distributors, cable assemblies, plasma gun liners
- assess equipment condition
- determine calibration requirements
- determine required attachments and tooling
- demonstrate the set-up and tear down of oxy-fuel and plasma-arc cutting equipment

## 5.1.2 Demonstrate the use of Shielded Metal Arc Welding equipment.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- wear, adjust, and maintain personal protective equipment as required by the current government legislation and recommended by the manufacturer
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- identify power source, welding cable assemblies, electrode holder, electrode type and size
- determine required equipment
- assess equipment condition
- determine required attachments and tooling
- demonstrate assembly, setting up, and testing of welding equipment
- describe calibration requirements

### 5.1.3 Describe gas-fuelled equipment.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- wear, adjust, and maintain personal protective equipment as required by the current government legislation and recommended by the manufacturer
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- describe required equipment including (not limited to): jacks, compressors, and generators
- describe equipment condition assessment procedures
- describe calibration requirements
- describe required attachments and tooling
- describe required fuel levels
- describe the set-up and tear down of gas-fuelled equipment
- describe equipment limitations, including (not limited to): leverage, weight ratios, capacity, tolerances, fluid power, clearances, and stability

### 5.1.4 Identify the steps in operating emergency safety equipment according to manufacturers' recommendations and the current government regulations.

- identify emergency safety equipment
- outline the equipment operating procedures of fire extinguishers
- describe the use of extinguishers, respirators, and first aid equipment
- describe the operation of emergency safety equipment

### 5.1.5 Handle, store and control hazardous materials or dangerous goods/commodities utilizing approved and specified equipment according to government legislation.

- identify the requirements of the current government regulations for hazardous materials or dangerous goods/commodities
- identify the safe handling and storage procedures for hazardous materials or dangerous goods/commodities
- demonstrate the recommended practices to handle and store hazardous materials or dangerous goods/commodities
- use specified procedures for handling and storage of equipment and/or materials or dangerous goods/commodities

Number: 6

Title: **Regulatory Publications**

Duration: 24 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 0 hours

Prerequisites: N A

Co-requisites: N A

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**6.1 Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (M.S.R.P.)**

9 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.2 Code of Federal Regulations**

6 Total Hours Theory: 6 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.3 Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual**

9 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.1 – Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (M.S.R.P.)**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5070.16

Duration: 9 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Interpret regularly adopted specifications, standards, and recommended practices of the Association of American Railroads Mechanical Section.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

6.1.1 Identify key M.S.R.P. sections.

6.1.2 Distinguish between specifications, standards, and recommended practice.

6.1.3 Describe the maintenance and update procedure for the publication.

6.1.4 Identify and describe procedures for applying blue flag procedures according to government legislation.

6.1.5 Interpret Section A Part I

Learning Content:

## 6.1.1 Identify key M.S.R.P. sections.

- describe the scope and purpose of M.S.R.P.
- describe the application of the M.S.R.P. specifications and practices
- identify the different sections and relevant parts

## 6.1.2 Distinguish between specifications, standards, and recommended practice.

- define the terms specification, standard, and recommended practice
- describe the identification code for specifications
- describe the identification code for standards
- define the code for recommended practice
- define the terms past practices, alternate acceptable standards, effective dates, and conditional approvals

## 6.1.3 Describe the maintenance and update procedure for the publication.

- describe publication maintenance procedures
- outline update procedures

## 6.1.4 Identify and describe procedures for applying blue flag procedures according to government legislation.

## 6.1.5 Interpret Section A Part I

**6.2– Code of Federal Regulations**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:Duration: 6 Total Hours

Theory: 6 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify the general and permanent rules established by the Federal Register in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

6.2.1 Define the term Hazardous Materials Regulations.

6.2.2 Define the purpose and scope of the regulations.

6.2.3 Identify key parts of the regulations.

Learning Content:

## 6.2.1 Define the term Hazardous Materials Regulations.

- describe the link between hazardous materials and the code

## 6.2.2 Define the purpose and scope of the regulations.

- identify the purpose of the regulations
- describe the scope of the regulations
- identify the update process

## 6.2.3 Identify key parts of the regulations.

- describe key components of the regulations
- navigate specified sections



**6.3– Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:Duration: 9 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Navigate the AAR Field Manual and interpret specified regulations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

6.3.1 Define the purpose and scope of the AAR Field Manual.

6.3.2 Identify the main categories of the Field Manual.

6.3.3 Interpret the General Rules of the Field Manual.

6.3.4 Describe the update and maintenance procedure.

6.3.5 Navigate specified areas of the Field Manual.

Learning Content:

6.3.1 Define purpose and scope of the AAR Field Manual.

- identify the purpose of the AAR Field Manual
- describe the scope of the Field Manual

6.3.2 Identify main categories of the Field Manual.

- identify the main sections of the manual

6.3.3 Interpret the General Rules of the Field Manual.

- identify the General Rules
- describe compliance and reinforcement polices and procedures

6.3.4 Describe the update and maintenance procedure.

- explain the procedures for updating the AAR Field Manual

6.3.5 Navigate specified areas of the Field Manual.

- identify areas of the Field Manual related to wear limits, gauging procedures, and limits.
- identify welding specifications in the Field Manual

Number: 7

Title: **Brakes**

Duration: 24 Total Hours Theory: 15 hours Practical: 9 hours

Prerequisites: N A

Co-requisites: N A

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### 7.1 **Brakes**

24 Total Hours

Theory: 15 hours

Practical: 9 hours

**7.1 – Brakes**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5576.01

Duration: 24 Total Hours

Theory: 15 hours

Practical: 9 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing brakes.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

7.1.1 Describe single-car brake test procedures.

Learning Content:

## 7.1.1 Describe single-car brake test procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe pre-test inspection procedures on components including (not limited to): brake rigging, shoes, hand brake, bleed rods, valves, piping, hoses, slack adjusters, reservoirs, and cylinders
- describe troubleshooting procedures
- identify SCTD (single car test device) daily test
- identify air-brake test procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 8

Title: **Safety Appliances**

Duration: 9 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 0 hours

Prerequisites: N A

Co-requisites: N A

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### **8.1 Safety Appliances**

9 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 0 hours

**8.1 – Safety Appliances**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5577.01, 5577.02, 5577.03, 5577.04

Duration: 9 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing car safety appliances

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

8.1.1 Describe maintenance procedures for hand rails and grabs.

8.1.2 Describe maintenance of ladders.

8.1.3 Describe platform maintenance procedures.

8.1.4 Describe sill step maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 8.1.1 Describe maintenance procedures for hand rails and grabs.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): gauges, measuring devices, torches, hammers, rivet guns, fasteners, and chisels
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): riveting, heating, straightening, fastening, and peening
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

## 8.1.2 Describe maintenance of ladders.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures including (not limited to): inspections of rungs, brackets, and stiles
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): measuring devices, torches, hammers, rivet guns, fasteners, sockets, ratchets, and pinch bars
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): heating, splicing, straightening, riveting, fastening, and peening
- describe verification process
- describe documentation



### 8.1.3 Describe platform maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe components including (not limited to): decks, frames, and brackets
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): measuring devices, torches, hammers, rivet guns, fasteners, sockets, and ratchets
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): heating, straightening, fastening, riveting, welding, and peening
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.4 Describe sill step maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe components including (not limited to): support brackets, steps, and treads
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): measuring devices, torches, hammers, rivet guns, fasteners, and paint equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): heating, straightening, fastening, riveting, and peening
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

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**Apprenticeship  
In-School Curriculum Standards**

# **Railway Car Technician**

## **Level 2**

### **268R**

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This new curriculum standard for the Railway Car Technician trade is designed from the learning outcomes, which were developed from the industry-approved training standard.

The curriculum is organized into three levels of training, each including reportable subjects containing learning outcomes to reflect the units of the training standard. The hours charts indicate how the curriculum can be delivered in the current block release format and summarizes the hours of training for each reportable by level. Since the reportable subjects are all divisible by three they can be adapted to accommodate a more flexible training delivery other than block release.

The reportable subjects are cross-referenced to the training standard for ease of comparison.

Each reportable subject and learning outcome identifies a recommended number of training hours. This hour allotment is broken into hours for instruction in theory and practical application. The division of the curriculum into reportable subjects follows a natural progression of learning through the training program. This structure will allow training centres and apprentices flexibility in program delivery while still observing the importance of sequencing learning in a logical progression.

The curriculum is framed by and includes specific references to terminal performance objectives in the Apprenticeship Training Standards Railway Car Technician. However, the curriculum identifies only the learning that takes place off the job, in a training environment. The in-school program focuses primarily on the theoretical knowledge required to master the performance objectives of the Training Standards. Employers are expected to extend the apprentice's knowledge and skills through appropriate practical training on the work site. Regular evaluations of the apprentice's knowledge and skills are conducted throughout training to assure that all apprentices have achieved the learning outcomes identified in the curriculum standard. The balance between theoretical and practical evaluation is identified for each unit of learning outcomes.

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## Summary of Total Program In-School Training Hours

<b>Reportable Subjects</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>
1. Safety and Maintenance Inspections 1	15	9	6
2. Trucks 1	33	18	15
3. Underframes 1	33	24	9
4. Car Bodies 1	45	30	15
5. Welding and Fabrication 2	33	9	24
6. Regulatory Publications 2	9	9	0
7. Brakes 2	49	24	15
8. Coaches 1	33	24	9
Total	240	147	93

Number: 1

Title: **Safety and Maintenance Inspections 1**

Duration: 15 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 6 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1

Co-requisites: N A

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### **1.1 – Safety and Maintenance Inspections 1**

15 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 6 hours

**1.2– Safety and Maintenance Inspections 1**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5578.01, 5578.02, 5578.03, 5578.05

Duration: 15 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 6 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for performing safety and maintenance inspections.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

1.1.1 Describe in-bound or out-bound rolling pull-by inspection procedures.

1.1.2 Describe standing car/train inspection procedures.

1.1.3 Describe dangerous commodity inspection procedures.

1.1.4 Describe open-top load inspection procedures.



Learning Content:

## 1.1.1 Describe in-bound or out-bound rolling pull-by inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- describe recommendations for further inspection, repair, or replacement
- describe documentation

## 1.1.2 Describe standing car/train inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- describe blue flag procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): shifted or improper loads, strong chemical smells, overheating wheels or bearings, and leaks
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe recommendations for further inspection, repair, or replacement
- describe documentation

## 1.1.3 Describe dangerous commodity inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- describe blue flag procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe use of placards
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe recommendations for further inspection or action
- describe reporting requirements
- describe documentation

#### 1.1.4 Describe open-top load inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- describe blue flag procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures for securements, blocking, banding, cables, location of load on car, load distribution, and load dimensions
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment
- describe recommendations for further inspection, repair, or replacement
- describe reporting requirements
- describe documentation

Number: 2

Title: **Trucks 1**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 18 hours Practical: 15 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1

Co-requisites: N A

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### **2.1 –Trucks**

33 Total Hours

Theory: 18 hours

Practical: 15 hours

**2.1 - Trucks 1**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5574.01, 5574.02, 5574.03, 5574.04, 5574.05

Duration: 33 Total Hours                      Theory: 18 hours                      Practical: 15 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe rail truck servicing procedures in accordance with government legislation.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 2.1.1 Describe wheel inspection procedures.
- 2.1.5 Describe inspection procedures for roller bearings.
- 2.1.6 Describe bolster inspection and repair procedures.
- 2.1.7 Describe maintenance procedures for truck suspensions.
- 2.1.8 Describe side frame maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 2.1.1 Describe wheel inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation and codes
- describe inspection procedures for wheels, axles, and roller bearings
- select applicable gauges
- describe types of wheel defects
- describe condemnable defects
- recommend repair or further action
- document work

## 2.1.2 Describe inspection procedures for roller bearings.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- identify different types of bearings
- describe field and shop inspection procedures of bearings, end caps, backing rings, cups, and seals
- describe type of bearing defects
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- document work

## 2.1.3 Describe bolster inspection and repair procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select measuring devices, including (not limited to): gauges, callipers, and steel rules
- describe inspection procedures for bolster components including (not limited to): gibs, wear plates, bolster pockets, centre plate rings, centre pins, side bearings, and cages
- describe defects
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

#### 2.1.4 Describe maintenance procedures for truck suspensions.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe the function of suspension dampening systems
- describe suspension components including (not limited to): coil springs, friction blocks, truck side bearings, elliptical springs, shock absorbers, air spring bellows, load levelers, load snubbers, spring planks, equalizers, hangers, torsion bars, and safeties
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- identify applicable gauges
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

#### 2.1.5 Describe side frame maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select measuring devices, including (not limited to): gauges, callipers, and steel rules
- describe side frame components including (not limited to): side frames, column wear plates, column widths, thrust lug spacing, centring, width, pedestal roofs, and paring buttons
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 3

Title: **Underframes 1**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 9 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1

Co-requisites: N A

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### **3.1– Underframes 1**

33 Total Hours

Theory: 24 hours

Practical: 9 hours

**3.1– Underframes 1**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5575.01, 5575.02, 5575.03

Duration: 33 Total Hours      Theory: 24 hours      Practical: 9 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing underframes.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 3.1.1 Describe maintenance procedures for coupling devices.
- 3.1.2 Describe maintenance procedures for articulated connectors.
- 3.1.3 Describe maintenance procedures for end of car and centre of car draft systems.



Learning Content:

## 3.1.1 Describe maintenance procedures for coupling devices.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe components of coupling devices including (not limited to): throwers, locking blocks, lifters, coupler bodies, knuckles, knuckle pins, top or bottom uncoupling levers, cross-key retainer, coupler carrier wear plates, and shank wear plates
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, grinding, heating, and straightening
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe the verification process
- describe documentation

## 3.1.2 Describe maintenance procedures for articulated connectors.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe connector components including (not limited to): connecting pins, locking wedges, spherical balls, spherical ball liners, shackle connectors, male and female inter-connecting castings, retaining bolts and pins, and carrier wear plates
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, grinding, heating, and pressing with hydraulic devices
- describe the verification process
- describe documentation

3.1.3 Describe maintenance procedures for end of car and centre of car draft systems.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe car draft components including (not limited to): centre of car cushioning devices, sliding centre sills, yokes, draft gears, followers, follower blocks, carriers, gas units, and draft stops
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools, equipment, and gauges including (not limited to): welding machine, cutting torch, table lift, hydraulic ram, and plasma arc
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, grinding, heating, and straightening; recharging or replacing gas units
- describe the verification process
- describe documentation

Number:	4
Title:	<b>Car Bodies 1</b>
Duration:	45 Total Hours Theory: 30 hours Practical: 15 hours
Prerequisites:	Completion of Level 1
Co-requisites:	N A

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**4.1– Car Bodies 1**

45 Total Hours Theory: 30 hours Practical: 15 hours

**4.1– Car Bodies 1**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5579.01, 5579.02, 5579.03

Duration: 45 Total Hours

Theory: 30 hours

Practical: 15 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing car bodies.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

4.1.11 Describe box car maintenance procedures.

4.1.12 Describe flat car maintenance procedures.

4.1.13 Describe gondola car maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 4.1.1 Describe box car maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): holes, cracks, rust, leaks, body damage, bent and/or twisted doors, and lack of lubrication
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): power tools, hand tools, welding equipment, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, heating, straightening, grinding, and adjusting
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

## 4.1.2 Describe flat car maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): power tools, hand tools, welding equipment, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, cutting, straightening, riveting, grinding, and fastening
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

#### 4.1.3 Describe gondola car maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): holes, cracks, rust, leaks, roof covers, and body damage
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): power tools, hand tools, welding equipment, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, cutting, straightening, riveting, grinding, and fastening
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 5

Title: **Welding and Fabrication 2**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 24 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1

Co-requisites: N A

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### **5.1 Welding and Fabrication 2**

33 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 24 hours

**5.1 – Welding and Fabrication 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5571.12

Duration: 33 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 24 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Prepare Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) equipment.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

5.1.1 Demonstrate the use of Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) equipment.



Learning Content:

## 5.1.1 Demonstrate the use of Shielded Metal Arc Welding equipment.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- identify power source, welding cable assemblies, electrode holder, and electrode type and size
- determine required equipment
- assess equipment condition
- determine required attachments and tooling
- demonstrate assembly, setting up, and testing of welding equipment
- describe calibration requirements

Number: 6

Title: **Regulatory Publications 2**

Duration: 9 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 0 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1

Co-requisites: N A

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**6.1 Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (M.S.R.P.)**

4 Total Hours Theory: 4 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.2 Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual**

5 Total Hours Theory: 5 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.1 – Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (M.S.R.P.)**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:Duration: 4 Total Hours

Theory: 4 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Interpret regularly adopted specifications, standards, and recommended practices of the Association of American Railroads Mechanical Section.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

6.1.6 Interpret Section D.

6.1.7 Interpret Sections G and H.

6.1.8 Interpret Section C.

6.1.9 Interpret Section E.

6.1.10 Interpret Section B.

Learning Content:

## 6.1.4 Interpret specific regulations from section D II.

- identify regulations relating to Trucks and Truck Details
- identify regulations relating to Codes for Designating Design Features for Sideframes and Truck Bolsters

## 6.1.5 Interpret specific regulations from sections G I &amp; II and H I &amp; II.

- identify regulations relating to Wheels and Axles
- identify regulations relating to Roller Bearings

## 6.1.6 Interpret specific regulations from section C I, II &amp; III.

- identify regulations relating to Car Construction

## 6.1.7 Interpret section E.

- identify regulations relating to Brakes

## 6.1.5 Interpret section B.

- identify regulations relating to Couplers

**6.2– Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:Duration: 5 Total Hours

Theory: 5 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Navigate the AAR Field Manual and interpret specified regulations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

6.2.1 Interpret selected regulations related to Air Brake Equipment.

6.2.2 Interpret selected regulations related to Roller Bearings.

6.2.3 Interpret selected regulations related to Wheels and Axles.

6.2.4 Interpret selected regulations related to Trucks.

Learning Content:

6.2.1 Interpret selected regulations related to Air Brake Equipment.

6.2.2 Interpret selected regulations related to Roller Bearings.

6.2.3 Interpret selected regulations related to Wheels and Axles.

6.2.4 Interpret selected regulations related to Trucks.

Number: 7

Title: **Brakes 2**

Duration: 39 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 15 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 1

Co-requisites: N A

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### 7.1 **Brakes 2**

39 Total Hours

Theory: 24 hours

Practical: 15 hours

**7.1 – Brakes 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5576.02, 5576.03, 5576.04

Duration: 39 Total Hours

Theory: 24 hours

Practical: 15 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing brakes.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

7.1.1 Describe brake valve replacement procedures.

7.1.2 Describe maintenance procedures for flexible hoses, train line hoses, and piping.

7.1.3 Describe maintenance procedures for brake cylinder units.



Learning Content:

## 7.1.1 Describe brake valve replacement procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- identify types of brake valves
- describe single-car test procedures
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): single-car test device, sockets, ratchets, hammers, torches, pliers, and wrenches
- describe basic valve construction
- describe brake valve removal and installation procedures
- describe troubleshooting verification procedures
- describe documentation

## 7.1.2 Describe maintenance procedures for flexible hoses, train line hoses, and piping.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe single-car test procedures
- describe defects
- select required tools and equipment including (not limited to): single-car test device, torches, wrenches, grinders, welding equipment, bar hammer, and fasteners
- describe repair or replacement procedures including (not limited to): welding, straightening, fastening, and tightening
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

### 7.1.3 Describe maintenance procedures for brake cylinder units.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe types of brake cylinder units
- describe single-car test procedures
- describe defects
- describe brake cylinder unit repair and replacement procedures
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): single-car test device, wrenches, fasteners, and clamps
- describe brake cylinder units overhaul procedures
- describe testing and replacement of cylinder hoses
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 8

Title: **Coaches 1**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 9 hours

Prerequisites: All Level 1 courses

Co-requisites: N A

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### **8.1 Coaches 1 (Track 2 only)**

33 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 9 hours

**8.1 – Coaches 1**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5580.01, 5580.02, 5580.03, 5580.04, 5580.05, 5580.06, 5580.07, 5580.08, 5580.10

Duration: 33 Total Hours                      Theory: 24 hours                      Practical: 9 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing coaches.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

8.1.5 Describe coach exterior end maintenance procedures.

8.1.6 Describe coach vestibules maintenance procedures.

8.1.7 Describe coach roof maintenance procedures.

8.1.8 Describe the maintenance of coach exterior sides.

8.1.9 Describe coach underframe maintenance procedures.

8.1.10 Describe coach interior sides and ends maintenance procedures.

8.1.11 Describe coach ceiling and floor maintenance procedures.

8.1.12 Describe coach window, blinds, and curtains maintenance procedures.

8.1.13 Describe interior furnishing maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 8.1.1 Describe coach exterior end maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach end components including (not limited to): end sills and posts, corner posts, end sheets, tops sills, bellows and diaphragms, headers, stay rods and brackets, side rods, guides, springs, bellows springs, curtains and gates, and threshold plates
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding and splicing of handrails
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

## 8.1.2 Describe coach vestibules maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach vestibule components including (not limited to): steps, doors and hardware, window frames and seals, trap door hardware and seals, platforms, ceilings, filter frames, and fixed end doors
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, ladders, and rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.3 Describe coach roof maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach roof components including (not limited to): roof sheeting, caps, hatches, hatch frames, rain gutters, shrouds, and cover
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.4 Describe the maintenance of coach exterior sides.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach sides components including (not limited to): side posts, sheeting, sills, top sills, window frames, skirts, name plates, and vent covers
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.5 Describe coach underframe maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach underframe components including (not limited to): draft systems, trucks, wheels, securements, air conditioning units, raceways, waste tanks, battery boxes, water tanks, battery chargers, floor deafening, and insulation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.6 Describe coach interior sides and ends maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach interior components including (not limited to): deafening, insulation, side sheeting, sidewall coverings, inside window frames, luggage racks, fixture supports, end sheeting, end wall coverings, end doors, door tracks and seals, partitions, windows and seals, service lockers, doors and hardware, and grills
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.7 Describe coach ceiling and floor maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach ceiling components including (not limited to): floor coverings, fixture supports, carpet, feature strip, baseboards, access hatches, covers, inserts, deafening, insulation, coverings, frames, filter frames, bulkheads, grills, ductwork, and hvac
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): hand, pneumatic, or electric power tools, and upholstery equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.8 Describe coach window, blinds, and curtains maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe windows, blinds, and curtain components including (not limited to): fabric, rollers, guides, tension devices, valances, rods, brackets, tie backs, and hardware
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): electric power tools and hand tools
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation



**8.1.9 Describe interior furnishing maintenance procedures.**

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe interior furnishing components including (not limited to): tables, seats, benches, cupboards, counters, beds, platforms, drawers, hardware, brackets, and shelving
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): electric power tools and hand tools
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

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**Apprenticeship  
In-School Curriculum Standards**

# **Railway Car Technician**

## **Level 3**

### **268R**

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This new curriculum standard for the Railway Car Technician trade is designed from the learning outcomes, which were developed from the industry-approved training standard.

The curriculum is organized into three levels of training, each including reportable subjects containing learning outcomes to reflect the units of the training standard. The hours charts indicate how the curriculum can be delivered in the current block release format and summarizes the hours of training for each reportable by level. Since the reportable subjects are all divisible by three they can be adapted to accommodate a more flexible training delivery other than block release.

The reportable subjects are cross-referenced to the training standard for ease of comparison.

Each reportable subject and learning outcome identifies a recommended number of training hours. This hour allotment is broken into hours for instruction in theory and practical application. The division of the curriculum into reportable subjects follows a natural progression of learning through the training program. This structure will allow training centres and apprentices flexibility in program delivery while still observing the importance of sequencing learning in a logical progression.

The curriculum is framed by and includes specific references to terminal performance objectives in the Apprenticeship Training Standards Railway Car Technician. However, the curriculum identifies only the learning that takes place off the job, in a training environment. The in-school program focuses primarily on the theoretical knowledge required to master the performance objectives of the Training Standards. Employers are expected to extend the apprentice's knowledge and skills through appropriate practical training on the work site. Regular evaluations of the apprentice's knowledge and skills are conducted throughout training to assure that all apprentices have achieved the learning outcomes identified in the curriculum standard. The balance between theoretical and practical evaluation is identified for each unit of learning outcomes.

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## Summary of Total Program In-School Training Hours

<b>Reportable Subjects</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Theory</b>	<b>Practical</b>
1. Safety and Maintenance Inspections 2	24	9	15
2. Trucks 2	39	39	0
3. Underframes 2	24	15	9
4. Car Bodies 2	39	24	15
5. Welding and Fabrication 3	33	9	24
6. Regulatory Publications 3	9	9	0
7. Brakes 3	39	15	24
8. Coaches 2	33	24	9
Total	240	144	96

Number: 1

Title: **Safety and Maintenance Inspections 2**

Duration: 24 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 15 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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### **1.1 - Safety and Maintenance Inspections 2**

24 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 15 hours

**1.3– Safety and Maintenance Inspections 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5578.04, 5578.06, 5578.07

Duration: 24 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 15 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for performing safety and maintenance inspections.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 1.1.1 Describe outbound #1 air brake test procedures.
- 1.1.2 Describe pre-trip inspection procedures for auto racks.
- 1.1.3 Describe rail car wreck damage inspection procedures.



Learning Content:

## 1.3.1 Describe outbound #1 air brake test procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- describe blue flag procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe the brake systems and piston travel on freight cars
- describe air brake inspection procedures
- describe the SBU testing procedures
- describe defects
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe procedures for repairs and adjustments
- describe recommendations for further inspection, repair, or replacement
- describe reporting requirements
- describe documentation

## 1.3.2 Describe pre-trip inspection procedures for auto racks.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- describe blue flag procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures on interiors, securement devices, stencils, and lubrication
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment
- describe recommendations for further inspection, repair, or replacement
- describe documentation

### 1.3.3 Describe rail car wreck damage inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- describe blue flag procedures
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): checking for bent, broken, and missing components
- describe use of defect cards
- describe recommendations for further inspection, repair, or replacement
- describe reporting requirements
- describe documentation

Number: 2

Title: **Trucks 2**

Duration: 39 Total Hours Theory: 39 hours Practical: 0 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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### **2.1 - Trucks 2**

39 Total Hours

Theory: 39 hours

Practical: 0 hours

**2.1 - Trucks 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5574.06, 5574.07, 5574.08, 5574.09, 5574.10

Duration: 39 Total Hours                      Theory: 39 hours                      Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe rail truck servicing procedures in accordance with government legislation.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

2.1.1 Describe brake beam inspection and overhaul procedures.

2.1.9 Describe servicing procedures for brake shoes.

2.1.10 Describe lever overhaul procedures.

2.1.11 Describe brake rod overhaul procedures.

2.1.12 Describe friction bearings maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 2.1.1 Describe brake beam inspection and overhaul procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- select required gauges, tools, and equipment
- identify brake beam components including (not limited to): heads, guides, tension members, hangers, wear plates, and safeties
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

## 2.1.2 Describe servicing procedures for brake shoes.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe types of brake shoes
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects of brake shoes and associated parts
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe removal and installation procedures
- describe recommendation for replacement
- describe documentation

## 2.1.3 Describe lever overhaul procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe components including (not limited to): pins, bushings, and levers
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe defects including (not limited to): lever angularity, broken, worn, cracked, and bent components
- describe removal and installation procedures
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

#### 2.1.4 Describe brake rod overhaul procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe components
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): broken, bent, cracked, or worn rods
- describe removal and installation procedures
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

#### 2.1.5 Describe friction bearings maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe components including (not limited to): brass, wedges, lubricators, and journal stops
- describe lubrication requirements
- select tools, equipment, and gauges
- describe defects
- describe removal and installation procedures
- describe recommendations for repair or replacement
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 3

Title: **Underframes 2**

Duration: 24 Total Hours Theory: 15 hours Practical: 9 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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### **3.1 - Underframes 2**

24 Total Hours

Theory: 15 hours

Practical: 9 hours

**3.1– Underframes 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5575.04, 5575.05, 5575.06, 5575.07

Duration: 24 Total Hours          Theory: 15 hours          Practical: 9 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing underframes.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 3.1.1 Describe the procedures to refurbish floors or decking.
- 3.1.2 Describe maintenance procedures for superstructures.
- 3.1.3 Describe reconditioning procedures for body bolsters.
- 3.1.4 Describe reconditioning procedures for fixed and sliding centre sills.



Learning Content:

## 3.1.1 Describe the procedures to refurbish floors or decking.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe types of flooring
- describe types of securement devices
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): patching, welding, grinding, fastening, sanding, replacing, and painting
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

## 3.1.2 Describe maintenance procedures for superstructures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe superstructure components including (not limited to): main beams, intermediate beams, floor stringers, and end or side sills
- describe inspection procedures
- describe replacement procedures
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): torches, welding equipment, plasma arc equipment, sledge hammers, grinders, clamps, drills, and measuring or checking equipment
- describe reconditioning procedures including (not limited to): welding, cutting, grinding, fitting, splicing, and straightening
- describe the verification process
- describe documentation

### 3.1.3 Describe reconditioning procedures for body bolsters.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe replacement procedures
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): torches, welding equipment, grinders, painting equipment, riveting machine, and measuring or checking equipment
- describe reconditioning procedures including (not limited to): grinding, welding, splicing, straightening, riveting, heating, and painting
- describe magnetic particle testing procedures
- describe the verification process
- describe documentation

### 3.1.4 Describe reconditioning procedures for fixed and sliding centre sills.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe fixed and sliding centre sill components including (not limited to): centre of car cushioning devices, sill carriers, main members, stiffeners, coupler carriers, casting body springs, casting carrier springs, draft lugs, and striker castings
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipments including (not limited to): torches, welding equipment, grinders, painting equipment, riveting machine, hydraulic equipment, and measuring or checking equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, splicing, grinding, riveting, straightening, fitting, and painting
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number:	4
Title:	<b>Car Bodies 2</b>
Duration:	39 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 15 hours
Prerequisites:	Completion of Level 2
Co-requisites:	N A

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**4.1 - Car Bodies 2**

39 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 15 hours

**4.1– Car Bodies 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5579.04, 5579.05

Duration: 39 Total Hours

Theory: 24 hours

Practical: 15 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing car bodies.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

4.1.14 Describe hopper car maintenance procedures.

4.1.15 Describe tank car maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 4.1.1 Describe hopper car maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage
- describe hopper car components including (not limited to): top hatch covers, gaskets, locks, partitions, hinges, interior dividers, walkways, chutes, bottom gates, gates, locks, top and side chord, sills, pressure hoses, gauges, and end caps
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): power tools, hand tools, welding equipment, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, cutting, straightening, riveting, grinding, and fastening
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

## 4.1.2 Describe tank car maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects including (not limited to): holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage
- describe tank car components including (not limited to): car ends, sides, car valve housing, safety railings, car valves, stub sills, and bottom outlet caps
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): power tools, hand tools, welding equipment, and hoisting or rigging equipment
- describe maintenance procedures including (not limited to): welding, heating, straightening, grinding, and adjusting
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 5

Title: **Welding and Fabrication 3**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 24 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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### **5.1 - Welding and Fabrication 2**

33 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 24 hours

**5.1 – Welding and Fabrication 3**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5571.12

Duration: 33 Total Hours

Theory: 9 hours

Practical: 24 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Use Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) equipment.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

5.1.2 Demonstrate the use of Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) equipment.

Learning Content:

## 5.1.1 Demonstrate the use of Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) equipment.

- interpret applicable safety legislation
- interpret engineering drawings and job documentation
- identify power source, feeders, welding cable assemblies, welding gun, gun liners, gas distributor, gas cup and seals, contact tubes, flow meter, and purging equipment
- determine required equipment
- assess equipment condition
- determine required attachments and tooling
- demonstrate assembly, setting up, and testing of welding equipment
- describe calibration requirements



Number: 6

Title: **Regulatory Publications 3**

Duration: 9 Total Hours Theory: 9 hours Practical: 0 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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**6.1 - Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (M.S.R.P.)**

4 Total Hours Theory: 4 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.2 - Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual**

5 Total Hours Theory: 5 hours Practical: 0 hours

**6.1 – Manual of Standards and Recommended Practices (M.S.R.P.)**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:Duration: 4 Total Hours

Theory: 4 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Interpret regularly adopted specifications, standards, and recommended practices of the Association of American Railroads Mechanical Section.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

6.1.11 Interpret Section D.

6.1.12 Interpret Sections G and H.

6.1.13 Interpret Section C.

6.1.14 Interpret Section E.

6.1.15 Interpret Section B.

Learning Content:

## 6.2.5 Interpret section D.

- identify regulations relating to Trucks and Truck Details
- identify regulations relating to Codes for Designating Design Features for Sideframes and Truck Bolsters

## 6.2.6 Interpret sections G and H.

- identify regulations relating to Wheels and Axles
- identify regulations relating to Roller Bearings

## 6.2.7 Interpret sections C.

- identify regulations relating to Car Construction

## 6.2.8 Interpret section E.

- identify regulations relating to Brakes.

## 6.1.5 Interpret section B.

- identify regulations relating to Couplers

**6.2 – Association of American Railroads (AAR) Field Manual**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:Duration: 5 Total Hours

Theory: 5 hours

Practical: 0 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Navigate the AAR Field Manual and interpret specified regulations.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 6.2.1 Interpret selected regulations related to Care and Repair of Freight Cars.
- 6.2.2 Interpret selected regulations related to Interchange of Freight Cars.
- 6.2.3 Interpret selected regulations related to Brakes.
- 6.2.4 Interpret selected regulations related to Welding of Tank Car Tanks.

Learning Content:

- 6.2.1 Interpret selected regulations related to Care and Repair of Freight Cars.
- 6.2.2 Interpret selected regulations related to Interchange of Freight Cars.
- 6.2.3 Interpret selected regulations related to Brakes.
- 6.2.4 Interpret selected regulations related to Welding of Tank Car Tanks.

Number: 7

Title: **Brakes 3**

Duration: 39 Total Hours Theory: 15 hours Practical: 24 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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### **7.1 - Brakes 3**

39 Total Hours

Theory: 15 hours

Practical: 24 hours

**7.1 – Brakes 3**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5576.05, 5576.06, 5576.07

Duration: 39 Total Hours

Theory: 15 hours

Practical: 24 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing brakes.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 7.1.1 Describe slack adjuster maintenance procedures.
- 7.1.2 Describe reservoir tank maintenance procedures.
- 7.1.3 Describe hand brake maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 7.1.1 Describe slack adjuster maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe single-car test procedures
- describe defective or out-of-adjustment slack adjusters
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): single-car test device, wrenches, sockets, hammer, pliers, and screwdrivers
- describe adjustment, repair, and replacement procedures
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

## 7.1.2 Describe reservoir tank maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe types of reservoir tanks
- describe single-car test procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): single-car test device, ratchet, drift, impact devices, pneumatic tools, air guns, and fasteners
- describe component replacement techniques
- describe verification process
- describe documentation



### 7.1.3 Describe hand brake maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documentation
- describe types of hand brakes
- describe components of hand brakes
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): torches, wrenches, pliers, and sockets
- describe repair or replacement procedures
- describe verification procedures
- describe documentation

Number: 8

Title: **Coaches 2**

Duration: 33 Total Hours Theory: 24 hours Practical: 9 hours

Prerequisites: Completion of Level 2

Co-requisites: N A

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### **8.1 - Coaches 2**

33 Total Hours

Theory: 24 hours

Practical: 9 hours

**8.1 – Coaches 2**Cross-Reference to Learning Outcomes:

5580.09, 5580.11, 5580.12, 5580.13, 5580.14, 5580.15

Duration: 33 Total Hours          Theory: 24 hours          Practical: 9 hours

General Learning Outcome:

Identify and describe procedures for servicing coaches.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion, the apprentice is able to:

- 8.1.1 Describe maintenance of kitchen and bathroom equipment and accessories.
- 8.1.2 Describe emergency equipment maintenance procedures.
- 8.1.3 Describe electrical component securement procedures.
- 8.1.4 Describe plumbing fixtures and appliances inspection procedures.
- 8.1.5 Describe coach brake system maintenance procedures.
- 8.1.6 Describe roller bearing maintenance procedures.

Learning Content:

## 8.1.1 Describe maintenance of kitchen and bathroom equipment and accessories.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe kitchen and bathroom components including (not limited to):  
securements, griddles, range hoods, fire suppression systems, fridges,  
freezers, small appliances, microwave ovens, dish racks, cash  
registers, dispensers, rails, waste receptacles, and mirrors
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): electric power  
tools and hand tools
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

## 8.1.2 Describe emergency equipment maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe emergency equipment components including (not limited to):  
window units, release hardware, axes, saws, sledge hammers, fire  
extinguishers, pry bars, first aid kits, stretchers, and trauma kits
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): electric power  
tools and hand tools
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.3 Describe electrical component securement procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe electrical components including (not limited to): heaters, lighting, fans, evaporators, blowers, speakers, amplifiers, players, tuners, disc players, television, and audio equipment
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): electric power tools and hand tools
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

### 8.1.4 Describe plumbing fixtures and appliances inspection procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe components including (not limited to): hot water and water storage tanks, exchangers, waste piping, piping, taps, faucets, plugs, bowls, stands, shower stalls, brackets, curtains and rods, toilet seats, lids, drip pans, flush mechanism, shrouds, diaphragms, and holding tanks
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): required hand or power tools
- select fasteners
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

#### 8.1.5 Describe coach brake system maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe coach brake system components including (not limited to): service and emergency portions, pressure relief valves, reservoir relief valves, pipe brackets and manifolds, strainers, housings, piston return assemblies, seals, gaskets, lubricants, brake cylinders, and pneumatic slack adjusters
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): required hand or power tools, and air brake testing equipment
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

#### 8.1.6 Describe roller bearing maintenance procedures.

- identify applicable safety legislation
- interpret applicable job documents
- describe roller bearing components including (not limited to): caps, cups, cone assemblies, spacers, seal wear rings, seals, backing rings, adaptors, and lubricators
- describe inspection procedures
- describe defects
- select tools and equipment including (not limited to): hand or power tools, hydraulic press, dial indicators, grease slingers, gauges, and torque wrench
- describe maintenance procedures
- describe verification process
- describe documentation

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**Apprenticeship  
Training Standard  
Schedule of Training**

**RAILWAY CAR  
TECHNICIAN**

Trade Code: 268R



## **Schedule of Training**

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**PREFACE**

This Schedule of Training was developed by the Workplace Training Branch of the Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities (MTCU), in partnership with the Industry Advisory Committee and in consultation with representatives from the industry. This document is intended to be used by apprentice, supervisor/trainer and sponsor/employer as a "blueprint" for training and as a prerequisite for completion and certification.

This training document becomes the apprentice's only record of workplace training performance.

Supervisor/trainer and apprentice are required to sign off and date the skills following each successful acquisition, unless a skill is marked shaded (optional).

**The care and maintenance of this training document are the joint responsibility of the apprentice and the sponsor/employer. By signing off the skill, the supervisor/trainer and the apprentice are indicating that the apprentice has demonstrated competence of the skill. This training standard has been developed specifically for documenting the apprentices acquisition of skills of the trade.**

## **DEFINITIONS**

### **ACA**

Apprenticeship and Certification Act, 1998

### **Certificate of Apprenticeship (CofA)**

Certification issued to individuals who have demonstrated that they have completed an apprenticeship in Ontario.

### **Certificate of Qualification (CofQ)**

Certification issued to C of Q applicants who have achieved a passing grade on the certification exam for their trade.

### **Competence**

The ability of an individual to perform a skill repeatedly and without assistance in the workplace to the standard set out in the Training Standard or Schedule of Training.

### **Competency Analysis Profile**

**A document that identifies the training needs of an individual trade and details the skills/skill sets that must be demonstrated.**

### **Industry Committee (IC) - under the ACA and Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) under the TQAA**

Under the ACA and TQAA, the Minister may appoint a provincial committee in any trade or group of trades to advise the Minister in matters relating to the establishment and operation of apprenticeship training programs and trades qualifications.

### **Journeyman or Equivalent**

A person who has acquired the knowledge and skills in a trade, occupation or craft as attested to by a provincial or territorial authority.

### **Mandatory**

Status assigned to unshaded individual skills, skill sets or general performance objective which must be signed off for the apprentice to complete their program.

### **Optional**

**Status assigned to shaded individual skills, skills sets or general performance objective for which sign-off is not required for the apprentice to complete the program.**

### **Schedule of Training**

**An apprenticeship training standard which includes the on-the-job performance objectives and off-the-job learning outcomes**

**Sign-off**

Signature of the sponsor/employer of record or an individual, to whom that sponsor or employer has delegated signing authority, indicating an apprentice's achievement of competence.

**Skill**

Individual skill described in the Training Standard (note: does not mean the larger skill groups referred to in the Training Standard as Skill Sets, Training Units, or General Performance Objective, but the individual skills that make up those groups).

**Skill Sets**

Group of individual skills found in the Training Standard (may also be called Training Unit or General Performance Objective)

**Skill Set Completion Form (and Learning Outcome Completion Form)**

Lists all skill sets and includes space for sign-off by sponsor/employer of record.

**Sponsor/Employer**

Means a person that has entered into a registered training agreement under which the person is required to ensure that an individual is provided with workplace-based training in a trade, other occupation or skill set as part of an apprenticeship program approved by the Director.

**Sponsor/Employer of Record**

Refers to the sponsor or employer documented as the signatory to the current training agreement or contract. In order for an sponsor/employer to be considered for the training of apprentices, they must identify that the workplace has qualified journeypersons or equivalent on site and can identify that the workplace has the tools, equipment, materials, and processes which have been identified by Provincial Advisory Committees (PACs) or Industry Committees (ICs) to be required for the trade.

**Supervisor**

An individual who oversees the execution of a task, oversees the actions or work of others.

**Trainer**

A qualified trainer in a compulsory trade is a journeyperson with a Certificate of Qualification or in a voluntary trade is an individual who is considered equivalent to a journeyperson with a Certificate of Qualification.

**TQAA**

Trades Qualification and Apprenticeship Act.

**Training Standard**

A document that has been written in concise statements, which describe how well an apprentice must perform each skill in order to become competent. In using the document,

trainers will be able to ensure that the apprentice is developing skills detailed for the occupation.

**IMPORTANT DIRECTIONS**

**Apprentice**

1. All complete skills or skill sets must be signed and dated by both the apprentice and sponsor/employer when either all terms of the contract have been completed or the apprentice leaves the employ of the employer.

It is the responsibility of the apprentice to inform the local Apprenticeship Client Services Office regarding the following changes:

- § change of sponsor/employer address;
- § change of apprentice name or address;
- § transfer to a new sponsor/employer.

The Skill Set Completion Form and Learning Outcome Completion Form must be completed and signed by the current sponsor/employer and presented to the local Apprenticeship Client Services Office at the fulfillment of all terms of a Training Agreement.

The apprentice completion form with the Completed and Authorized Schedule of Training must be presented to the local Apprenticeship Client Services Unit.

**Sponsors/Employers and Supervisors/Trainers**

The Schedule of Training identifies skills and supporting learning outcomes required for this trade/occupation and its related training program.

This Schedule of Training has been written in concise statements which describe how an apprentice must perform each skill/outcome in order to become competent. Competence means being able to perform the task to the required standard.

In using this training standard, supervisors/trainers will be able to ensure that the apprentice is developing the skills detailed for the trade/occupation.

Supervisors/Trainers and apprentices are required to sign off and date the skills following each successful acquisition.

Sponsors/Employers participating in this training program will be designated as the Signing Authority and are required to attest to successful achievement by signing the appropriate box included at the end of each skill set.

**NOTICE/DECLARATION FOR COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. This information is collected under the authority of the *Apprenticeship and Certification Act, 1998*.
2. The information is collected for the purpose of administering this apprenticeship training program within the Province of Ontario.
3. Questions regarding collection and use of this information may be directed to:

Director  
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities  
Workplace Training Branch  
Program Development and Standards Unit  
17<sup>th</sup> Floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2  
(416) 326-5605



**ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF APPRENTICE, SPONSOR/EMPLOYER  
AND SUPERVISOR/TRAINER**

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**Apprentice “Apprenticeship is Learning On-the-job”**

- \$ Practice safe work habits.
- \$ Use your apprenticeship training standard as a journal to keep track of which skills you have achieved.
- \$ Talk over your training plan with your Training Consultant, Employer, Union, or Sponsor.
- \$ Know what tools are required for your trade and how to use them.
- \$ Ask questions and keep asking.
- \$ Talk to your employer about your training needs.
- \$ Demonstrate enthusiasm and good work habits.
- \$ Ensure that you and your supervisor/trainer sign off skill/skill sets upon demonstration of competency.

**Sponsor/Employer “Training is an Investment”**

- \$ Demonstrate safe work habits.
- \$ Attest to successful achievement by signing the skill/skills sets.
- \$ Provide opportunities and time for the apprentice to learn the trade.
- \$ Offer practical trade training experiences that cover all of the skill sets.
- \$ Foster work ethics that support training while minimizing productivity losses.
- \$ Set out clear expectations, then recognize or reward performance excellence.
- \$ Involve both the apprentice and supervisor/trainer in developing the training plan.
- \$ Use the Training Standard as a monitoring tool and part of regular performance evaluations.
- \$ Select supervisors/trainers with good communication skills and who work well with others.
- \$ Encourage supervisors/trainers to take upgrading courses - (e.g. Train the Trainer, Mentor Coach, etc).
- \$ Complete the Skill Set Completion Form once the apprentice has demonstrated competency in the training.
- \$ Ensure that the apprentice always works under the direction of or has access to a qualified supervisor/trainer.
- \$ Vary the apprentice’s exposure to all the skills set out in the training standard.

**Supervisor/Trainer**

- \$ Demonstrate safe work habits.
- \$ Treat apprentices fairly and with respect.
- \$ Use the Training Standard as a guide to evaluating competence in each skill area. In using the Training Standard, supervisors/trainers will be able to ensure that the apprentice is developing skills detailed for the trade/occupation.
- \$ Review the Training Standard with the apprentice and develop a training plan.
- \$ Respond fully to all questions.
- \$ Be patient. Explain what is to be done then, show how it is done, and then let the apprentice demonstrate the task.
- \$ Provide continuous feedback.
- \$ Sign off individual skills/skill sets once the apprentice demonstrates competence in the skill.

Suggestions for Assessing the Progress of the Apprentice in the Workplace

- \$ Use informal daily observation.
- \$ Provide constructive feedback to build confidence.
- \$ Allow the supervisor/trainer time to teach and demonstrate the skills.
- \$ Take prompt action wherever problems occur.
- \$ Conduct regular performance reviews involving the apprentice, supervisor/trainer and sponsor/employer.
- \$ Use the Training Standard as the reference for establishing the competency of the apprentice.

**SKILL SET COMPLETION FORM**

<b>SKILLS SETS</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>SIGNING AUTHORITY</b>
5570.0	Protect self and others	
5571.0	Prepare for job	
5572.0	Perform benchwork	
5573.0	Perform material handling procedures	
5574.0	Service rail trucks	
5575.0	Service underframes	
5576.0	Service brakes	
5577.0	Service car safety appliances	
5578.0	Perform safety and maintenance inspections	
5579.0	Service car bodies	
5580.0	Service coaches (This is an optional skill track)	

**NOTE ON SHADED PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES AND SKILLS:**

- § Shaded performance objectives and skill sets are optional. The shaded skills do not have to be demonstrated or signed-off for completion of the on-the-job component of the apprenticeship
- § The learning outcomes will cover all of the skill sets, both shaded and unshaded.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES COMPLETION FORM**

<b>Date of Completion</b>	<b>Organization Name(s)</b>	<b>SIGNING AUTHORITY</b>

**APPRENTICE COMPLETION FORM**

APPRENTICE NAME	
Print	
Signature	
Social Insurance Number	

Skill Sets and Learning Outcomes when completed should be signed by the Supervisor/Trainer and presented with this completion form to your local Apprenticeship Client Services Office. Any supporting documentation should also be attached.

In-school Completed

Yes ( )

No ( )

Not  
applica  
ble ( )

(Proof to be Provided)

Hours completed as  
Per Contract:

Yes ( )

No ( )

Not  
applica  
ble

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<b>SPONSOR/EMPLOYER INFORMATION</b>
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**RAILWAY CAR TECHNICIAN – 268R**

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Name	
Address	
Telephone	
E-mail Address	
Signature of Signing Authority	

**A. DESCRIPTION/DUTIES**

A **Railway Car Technician** inspects, repairs, replaces and reconditions mechanical or structural components and systems of freight cars and passenger coaches.

These individuals must have a mechanical aptitude and hands on skills and be able to use many different types of power, pneumatic, and hydraulic tools or equipment. These individuals work for railway companies or rail car repair facilities.

A **TRADE NAME** demonstrates knowledge of:

- Safety Legislations
- American Association of Railways regulations
- Applicable Acts, Codes, Legislation and Regulation

**BENCHMARK/GUIDELINE TOTAL TRAINING  
TIMEFRAMES: (ON-THE-JOB AND OFF-THE-JOB):**

**8,000 hours**

Includes 720 hours of in-school training.

**B. ON-THE-JOB PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES**

**5570.0 PROTECT SELF AND OTHERS**

**5570.01 Identify health and safety hazards in the workplace**, so that the potential for personal injury, damage to equipment or the environment is prevented, and corrective action is taken as defined in Safety Legislation, American Association of Railways (AAR) regulations, or company standards/procedures, and that all hazards are reported.

Date Completed Supervisor/Trainer	Apprentice

**5570.02 Wear, adjust, and maintain personal protective equipment** including eye, ear, hand, and foot protectors, to ensure correct fit and optimum protection for the wearer and the task being performed, in compliance with company standards/procedures, AAR regulations, and Safety Legislation.

Date Completed Supervisor/Trainer	Apprentice

**5570.03 Wear, adjust, and maintain respiratory protectors** to ensure correct fit and optimum protection in compliance with company standards/procedures, AAR regulations, and Safety Legislation.

Date Completed Supervisor/Trainer	Apprentice

**5570.04 Practise safe work habits** by staying outside guards and barricades, wearing required clothing (not loose or torn), confining long hair, and removing jewellery in accordance with company standards/procedures, AAR regulations, and Safety Legislation.

Date Completed Supervisor/Trainer	Apprentice









Date Completed  
Supervisor/Trainer

Apprentice



5570.0

**PROTECT SELF AND OTHERS**

5570.16

**Observe blue flag procedures** by placing blue flags on each end of a string of `cars or at each end of the track, to indicate that workers are working under or in vicinity of the rail cars, ensuring that only approved personnel can remove the blue flags, and that the switch crews are made aware of the presence of blue flags, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, and company standards/procedures.

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Date Completed                      Apprentice  
Supervisor/Trainer

**Sponsor's/Employer's Name                      Sponsor's/Employer's Signature**

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**5571.0      PREPARE FOR JOB**

**5571.01      **Read and interpret engineering drawings**** including schematics, blueprints, sketches, or assembly drawings to identify: required drawings, overall shape, size, orientation, view, symbols, assembly and disassembly sequences, machining requirements, number of components, workpiece material, measurements, dimensions, and any other information required to plan and prepare for the job.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.02      **Perform metric and imperial calculations**** to determine tolerances, dimensions, angles, linear measurements, lever ratios, size of pipes and fittings, gauging limits, condemning limits, radius, circumference, volumes, weights, and areas, so that all required measurements and parameters are correctly determined to complete the job, in accordance with job specifications and engineering drawings.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.03      **Prepare measuring and checking devices**** including (not limited to) micrometers, callipers, wheel gauges, coupler gauges, vernier callipers, magnetic particle tester, dial indicator, truck gauges, air pressure gauges, bubble flowrator, depth or height gauges, restoration gauges, levels, explosive safety meters, air quality meters, thickness meters, straight edge, tapes, steel rules, and plumb bob, by reading and interpreting job specifications, calibrating, cleaning, and setting up devices, ensuring that measuring and checking devices are cleaned, calibrated and ready for use, and that devices selected are capable of measuring to obtain the required tolerances and dimensions, in accordance with the engineering drawings, job specifications, process layouts, and AAR regulations.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.0                                    PREPARE FOR JOB**

**5571.04                    Verify workpiece material** for correct size and type by checking material specifications, colour codes, numerical codes, stamps, lettering, and quality assurance tags, to ensure that workpiece selected conforms to engineering drawings, job specifications, and AAR regulations.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.05                    Read and interpret reference documentation** including (not limited to) manufacturers’ manuals, parts bulletins, service or preventative maintenance manuals, technical bulletins, fact sheets, and AAR manuals to identify: assembly and disassembly sequences, workpiece material, type of cutting fluids/lubricants, modifications to specifications, specialty tools, maintenance procedures and schedules, replacements parts, and any other information needed to complete the job.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.06                    Read and interpret work orders** including (not limited to) billing repair cards, wheel reporting cards, inspection records, and dangerous goods documentation, to verify work requirements and to determine work procedures or schedules, so that job can be completed, in accordance with AAR regulations, company standards/policies and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.07                    Identify and select hand tools** including (not limited to) hammers, wrenches, sockets, ratchets, chisels, drifts, punches, pinch bars, screwdrivers, files, saws, pliers, pipe wrenches, and steel banding tools, by using information in engineering drawings and job specifications, to ensure that the hand tools selected are the correct size and type for the

application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation and company standards/policies.

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Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	



**5571.0**                      **PREPARE FOR JOB**

**5571.08**            **Identify and select power tools** including (not limited to) grinders, drills, die grinders, sanders, and saws by using information from engineering drawings and work process documentation, to ensure that the power tool selected is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation and company standards/policies.

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Date Completed                      Apprentice  
Supervisor/Trainer

**5571.09**            **Identify and select pneumatic tools** including (not limited to) jacks, grinders, drills, impact guns, reamers, drifts, punches, and rams, by using information from engineering drawings and work process documentation, to ensure that the pneumatic tool selected is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation and company standards/policies.

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Date Completed                      Apprentice  
Supervisor/Trainer

**5571.10**            **Identify and select hydraulic tools** including (not limited to) jacks, rams, stationary or portable tools, presses, wrecking equipment, and riveting guns, by using information from engineering drawings and work process documentation, to ensure that the hydraulic tool selected is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation and company standards/policies.

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Date Completed                      Apprentice  
Supervisor/Trainer

**5571.11**            **Select and prepare Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) equipment** by selecting power source, welding cable assemblies, electrode holder, electrode type and size, tools, and personal protective equipment, and by assembling, setting up, and testing welding equipment, ensuring that the SMAW welding process and equipment is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance

with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, engineering drawings, job specifications and company standards/policies.

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Date Completed                      Apprentice  
Supervisor/Trainer

**5571.0                                      PREPARE FOR JOB**

**5571.12                      **Select and prepare Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) equipment**** by selecting the power source, wire feeder, welding cable assemblies, welding gun, gun liners, gas distributor, gas cup and seals, contact tubes, flow meter, purging equipment, tools, and personal protective equipment, and by assembling, setting up, and testing welding equipment, ensuring that the GMAW welding process and equipment is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation, engineering drawings, job specifications, AAR regulations, and company standards/policies.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.13                      **Select and prepare oxy-fuel and plasma-arc cutting equipment**** by selecting the power source, gases, gas distributors, tips, pressures, cable assemblies, plasma gun liners, tools, and personal protective equipment, and by assembling, setting up, and testing equipment, ensuring that the cutting process and equipment is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation, engineering drawings, job specifications, AAR regulations, and company standards/policies.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.14                      **Select and prepare gas-fuelled equipment**** including (not limited to) portable welding equipment, jacks, compressors, generators, and personal protective equipment, by refuelling, cleaning, calibrating, and setting up, ensuring that the gas-fuelled equipment is the correct one for the application, ready for use, and available to perform the job, in accordance with Safety Legislation, engineering drawings, job specifications, AAR regulations, and company standards/policies.

Date Completed	Apprentice
Supervisor/Trainer	

**5571.0      PREPARE FOR JOB**

**5571.15      Identify and select fasteners** including (not limited to) nuts, bolts, riveting guns, screws, pins, clips, cotter keys, and lock washers, ensuring that the fasteners are the appropriate size, thread type, and grade, in accordance with Safety Legislation, engineering drawings, job.

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**5572.0      PERFORM BENCHWORK**

**5572.01**      **Chisel workpiece** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; selecting required tools; inspecting tools for defects such as burrs or mushroom head; dressing the chisel; wearing personal protective equipment; and, documenting the job; so that the workpiece is chiselled in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5572.02**      **Grind workpiece** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; using hand grinders, pedestal grinders, or air grinders; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the workpiece is ground to required shape, dimensions, and finish, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5572.03**      **Paint workpiece** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; using brushes, spray gun, paint, or rollers; preparing the workpiece by surface blasting, masking, sanding, or washing; wearing required personal protective equipment; disposing and storing paint and equipment; cleaning equipment and work area; and, documenting the job; so that the workpiece is painted in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5572.04** **Drill or ream holes** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; verifying the workpiece material; using drill presses or hand drills; laying out workpiece using centre punch, scribe, chalk, and measuring tools; finishing workpiece by grinding, chamfering, or chiseling; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the holes are drilled or reamed to required size, tolerance, fit, dimension, and finish in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5572.05** **Cut internal (ID) and external (OD) threads** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; verifying the workpiece material; using dies, hand or power threaders, gauges, taps, and drills; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the threads are cut to the required type, depth, and size, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5572.06** **Cut workpiece** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; verifying the workpiece material; using pedestal grinders, hand grinders, band saw, hand saw, cut-off saw, reciprocating saw, and cutting torches; wearing personal protective equipment; finishing cut edges by grinding, chamfering, or chiseling; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the workpiece is cut to the required shape, size, angles, and dimensions, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**PERFORM BENCHMARK**

**5572.07**

**Fasten workpiece** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; using required tools including (not limited to) renches, power tools, torque wrenches, sockets, lubricants, oils, Locktight™, Teflon™, oxy-fuel and welding equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; using the required grade and size of fasteners; torquing; tacking; chiseling; heating; peening; chisel-checking the bolt; painting the workpiece area; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the workpiece is fastened and secure, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**PERFORM MATERIAL HANDLING PROCEDURES**

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**Position and attach rigging** by following required procedures including (not limited to): placing or attaching the rigging to the load; dismantling or storing the rigging equipment after use; and, documenting the job; so that the correct rigging for the weight, balance, and size of the job is used to secure, lift, or move the workpiece, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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5573.04

**Inspect and prepare hoisting and lifting equipment** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting pre-lift plan and prepared calculations; selecting required equipment including (not limited to) forklift, jib-crane, portable boom crane, overhead hoist, and other lifting equipment; performing pre-operational circle-check for defective cables and chains including damaged links and frayed cables, and any other visual damage; tagging and isolating defective equipment; making recommendations for further repair and action; and, documenting the job; so that the hoisting and lifting equipment selected are the corrects ones for the weight, balance, and size of the job in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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5573.05

**Identify and prepare work site** by following required procedures including (not limited to): clearing job-site area; measuring and calculating the parameters of the site area to ensure that adequate load set-down space is available; checking that load travel pathway is clear of overhanging interference and all obstructions; and, that all personnel are clear of the load travel pathway; in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5573.0**

**PERFORM MATERIAL HANDLING PROCEDURES**

**5573.08**

**Set down load** by following required procedures including (not limited to): checking that work or job site is clear of all equipment and personnel; checking that all supports are correctly placed and aligned; controlling lowering speed; checking for adequate spacing by stopping the descent before setting down the load; and, sounding the alarm confirming “all clear for set down”; so that materials are correctly placed, balanced, aligned, and secure, and that no damage is caused to workpiece or material handling equipment, or injury to personnel; in accordance with Safety Legislation, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5573.09**

**Shut down and store material handling equipment** by unhooking all rigging equipment and returning all lifting equipment to storage positions, and making recommendations for further repair and action, so that the material handling equipment is ready for the next lifting job, in accordance with Safety Legislation, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**PERFORM MATERIAL HANDLING PROCEDURES**

**5573.10**

**Work on scaffolds, lift platforms, and ladders** by following required procedures including (not limited to): performing visual pre-use inspection; erecting equipment on firm footings; selecting and utilizing a fall protection system; wearing appropriate fall protection and personal protection equipment; disassembling scaffolds; and, storing personnel lifting equipment, ensuring that equipment selected is appropriate for the task, in accordance with Safety Legislation, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5574.0      SERVICE RAIL TRUCKS**

**5574.01**      **Inspect wheels** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; identifying defects in wheels, axles and roller bearings; using required equipment including (not limited to) simplified wheel gauges, steel wheel gauges, combination gauges, tread-worn hollow gauges, and back-to-back gauges; wearing personal protective equipment; making recommendations for further repairs or replacements; and, by documenting the job; ensuring that the inspections are carried out, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5574.02**      **Inspect roller bearings** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; checking for overheated bearings; checking end caps, backing rings, and cups; checking for loose, cracked, broken, or missing parts; checking for defective seals; checking for derailment damage; using temperature indicating crayons or other temperature measuring devices; wearing personal protective equipment; making recommendations for further repairs or replacements; and, documenting the job; ensuring that the inspections are carried out in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE RAIL TRUCKS**

5574.03

**Maintain bolsters** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; performing magnetic particle inspection; checking gibs, wear plates, centre plate rings, sizes, centre pins, side bearings and cages; using gauging devices; wearing personal protective equipment; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts; making required adjustments; verifying the maintenance work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the jobs; ensuring that the maintenance is carried out in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Maintain suspensions** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; checking coil springs, friction blocks, truck side bearings, elliptical springs, shock absorbers, air spring bellows, load levelers, load snubbers, spring planks, equalizers, hangers, torsion bars and safeties; using gauges; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts; making required adjustments; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; ensuring that the maintenance is carried out, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE RAIL TRUCKS**

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**Maintain side frames** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; checking side frames, column wear plates, column widths, thrust lug spacing and centring, pedestal roofs, and pairing buttons; checking for visible cracking indicators and deformations; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts; using required tools and equipment; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; ensuring that the maintenance is carried out, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR REGULATIONS, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Overhaul brake beams** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; checking heads, guides, tension members, hangers, wear plates, and safeties; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts; using required gauges, tools, and equipment; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; ensuring that the overhaul is carried out, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE RAIL TRUCKS**

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**Overhaul rods** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications and badge plates; performing visual and manual inspections; checking dimensions of rods; checking for broken, bent, cracked, or worn rods; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts; wearing personal protective equipment; making recommendations for further repair or replacement; using gauges, tape measure, and speciality tools; verifying the overhaul work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; ensuring that the overhaul is carried out, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Maintain friction bearings** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications and badge plates; performing visual and manual inspections; checking brasses, wedges, lubricators, journal stops, and lubricants; removing or replacing bearings; making recommendations for further repair or replacement; using gauges and required tools; wearing personal protective equipment; verifying the maintenance work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; ensuring that the maintenance is carried out, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5575.0            SERVICE UNDERFRAMES**

**5575.01**            **Maintain coupling devices** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting throwers, locking blocks and lifters, coupler bodies, knuckles, knuckle pins, top or bottom uncoupling levers, cross-key retainers, coupler wear plates, and shank wear plates; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts by welding, grinding, heating, and straightening; using wrenches, gauges, and required equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; verifying the maintenance work; and, documenting the job; so that the coupling devices are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5575.02**            **Maintain articulated connectors** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting connecting pins, locking wedges, spherical balls, spherical ball liners, shackle connectors, male and female inter-connecting castings, retaining bolts and pins, cross-keys, carrier wear plates, and shank wear plates; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts by welding, grinding, heating, and press fitting with hydraulic devices; using wrenches, gauges, and required equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; verifying the maintenance work; and, documenting the job; so that the coupling devices are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR REGULATIONS, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE UNDERFRAMES**

5575.03

**Maintain end of car draft systems** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting yokes, draft gears, followers, follower blocks, carriers, gas units, and draft stops; replacing, repairing, or rebuilding defective components or parts; by welding, grinding, heating, and straightening; recharging or replacing gas units; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) welding machine, cutting torch, table lift, hydraulic ram, and plasma arc; wearing personal protective equipment; verifying the maintenance work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the car draft systems are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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5575.04

**Refurbish floors or decking** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting flooring or decking; repairing by patching, welding, grinding, and fastening; replacing defective components; sanding or painting; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) measuring tapes, power tools, grinders, drills, sanders, welding equipment, and painting equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; verifying the refurbishing work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the car floor or decking is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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5575.05

**Maintain superstructure** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting main beams, intermediate beams, floor stringers, and end or side sills; replacing defective components; repairing by welding, cutting, grinding, fitting, splicing, and straightening; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) torches, welding equipment, plasma arc equipment, sledge hammers, grinders, clamps, drills, and measuring or checking equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; verifying the maintenance work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the car superstructure is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Recondition body bolsters** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting body bolsters and components; replacing defective components; repairing by grinding, welding, splicing, straightening, riveting, heating, and painting; performing magnetic particle tests; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) torches, welding equipment, grinders, paint equipment, riveting machine, and measuring or checking equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; verifying the reconditioning work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the body bolsters are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislation, and Codes.

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**SERVICE UNDERFRAMES**

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**Recondition centre sills** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; inspecting main members, stiffeners, coupler carriers, return springs, carrier springs, draft lugs, and striker castings; replacing or repairing defective components or parts by welding, splicing, grinding, riveting, straightening, fitting, and painting; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) torches, welding equipment, grinders, paint equipment, riveting machine, hydraulic equipment, and measuring or checking equipment; wearing personal protective equipment; verifying the reconditioned work; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the centre sills are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE BRAKES**

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**Maintain flexible hoses, train line hoses, and piping** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing a single-car test to determine leakage; checking train line for deteriorated hoses, outdated hoses, and clearances; replacing the defective components; repairing by welding, straightening, fastening, and tightening; verifying the replacement parts and maintenance work; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) single-car test device, torches, wrenches, grinders, welding equipment, bar, hammer, and fasteners; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the hoses and piping are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Maintain brake cylinder units** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing a single-car test to determine defective or out-of-adjustment brake cylinder units; selecting replacement parts; replacing the defective components; tightening the fasteners; tagging cylinders for further repair or overhaul; verifying the replacements; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) single-car test device, wrenches, fasteners, and clamps; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the brake cylinder units are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE BRAKES**

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**Maintain slack adjuster** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing a single-car test or a slack-adjuster test to determine defective or out-of-adjustment slack adjusters; selecting replacement parts; replacing and adjusting defective components; repairing by straightening, adjusting, and welding; verifying the replacements and adjustments; tagging defective slack adjusters for further repair; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) single-car test device, wrenches, sockets, hammer, pliers, and screwdrivers; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the slack adjuster is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Maintain reservoir tank** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing a single-car test on the tank; removing and replacing defective components; verifying the quality of the replacements; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) single-car test device, ratchet, drift, pneumatic tools, air guns, and fasteners; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the reservoir tank is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE BRAKES**

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**Maintain hand brakes** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections to identify worn or broken parts; replacing the defective hand brake; lubricating the hand brake; tagging defective brakes for further repair or rebuild; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) torches, wrenches, pliers, and sockets; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the hand brakes are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5577.0      SERVICE CAR SAFETY APPLIANCES**

**5577.01**      **Maintain hand rails and grabs** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; selecting replacement parts; replacing defective components; repairing by heating, straightening, riveting, fastening, and peening; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) gauges, measuring devices, torches, hammers, riveting guns, fasteners, and chisels; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the hand rails and grabs are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5577.02**      **Maintain ladders** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of rungs, brackets, and stiles; replacing defective parts; repairing by heating, splicing, straightening, riveting, fastening, and peening; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) measuring devices, torches, hammers, riveting guns, fasteners, sockets, ratchet, and pinch bars; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the ladders are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**SERVICE CAR SAFETY APPLIANCES**

**5577.03**

**Maintain platforms** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of decks, frames, and brackets; replacing defective parts; repairing by heating, straightening, fastening, riveting, welding, and peening; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) measuring devices, torches, hammers, riveting guns, fasteners, sockets, welding equipment, and ratchets; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the platforms are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR equipment, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5577.04**

**Maintain sill steps** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of support brackets, steps, and treads; replacing defective components; repairing by heating, riveting, straightening, fastening, peening, and painting; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) measuring devices, torches, hammers, riveting guns, fasteners, and paint equipment; verifying the maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the sill steps are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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5578.0

**PERFORM SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS**

5578.03

**Conduct a dangerous commodity inspection** by following required procedures including (not limited to): checking that track is secured by blue flag procedures; reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; using required checking and inspection devices; checking and verifying the type, quantity, and the placement of placards; checking safety valve and qualification dates; checking for leaks; making recommendations for further inspection and actions; verifying the inspection; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the dangerous commodity inspection is completed, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**Conduct outbound #1 air brake test** by following required procedures including (not limited to): checking that track is secured by blue flag procedures; reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; using verified testing devices; checking the air line coupling, train line continuity, brake application and release, leakage, and gaskets; checking piston travel, retainer valve, air-to-set brakes, and that all brake shoes are against the wheel; performing required repairs; making adjustments; making recommendations for further inspection and actions; verifying the air brake test; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; reporting the cut-outs; and, documenting the job; so that the outbound #1 air brake test is completed, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5578.0**

**PERFORM SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS**

**5578.07**

**Inspect rail car for wreck damage** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections; checking for bent, broken, or missing components; checking the date and location of the defect cards; making recommendations for further inspection and actions; wearing personal protective equipment; reporting the level and type of the damage; and, documenting the job; so that the inspection is completed and car is safe to move, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5579.0      SERVICE CAR BODIES**

**5579.01**      **Maintain box cars** following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of car ends, sides, roofs, and doors; checking for defects including (not limited to) holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage; checking doors for binding, safety hangers, flush-to-frame, and lubrication; replacing defective components; repairing by welding, heating, straightening, grinding, and adjusting; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) power tools, hand tools, welding equipment, and hoisting or rigging equipment; verifying the maintenance job; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the box car structure is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5579.02**      **Maintain flat cars** following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of car ends, sides, decking, roofs, and doors; checking for defects including (not limited to) holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage; repairing or replacing defective components on multi-level flats cars including (not limited to) end doors, wheel chocks, chains, ratchets, rusty areas, side sheeting, and roof; repairing defective components on bulkhead flat cars; repairing defective components on piggy flat-back cars including (not limited to) hitches, rub bars, aprons, and flooring; repairing by welding, cutting, straightening, riveting, grinding, and fastening; using required hand tools, welding equipment, power tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment; verifying the flat car maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the flat car structure is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5579.0      SERVICE CAR BODIES**

**5579.03**      **Maintain gondola cars** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of car ends, sides, roofs, and doors; checking for defects including (not limited to) holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage; repairing or replacing defective components on mill-end gondolas cars including (not limited to) end gate, locks, interior flooring, interior sheeting, and vertical stiffeners; repairing defective components on the roof covers; repairing bulkhead and load dividers of covered gondola bulkhead; repairing by welding, cutting, straightening, riveting, grinding, and fastening; using required hand tools, welding equipment, power tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment; verifying the gondola car maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the gondola car structure is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5579.04**      **Maintain hopper cars** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of car ends, sides, roofs, and doors; checking for defects including (not limited to) holes, cracks, rust, leaks, and body damage; repairing or replacing defective components on covered and pressurized hoppers including (not limited to) top hatch covers, gaskets, locks, partitions, hinges, interior dividers, walkways, chutes, and bottom gates; repairing or replacing defective components on open-top hopper cars including (not limited to) gates, locks, top and side chords, and sills; repairing or replacing defective components on pressure hopper cars including (not limited to) pressure hoses, gauges, and end caps; repairing by welding, cutting, straightening, riveting, grinding, and fastening; using required hand tools, welding equipment, power tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment; verifying the hopper car maintenance work; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the hopper car structure is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5580.0 SERVICE COACHES (THIS IS AN OPTIONAL SKILL TRACK)**

**5580.01** **Maintain coach ends** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of end sills and posts, corner posts, end sheets, tops sills, bellows and diaphragms, headers, stay rods and brackets, side rods, guides, and springs, bellows springs, curtain and gates, and threshold plates; replacing defective components; repairing by welding, riveting, fitting, grinding, cutting, and painting; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, and hoisting or rigging equipment; verifying the maintenance job; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the coach ends are restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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**5580.02** **Maintain coach vestibules** by following required procedures including (not limited to): reading and interpreting job specifications; performing visual and manual inspections of steps, doors and hardware, window frames and seals, trap door hardware and seals, platforms, ceilings, filter frames, and fixed end doors; repairing by welding, riveting, fitting, grinding, cutting, and painting; using required tools and equipment including (not limited to) welding equipment, painting equipment, cutting torch, pneumatic or electric tools, ladders and rigging equipment; verifying the maintenance job; wearing personal protective equipment; cleaning up the work site; and, documenting the job; so that the coach vestibule is restored to specifications, in accordance with Safety Legislation, AAR regulations, company standards/policies, and applicable Acts, Regulations, Legislations, and Codes.

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## C. LEARNING OUTCOMES

**720 hours**

### 1. Protect Self and Others

The apprenticeship is able:

- identify workplace health and safety hazards
- ability to wear, adjust and maintain personal protective equipment
- identify the steps in operating respiratory protectors
- identify and describe safe work habits
- identify and describe fire procedures
- identify the steps in operating emergency safety equipment
- practise personal hygiene in a shop environment
- maintain good housekeeping in a classroom environment
- ability to inspect equipment for defects and safe working conditions
- identify procedures for the report of information about injuries and safety incidents
- identify and describe procedures for applying first aid
- identify the steps in locking out and tagging mechanical equipment
- ability to handle, store, and control hazardous materials
- identify and describe procedures for operating lifting equipment
- ability to identify, handle, and control hazardous work site conditions
- identify and describe procedures for implementing blue flag procedures

### 2. Prepare for Job

The apprenticeship is able to:

- interpret engineering drawings to plan the maintenance job
- perform metric and imperial calculations
- prepare measuring and checking devices
- verify workpiece material
- use reference documentation – manufacturers’ manuals, technical bulletins, parts bulletins, service or preventative maintenance manuals, fact sheets, American Association of Railways (AAR) field manuals, and government regulations
- use work orders – billing repair cards, wheel reporting cards, inspection records and dangerous goods documentation
- select hand tools, power tools, pneumatic tools, hydraulic tools
- prepare Shielded Metal Arc Welding equipment
- prepare Gas Metal Arc Welding equipment
- oxy-fuel and plasma-arc cutting equipment
- prepare gas-fuelled equipment
- select fasteners

**C. Learning Outcomes continued:**

**3. Perform Benchwork**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- chisel a workpiece
- grind a workpiece
- describe painting procedures
- drill or ream holes
- cut internal (ID) and external (OD) threads
- cut a workpiece
- fasten workpieces

**4. Perform Material Handling**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- calculate forces and loads
- select and inspect rigging
- position and attach rigging
- describe inspection and preparation of hoisting and lifting equipment
- describe work site preparation
- describe hoisting equipment
- describe use of scaffolds, lift platforms, and ladders
- describe how to move the load or workpiece
- describe procedures to set down load
- describe the shut down and storage of material handling equipment

**5. Service Rail Trucks**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- describe wheel inspection procedures
- describe roller bearing inspection procedures
- describe bolster inspection and repair procedures
- describe maintenance procedures for truck suspension
- describe side frame maintenance procedures
- describe brake beam inspection and overhaul procedures
- describe servicing procedures of brake shoes
- describe lever overhaul procedures
- describe brake rod overhaul procedures
- describe friction bearings maintenance procedures

**C. Learning Outcomes continued:**

**6. Service Underframes**

The apprenticeship is able:

- describe maintenance procedures for coupling devices
- describe maintenance procedures for articulating connectors
- describe maintenance procedures for end of car draft systems
- describe procedures to refurbish floors
- describe maintenance procedures for super structures
- describe reconditioning procedures for body bolsters
- describe reconditioning procedures for centre sills

**7. Service Brakes**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- describe single-car brake test procedures
- describe brake valve replacement procedures
- describe maintenance procedures of flexible hoses, train line hoses, and piping
- describe maintenance procedures for brake cylinders
- describe maintenance procedures for slack adjusters
- describe reservoir tank maintenance procedures
- describe hand brake maintenance procedures

**8. Service Car Safety Appliances**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- describe maintenance procedures for hand rails and grabs
- describe maintenance of ladders
- describe platform maintenance procedures
- describe sill step maintenance procedures

**9. Perform Safety and Maintenance Inspections**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- describe in-bound or out-bound rolling pull-by inspection procedures
- describe standing car/train inspection procedures
- describe dangerous commodity inspection procedures
- describe outbound #1 air brake test procedures
- describe open-top load inspection procedures
- describe pre-trip inspection procedures for auto racks
- describe rail car wreck damage inspection procedures



**C. Learning Outcomes continued:**

**10. Service Car Bodies**

The apprenticeship is able to:

- describe box car maintenance procedures
- describe flat car maintenance procedures
- describe gondola car maintenance procedures
- describe hopper car maintenance procedures
- describe tank car maintenance procedures

**11. Service Coaches**

The apprenticeship is able to to identify and describe procedures and methods for servicing coaches:

- describe maintenance procedures for the coach end
- describe coach vestibules maintenance procedures
- describe coach roof maintenance procedures
- describe coach side maintenance procedures
- describe coach underframe maintenance procedures
- describe coach sides and ends maintenance procedures
- describe coach ceiling and floor maintenance procedures
- describe coach window, blinds, and curtain maintenance procedures
- describe coach kitchen and bathroom equipment and accessories maintenance procedures
- describe coach interior furnishing maintenance procedures
- describe coach emergency equipment maintenance procedures
- describe coach electrical maintenance procedures
- describe coach plumbing fixture and appliances inspection procedures
- describe coach brakes maintenance procedures
- describe coach roller bearings maintenance procedures

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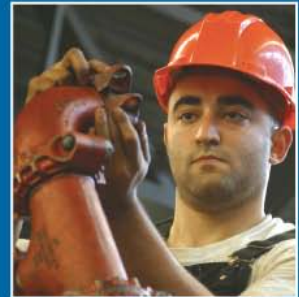
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## **APPENDIX 2**

### **EXAMPLE OF COMPLETED ITA PROGRAM OUTLINE**

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## **PROGRAM OUTLINE**

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## FOREWORD

This Program Outline is issued by the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission for use in apprenticeship training classes sponsored by the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission. Indentured apprentices will be directed to the Apprenticeship Training classes in accordance with the General Regulations made pursuant to the "*Industry Training and Apprenticeship Act*" of British Columbia.

It is intended as a guide for instructors of apprenticeship. Practical instruction by demonstration and student participation should be integrated with classroom sessions. Safe working practices, even though not always specified in each operation or topic, are an implied part of the program and should be stressed throughout the apprenticeship.

The Program Outline was prepared with the advice and assistance of Automotive Refinishing Paint Technician Trade Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of management and labour and in cooperation with the Colleges and Institutes and the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission.

## EVALUATION

At the completion of each year's training course each apprentice will complete an evaluation examination based on that year's work. The apprentice must achieve a 70% pass mark before advancing to the next year of training.

### **SAFETY ADVISORY**

Be advised that references to the WorkSafe BC safety regulations contained within these materials do not/may not reflect the most recent Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (the current Standards and Regulation in BC can be obtained on the following website: <http://www.worksafebc.com>). Please note that it is always the responsibility of any person using these materials to inform him/herself about the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation pertaining to his/her work.

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# **SECTION 1**

## **OCCUPATION ANALYSIS CHART**

# AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING PAINT TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

## Occupation Analysis Chart

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<b>HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS</b>  <b>LEVEL TWO</b> <b>5 HOURS</b>	Describe advanced procedures for using estimate sheets and repair orders  C1	Describe the problems of mishandling the vehicle's electrical components  C2	Describe the proper procedure for working with propane systems  C3	Describe the problems of mishandling and air conditioning systems  C4	Describe the follow-up procedure as to the ordering of parts and materials  C5	Describe the correct methods for R and I of a vehicle's wheels  C6
<b>SURFACE PREPARATION</b>  <b>LEVEL TWO</b> <b>13 HOURS</b>	Describe how to establish the type of tasks needed to complete the refinishing repairs  D1	Identify the various types of substrates specific to topcoating  D2	Explain how to establish the condition of a finish  D3	Open to new technology  D4	Review of undercoats  D5	Demonstrate and explain steps to properly clean and prepare vehicle prior to sanding  D6
	Demonstrate and explain the correct procedures for working with plastic body fillers  D7	Describe the various sanding equipment and materials used in the refinishing trade  D8	Demonstrate and explain the types of sanding procedures used in the refinishing trade  D9	Describe the purposes and mixing ratios of metal conditioners  D10	Describe advanced masking techniques  D11	
<b>ADVANCED USE OF SOLVENTS</b>  <b>LEVEL TWO</b> <b>5 HOURS</b>	Describe the safety and fire precautions to observe when working with solvents  E1	Describe the types of functions of solvents  E2	Explain the correct method for using solvents  E3	Describe the problems encountered by using the wrong type of solvent  E4		

<b>RESTORING CORROSION PROTECTION</b>  <b>LEVEL TWO</b> <b>11 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>F</b></span>	Describe and analyze corrosion  <span style="float: right;">F1</span>	Explain different types of corrosion and cause of each  <span style="float: right;">F2</span>	Explain the repair technique of each  <span style="float: right;">F3</span>	Explain corrosion  <span style="float: right;">F4</span>	
<b>UNDERSTANDING TOPCOAT MATERIALS</b>  <b>LEVEL TWO</b> <b>18 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>G</b></span>	Describe the various types of topcoats found on today's vehicles  <span style="float: right;">G1</span>	Identifying topcoats  <span style="float: right;">G2</span>	Describe the main components of paint and the function of each  <span style="float: right;">G3</span>	Describe the various topcoat application methods  <span style="float: right;">G4</span>	
<b>CHARACTERISTICS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES</b>  <b>2 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>H</b></span>	Describe the characteristics and procedures of hardeners  <span style="float: right;">H1</span>	Describe the characteristics and purpose of accelerators  <span style="float: right;">H2</span>	Describe the characteristics and purpose of flex agents  <span style="float: right;">H3</span>	Describe the characteristics and purpose of flattening agents  <span style="float: right;">H4</span>	
<b>THEORY OF COLOUR</b>  <b>26 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>I</b></span>	Describe how to locate, research and record colour data  <span style="float: right;">I1</span>	Describe variables which have an influence on colour  <span style="float: right;">I2</span>	Define terminology used to describe colour  <span style="float: right;">I3</span>	List the steps for mixing and tinting a colour  <span style="float: right;">I4</span>	
<b>PAINT PROBLEMS AND REPAIRS</b>  <b>LEVEL TWO</b> <b>10 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>J</b></span>	Describe the types of repairs one can encounter in the refinishing trade  <span style="float: right;">J1</span>	Describe the methods for determining the extent or severity of the refinishing problem  <span style="float: right;">J2</span>	Explain the application of colour to match the colour of the vehicle  <span style="float: right;">J3</span>	Describe the causes of paint problems that one can encounter while working with refinishing products  <span style="float: right;">J4</span>	Describe the various problems that require repair after topcoat application  <span style="float: right;">J5</span>
<b>TRI-COAT APPLICATIONS</b>  <b>2 HOURS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>K</b></span>	Describe the procedures for tri-coat refinishing  <span style="float: right;">K1</span>	Describe the procedures and effects of pearls and micas  <span style="float: right;">K2</span>			

**EXPLAIN  
PRE-DELIVERY**  
**LEVEL TWO**  
**5 HOURS** **L**

Describe the types of equipment and products required to perform the necessary topcoat repairs  
**L1**

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Describe the correct methods for using recommended topcoat repair systems  
**L2**

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Describe vehicle preparation prior to delivery  
**L3**

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Describe procedure used to install trim, stripes and decals  
**L4**

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**TREATMENT OF  
PLASTICS**  
**LEVEL TWO**  
**5 HOURS** **M**

Describe the type of plastic found on today's vehicles  
**M1**

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Describe where the various types of plastics are located on today's vehicles  
**M2**

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Describe the repair and refinishing procedures for the various types of plastics  
**M3**

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Explain the repair and refinishing procedures for the various types of plastics  
**M4**

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**MANAGEMENT OF  
V.O.C. REGULATIONS**  
**4 HOURS** **N**

Describe B.C. V.O.C. regulations  
**N1**

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Management methods  
**N2**

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**FUTURE TRENDS OF  
THE TWENTY-FIRST  
CENTURY**  
**1 HOUR** **O**

Describe the need for and how the journey person can keep up-to-date with changes in the industry  
**O1**

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# **SECTION 2**

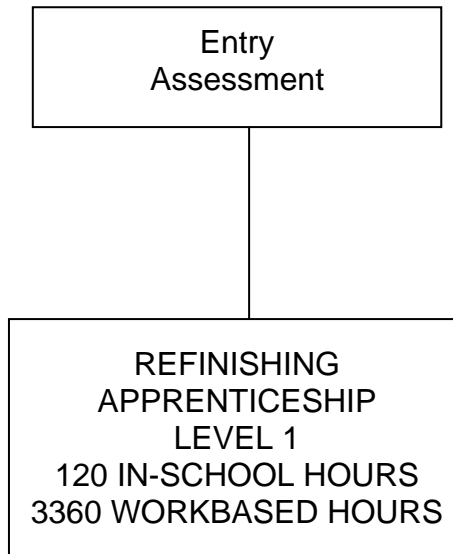
## **PROGRAM OUTLINE**



**AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING**

# **PAINT TECHNICIAN**

**APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SYSTEM**



## SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF TIME ALLOTMENT FOR REFINISHING PAINT TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

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<b>Line A</b>	<b>OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AND SAFETY – Level Two - 5 HOURS 4% OF TIME</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	
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<b>Line B</b>	<b>GUNS AND EQUIPMENT – Level Two - 8 HOURS 7% OF TIME</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>7%</b>	
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C-4	Describe the problems of mishandling and air conditioning systems			37
C-5	Describe the follow-up procedure as to the ordering of parts and materials			39
C-6	Describe the correct method for R and I of a vehicle's wheels			40

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<b>Line H</b>	<b>CHARACTERISTICS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES – 2 HOURS 2% OF TIME</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>2%</b>	
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I-3	Define terminology used to describe colour			96
I-4	List the steps for mixing and tinting a colour			97

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J-3	Explain the application of colour to match the colour of the vehicle			102
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**PROGRAM OUTLINE  
FOR  
AUTOMOTIVE REFINISHING  
PAINT TECHNICIAN PROGRAM**

**LINE A: OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AND SAFETY**

**Competency: A-1 Personal Safety Hazard**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to identify and operate personal protective equipment.
2. The learner will be able to describe the areas of the body affected from exposure to chemical additives.
3. The learner will be able to identify dangerous chemical additives used in the refinishing trade.
4. The learner will be able to describe the W.H.M.I.S. system.
5. The learner will be able to list WCB rules and policies.
6. The learner will be able to describe how to maintain a safe work environment.
7. The learner will be able to describe fire types.
8. The learner will be able to describe use and types of fire extinguishers.
9. The learner will be able to describe fire and emergency evacuation methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

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5. List W.C.B. rules governing the auto refinishing industry.

- Location of books
- Reason for books
- Understanding of books
- Product identifier
- PPE
- Hazard symbol
- Risk phrases
- Precautionary measures
- First aid measures
- Paint companies emergency number
- Labeling
- Employer education
- Worker education
- Jurisdictional system
- Respirators
- Hearing protection
- Protective clothing
- Footwear
- Shop safety
- Blowing off clothing
- Blowing off car while spraying
- Material storage
- Cleaning of equipment
- Material disposal
- Using air tools
- Health regulations
- Spills
- Workplace hazards
- Workplace safety
- Location of eyewash station
- Location of spill kits
- Location of first aid kit
- Location of fire extinguisher
- Recognize fire and explosive hazards
- Recognize personal injury hazards
- Basic first aid
- Potential hazards
- Emergency response procedure

6. Describe the knowledge required to maintain a safe work environment.

7. Describe the various types of fires.

- Flammable liquids
- Vapors and gases
- Spontaneous combustion
- Electrical-static
- Dust
- Fire triangle
- Class A
- Class B
- Class C
- Class D
- Workplace hazards

8. Describe the use of the types of fire extinguishers used in the shop area.

- Types of fires
- Location of fire extinguishers
- Use of fire extinguishers
- Maintenance of fire extinguishers
- Recharging of fire extinguisher

9. Describe the purpose of fire drills.

- At training center
- At place of work
- Emergency response
- Location of exits
- Location of alarms
- Communication with others

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the correct use of personal protection equipment and in the event of a worker accidentally ingesting a hazardous material, describe the correct first aid procedure that must be followed. In the event of a chemical explosion fire, describe the order of action taken according to W.C.B. Regulations.

**LINE A: OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS AND SAFETY**

**Competency: A-2 Describe the Use Of Painter Specific Documentation In The Automotive Refinishing Trade**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to identify and interpret vehicle information.
2. The learner will be able to describe the use of technical manual and bulletins.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the knowledge required to interpret vehicle information.
2. Describe the use of technical manual and bulletins.

**CONTENT**

- Industry terminology
- Manufacturer's makes and models
- VIN and production date
- Paint code location
- Interpret paint codes
- Types of manuals and bulletins
- Location of manuals and bulletins
- Industry terminology
- Correct usage of manual and bulletins
- Interpret paint codes
- Interpret product information sheets

**LINE B: GUNS AND EQUIPMENT**

**Competency: B-1 Explain the Characteristics and Care of Various Spray Guns**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the various types of spray guns.
2. The learner will be able to identify major components of a spray gun.
3. The learner will be able to describe potential spray gun problems.
4. The learner will be able to describe spray gun repair methods.
5. The learner will be able to demonstrate spray gun testing.
6. The learner will be able to describe and demonstrate spray gun cleaning procedures.
7. The learner will be able to describe spray gun maintenance procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the types of spray guns.

**CONTENT**

- H.V.L.P.
- L.V.L.P.
- Gravity feed
- Pressure feed
- Suction feed
- Touch up guns
- Electrostatic
- Air brush
- Airless
- Gun body
- Trigger
- Main air valve
- Spreader adjustment
- Fluid adjustment
- Fluid needle and tip
- Air cap
- Packings
- Material container
- Maintenance
- Cleaning procedures and equipment
- Lubricating
- Storage
- Spitting
- Air leakage
- Split pattern
- Jerky spray
- Heavy one-sided pattern
- Fluid leakage
- Heavy-centered spray pattern

2. Identify the major parts of the spray gun.

3. Describe problems one could encounter with a spray gun.

4. Describe the methods for correcting the spray gun problems.
  - Inspections
  - Maintenance
  - Storage
  - Lubrication
  - Adjustments
  - Cleaning
  - Parts replacement
  - Limitations
  - Change application technique
  - New spray gun technology
  - Replace worn or damaged parts
  - Service schedule
  
5. Demonstrate the methods of testing the spray gun.
  - Test pattern
  - Flood tests
  - Chart reading
  - Manufacturer's recommendations
  - Air pressures
  - Air volumes
  - Selecting the correct spray gun
  
6. Describe and demonstrate the steps for the cleaning of a spray gun.
  - Personal protection
  - Storage of leftover material
  - Disposal of leftover materials
  - Washing (enclosed gun cleaner)
  - Cleaning
  - Brush
  - Flushing
  - Inspection
  - Storage
  
7. Describe the correct maintenance procedure of a spray gun.
  - Lubrication
  - Cleaning
  - Replacement of parts
  - Inspection
  - Storage
  - Ability to recognize worn or broken parts

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, identify the various spray guns and their major parts and describe and/or demonstrate the steps for cleaning and providing the correct maintenance to a spray gun and describe problems a technician may encounter using a spray gun.

**LINE B: GUNS AND EQUIPMENT**

**Competency: B-2 Describe the Operation of Spray Guns Used In Refinishing**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe variable to consider when adjusting a spray gun.
2. The learner will be able to describe correct spray gun adjustments.
3. The learner will be able to describe spray gun application techniques.
4. The learner will be able to demonstrate the use of the various spray guns.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the variables to consider before adjusting the spray gun.
2. Describe the correct spray gun adjustments for applying the wide variety of refinishing materials.
3. Describe the correct spray gun application techniques for spraying the different refinishing products.

**CONTENT**

- Air temperature
- Type of spray booth
- Amount of air movement
- Humidity
- Refinisher's ability
- Type and speed of solvent
- Material viscosity
- Type of material
- Air pressure
- Fluid nozzle size
- Fluid adjustments
- Air cap
- Pattern adjustments
- Test patterns
- Flood tests
- Distance
- Overlapping
- Gun angle
- Application techniques
- Speed
- Flash off time
- Type of product
- Type of spray gun
- Type and speed of solvent
- Temperature
- Type of spray booth
- Humidity
- Air flow
- Ability
- Air pressure
- Fluid control setting

4. Demonstrate the use of the various spray guns.

- H.V.L.P.
- L.V.L.P.
- Gravity feed
- Pressure feed
- Suction feed
- Touch up
- Air brush

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the conditions to consider before preparing the spray gun for the application of a refinishing material and describe and/or demonstrate the use and correct application techniques of the various spray guns.

**LINE B: GUNS AND EQUIPMENT**

**Competency: B-3 Describe Characteristics and Spraying Techniques OF H.V.L.P. AND L.V.L.P. Spray Guns**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe spray gun characteristics.
2. The learner will be able to describe H.V.L.P. and L.V.L.P. spraying techniques.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics of H.V.L.P. and L.V.L.P. spray guns.

2. Describe H.V.L.P. and L.V.L.P. spraying techniques.

**CONTENT**

- Pressurized style
- Gravity style
- Siphon style
- Excellent fluid control
- Very easy to clean
- Cost efficient
- Transfer efficiency
- Wide variety of tips and needles
- High air pressure transformed to low air pressure at the air cap
- Three stages of atomization
- Less over-spray
- Less V.O.C. emissions
- Increases spray booth filter life
- H.V.L.P. gun is held closer to the surface (4 – 6 inches)
- L.V.L.P. held 5 – 7 inches from surface
- Application speed is increased when using L.V.L.P.
- Spray pattern overlap is tighter (up to 70%)
- Easier to clean
- Spray gun operates at 1-10 PSI at the air cap
- Check with spray gun manufacturer for the correct air pressure at the gun

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the spraying techniques used while using an H.V.L.P. spray gun and explain the various characteristics of H.V.L.P. spray guns.



**LINE B: GUNS AND EQUIPMENT**

**Competency: B-4 Describe the Use and Characteristics of the Equipment used by the Automotive Refinishing Industry**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe spray booth operation.
2. The learner will be able to describe and demonstrate the operation of various spray booths.
3. The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate spray booth cleaning procedures.
4. The learner will be able to explain spray booth paint preparation.
5. The learner will be able to describe types of air compressors.
6. The learner will be able to describe functions of an air compressor.
7. The learner will be able to describe and demonstrate air compressor general maintenance.
8. The learner will be able to describe the functions of an air transformer.
9. The learner will be able to demonstrate air transformer maintenance.
10. The learner will be able to describe functions of an air dryer.
11. The learner will be able to describe and demonstrate functions and types of air hoses.
12. The learner will be able to describe the operation of refinishing specialty tools.
13. The learner will be able to identify the types of refinishing curing equipment.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. List the types of spray booths and how they operate.

**CONTENT**

- Down draft
- Semi-down draft
- Cross flow
- Water filtration
- Dry filter filtration
- Spray booth set up
- Heating system
- Booth pressures
- Filter types
- Manometer
- Controls
- Interlock switch
- Air supply
- Air supply adjustment
- Health reasons
- Air makeup unit
- Lighting types
- Utilize spray booth space

2. Describe and demonstrate the operation of the different spray booths.

- Air flow direction
- Air flow speed controls
- Increased air flow, i.e. waterborne products
- Air stack adjustments
- Temperature controls
- Curing/drying times
- Filter types and changes
- Filter maintenance
- Filter replacement
- Pressure readings
- Manometer reading
- Interlock switch
- Plenum fan
- V.O.C. regulations

3. Explain and demonstrate the cleaning of the booth.

- Washing
- Hoses
- Filter cleaning
- Filter changes
- Filter disposal
- Vacuuming
- Wall coatings
- Light fixture cleaning
- Booth door seals

4. Explain paint preparation of the spray booth prior to use.

- Schedules
- Cleaning
- Lighting
- Spray booth air pressure
- Booth coating
- Filter inspection
- Transformer inspection
- Dust free vehicle
- Temperature setting
- Assistance when entering the spray booth

5. Describe the types of air compressors.

- Ability to troubleshoot problems
- Piston type
- Single stage
- Double stage
- Vane type
- Rotary screw type
- Diaphragm type

6. Describe the functions of an air compressor.

7. Describe and demonstrate the general care and maintenance of the compressor.

8. Describe the air transformer and its function.

9. Demonstrate the care of the air transformer.

10. Describe air dryers and their function.

- Air pressure
- Volume
- Displacement
- Pressure losses
- Atmospheric versus compressed air
- Location
- Draining
- Oil
- Oil changes
- Belts
- Filters
- Safety equipment
- Electrical switches
- Pressure release valve
- Compressor pump
- Electric motor
- Holding tank
- Correct location
- Location of air intake
- Maintenance schedule
- Regulates air
- Pressure gauge
- Filters
- Water separator
- Desiccant type
- Activated alumina
- Silica gel
- Dirt particles
- Removes oil
- Reduces air line humidity
- Maintenance – daily, weekly, monthly
- Moisture
- Cleaning
- Filter change
- Draining
- Maintenance schedule
- Refrigerated
- Desiccant
- Removes water vapor
- Distance from compressor
- Maintenance
- Fixed location

11. Describe and demonstrate the types of air hoses and their functions.

- Fluid hose
- Air hose
- Size
- Pressure loss
- Storage
- H.V.L.P. hoses and fittings
- Lubricating
- Cleaning
- Maintenance
- Safety precautions

12. Describe the specialty tools and their functions used by the automotive refinishing industry.

- Digital scale
- Balance scale
- Computer
- Computer software
- Viscosity cup
- Microfiche
- Mil gauge
- Thermometer
- Measure sticks
- Mixing containers
- Colour card information
- Spectrometer
- Technical manuals
- Manufacturer's bulletins
- Hot air drying
- Infrared
- Short wave
- Medium/long wave
- Toner mixing bank
- Scales
- Shaker
- Computerized mixing equipment

13. Identify the types of heating/curing equipment used.

14. Describe mixing room equipment and maintenance.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the air supply system equipment and the various types of spray booths used by the automotive refinishing industry and demonstrate and/or describe the various types of curing equipment used by automotive refinishing industry.

**LINE C:                    HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

**Competency:            C-1    Describe Advanced Procedures For Using Estimate Sheets And Repair Orders**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe the types of estimating systems.
2.     The learner will be able to explain the purpose of time sheets.
3.     The learner will be able to describe how to read a repair order.
4.     The learner will be able to explain the refinishing portion of an estimate.
5.     The learner will be able to describe material organization methods.
6.     The learner will be able to describe the importance of communication skills.
7.     The learner will be able to describe the reasons for masking vehicle components.
8.     The learner will be able to describe reason for masking vehicle components.
9.     The learner will be able to describe vehicle trim removal and installation procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the types of estimate sheets one might encounter in the refinishing.
2. Explain estimate sheets and their purpose.
  
3. Describe how to read a repair order.

**CONTENT**

- Government insurance
- Private insurance
- Shop written (private)
- Abbreviations
- Trade language
- Repeat business
- Insurance terms
- Profit margins
- Times (cycle, etc.)
- Customer satisfaction
- Organization
- Supplement sheets
- Abbreviations
- Insurance terms
- Trade language
- Extent of refinishing required
- Materials required
- Paint refinish procedures
- Follow work order
- Repairs to be performed
- Time relationships
- Communication with estimator
- Communication with production manager

4. Explain the refinishing portion of an estimate.
  - Spot repair
  - Original panel
  - Secondary panel
  - Blends
  - Clear coat
  - Tri-coat
  - Luxury
  - Inners
  - Gravel guard
  - Retexture
  - Two-tones
  - R and I components
  - Repairs
  - Stripes and decals
  - Hand painted stripes
  - Material types
  - Ordering procedures
  - Material required
  - Storage and inventory
  - Disposal of waste material
  - Oral and written
  - Conflict resolution techniques
  - Explain information in layman's terms
  - Apprentice mentoring
  - Communication with professionals
  - Ability to operate cell phones, two way radios and computers
5. Describe the knowledge required to organize materials.
6. Describe the importance of communicating with others.
7. Describe reasons for removal of vehicle components.
  - Masking problems
  - Customer request
  - Faster
  - Quality
  - New part
  - Insurance company demands
8. Describe reasons for masking components.
  - Removal problems
  - Attachment problems
  - Previously masked components

9. Describe removal and installation of vehicle trim.

- Trim fasteners
- Removal methods
- Attachment methods
- Basic vehicle design
- Composition of trim
- Storage and handling
- Adhesives
- Two sided tape
- Sealers
- Tools
- Manuals
- Corrosion protection
- Protection of finish

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the importance of being able to correctly read a repair order and what may occur if the repair order is not followed closely.

**LINE C:                    HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

**Competency:            C-2    Describe the Problems of Mishandling the Vehicles Electrical Components**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe automotive electrical components.
2.     The learner will be able to describe potential problems encountered with electrical components.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the electrical components found in the vehicle.
  
2. Describe the potential problems encountered with the electrical components.

**CONTENT**

- Batteries
- Wire harnesses
- On board computer
- Audio equipment
- Accessories
- Fuse box
- Fire
- Damage
- Static electricity
- Injury
- Lost time
- Customer dissatisfaction
- Jobless
- Dead batteries
- Handling and storage

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the safe method of disconnecting a vehicle's battery and describe what may occur to a vehicle's computer system if spray booth temperature is ignored.



**LINE C:                    HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

**Competency:            C-3    Describe the Proper Procedure for Working with Propane Systems**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe propane and natural gas systems.
2.     The learner will be able to describe safe handling of propane and natural gas systems.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the dangers of propane and natural gas systems.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe the methods for the safe handling of propane.

**CONTENT**

- Explosive
- High pressure lines
- Hazards
- Handling
- Environmental issues
- High temperatures (baking paints)
- Temperature rise versus pressure rise
- Workplace hazards
- Turn off valves
- Temperature rise versus pressure rise
- No baking at extreme temperatures
- Fire department regulations
- Contact manufacturer

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the safety procedures that must be followed while preparing a vehicle for the spray booth and describe what may occur if a propane system is exposed to high spray booth temperatures.

**LINE C:                    HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

**Competency:            C-4    Describe the Problems of Mishandling the Cooling And Air Conditioning System**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to identify the components of a vehicle cooling system.
2.     The learner will be able to describe problems encountered by mishandling components of the cooling system.
3.     The learner will be able to describe the components of an air conditioning system.
4.     The learner will be able to describe problems encountered by mishandling components of an air condition system.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the basic components that make up the cooling system.
  
2. Describe the problems of mishandling the cooling system.
  
3. Describe the basic components that make up the air conditioning system.
  
4. Describe the problems of mishandling the air conditioning system.

**CONTENT**

- Radiator
- Radiator cap
- Fan blade
- Belts
- Hoses
- Clamps
- Anti-freeze disposal
- Personal safety
- Damage to components
- Cost
- Environmental awareness
- Compressor
- Belts
- High and low pressure lines
- Refrigerant
- Evaporator
- Personal safety
- Damage to components
- Extreme high pressure
- Paint bake temperature versus pressure
- Environmental awareness
- Cost

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the safe procedure used when handling air conditioning components and describe the environmental concerns these components raise.

**LINE C:                    HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

**Competency:            C-5    Describe The Follow Up Procedure As To The Ordering Of Parts And Materials**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe the parts ordering procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the follow up procedure as to the ordering of parts and material.

**CONTENT**

- Repair order
- Damage of parts during removal
- Insurance
- Supplements
- Parts availability
- Ability to recognize broken parts
- Organization of parts
- Inventory of parts
- Storage of parts
- Customer wants
- Customer satisfaction

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the procedure to use while following up on a parts and refinishing material purchase order.

**LINE C:                    HANDLING OF VEHICLE COMPONENTS**

**Competency:            C-6    DESCRIBE THE CORRECT METHOD FOR  
R AND I OF A VEHICLE'S WHEELS**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe vehicle wheel removal and installation procedures.
2.     The learner will be able to demonstrate the vehicle wheel removal and installation process.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the reasons for knowing the correct procedures for R and I of a vehicles wheels.
2. Demonstrate the correct method for R and I of wheels.

**CONTENT**

- Brake damage
- High cost to repair
- Customer dissatisfaction
- Warranty problems
- Safety reasons
- Jacking
- Lifting points
- Safety stands
- High cost of repair
- Care of wheel discs
- Proper use of air tools
- Tightening sequence specifications
- Torque wrench use
- Manufacturer's specifications

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the safe method used to remove and install vehicle wheels and describe the correct procedure used to lift and support a vehicle.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-1 Describe How To Establish The Type Of Tasks Needed To Complete The Refinishing Repairs**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe how to establish the type of repair required to proceed.
2. The learner will be able to describe V.I.P. and colour code locations.
3. The learner will be able to describe customer and shop expectations.
4. The learner will be able to describe vehicle identification plate information.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe how to establish the type of task required to complete the repairs.
  
2. Describe the location that a V.I.P. plate and colour code may be found on a vehicle.  
  
2...Continued
3. Determine customer and shop expectations.

**CONTENT**

- Dialogue/foreman
- Dialogue/customer
- Repair inspection
- Identify all paint defects
- Type of finish
- Type of refinish problem
- Read repair order and verify
- Read estimate sheet
- Spot repair
- Panel repair
- Blend
- Complete refinishing
- What, why, to what extent
- New or used repair panels
- Old damage
- Door and hinge pillars
- Glove box
- Rad support
- Firewall
- Trunk area
- Manufacture manuals
- Paint jobbers
  
- Customer service expectations
- Customer satisfaction
- Perform quality repair
- Present a clean detailed vehicle
- Dialogue/customer, manager
- Dialogue/insurance estimator

4. Describe the information found on a V.I.P. plate.

- Year and model
- Serial number
- Paint code type
- Upholstery
- Trim colour
- Options
- Two-tone colour

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and/or recognize methods and techniques used to provide initial customer satisfaction and to provide an industry accepted refinishing repair.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-2 Identify the Various Types Of Substrates Specific to Topcoating**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe types of vehicle substrates.
2. The learner will be able to describe types of topcoat found on automotive vehicles.
3. The learner will be able to demonstrate topcoat identification methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the type of substrate one might encounter on today's vehicles.
2. Describe the types of finishes one might encounter on today's vehicles.
3. Demonstrate how to determine the type of finish on a vehicle.

**CONTENT**

- Fiberglass
- Plastics, rigid, semi-rigid, flexible
- O.E.M./aftermarket
- S.M.C.
- Steel galvanized
- Aluminum
- Waterborne
- Single stage urethane
- Colour coat/clear coat
- Basecoat/clear coat
- Tri-coat
- Multi-stage
- New technology
- Lacquer
- V.I.P.
- Sand small area
- Rub small area with lacquer thinner
- Heat method
- Paint manufacturer's manual
- Jobber

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the various substrates and topcoats found in the automotive refinishing industry and identify the various substrates and topcoats.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-3 Explain How To Establish The Condition Of A Finish**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the component characteristics of a topcoat.
2. The learner will be able to explain environmental effects on a topcoat.
3. The learner will be able to describe identification methods used to determine the type of topcoat.
4. The learner will be able to describe topcoat refinishing conditions.
5. The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate how to determine the condition of a finish.
6. The learner will be able to identify the history of O.E.M. topcoats.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

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|--|---|
| 1. Describe the component characteristics of topcoats.       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appearance</li><li>• Corrosion protection</li><li>• Binders/resins</li><li>• Pigments</li><li>• Solvents</li><li>• Additives</li><li>• UV screeners</li><li>• Durability</li></ul>  |
| 2. Explain the effects of the environment on topcoats.       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acid rain</li><li>• Rail dust/brake dust</li><li>• UV rays</li><li>• Relative humidity</li><li>• Insects</li><li>• Industrial fall out</li><li>• Tree sap</li><li>• Bird droppings</li><li>• Industrial overspray (wind)</li><li>• Repair materials</li></ul> |
| 3. Describe the methods for determining the type of topcoat. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Repair techniques</li><li>• Computer database</li><li>• Microfiche</li><li>• VIP plate</li><li>• Sanding</li><li>• Thinner and rag</li><li>• Jobber</li><li>• Vehicle manufacturer</li></ul>  |



4. Describe the conditions one might encounter during a refinishing repair.

- Delamination
- Cracking
- Checking
- Bleeding
- Solvent pop
- Rock chips
- Scratches
- Damage
- Door dings
- Excess mil thickness
- Chalking
- Orange peel
- Off colour
- Runs and sags
- Swelling
- Pin holes
- Shrinkage
- Fish eyes
- Acid rain
- Overspray
- Visual inspection
- Mil gauge
- Magnet
- Magnifying glass
- Sand a small area
- Acrylic lacquer
- Alkyd enamel
- Acrylic enamel
- Urethane enamel
- Basecoat/clear coat
- Waterborne
- Powder coat clear coats

5. Explain and demonstrate how to determine the condition of a finish.

6. Identify the history of OEM topcoats.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the various substrates and topcoats found in the automotive refinishing industry and identify the various substrates and topcoats.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-4 Open to New Technology**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe new topcoat technology.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe new technology.

**CONTENT**

- Products

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-5 Review of Undercoats**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the types of undercoat products.
2. The learner will be able to describe the components of an undercoat.
3. The learner will be able to describe functions of the various undercoats.
4. The learner will be able to demonstrate undercoat mixing procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the types of undercoat products.
2. Describe the main base ingredients of the undercoat products.
3. Describe the functions of:
  - a. wash primers
  - b. zinc chromate primers
  - c. epoxy primer
  - d. plastic primer
  - e. zinc weld through primer

**CONTENT**

- Primer
- Primer-surfacer
- Primer-sealer
- Sealer
- Pigment
- Binder
- Solvent
- Additives
- Activators
- Hardeners
- High corrosion resistance
- Application method
- Mixing procedure
- Adhesion to aluminum
- Adhesion to galvanize
- Corrosion resistance
- Base for plastic body fillers
- Waterproof qualities
- Wet on wet application
- Weld joint protection
- Prevents peeling
- Provides adhesion to plastic
- Tintable
- Aerosol application

4. Describe the functions of a primer surfacer.

- Filler
- Adhesion
- Etch and fill
- Corrosion resistance
- High film build
- Colour hold out
- Aerosol application
- Roll on application
- No shrinkage
- Seals surface
- Tintable
- Direct to metal
- Urethane
- Sprayable polyester
- Single component
- Adhesion to bare metal
- Corrosion protection
- Prevents solvent penetration
- Uniform hold out
- Controls sandscratch swelling
- Tintable
- Uniform colour hold out
- Topcoat adhesion
- Performance

5. Describe the functions of a primer-sealer/sealer.

6. Demonstrate the mixing and application of:

- a. primers
- b. primer-surfacers
- c. primer-sealer
- d. sealer

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the mixing and application method used while applying the various undercoats and describe the functions of the various undercoats.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-6 Demonstrate and Explain Steps to Properly Clean and Prepare Vehicle Prior To Sanding**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe and demonstrate the cleaning procedure used prior to sanding.
2. The learner will be able to describe functions of refinishing cleaners.
3. The learner will be able to review safety precautions when sanding a vehicle.
4. The learner will be able to describe methods to protect surfaces and trim.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Describe and demonstrate the steps to clean and prepare the vehicle prior to sanding.</li><li>2. Describe the various types of refinishing cleaners and their functions.</li><li>3. Review safety precautions while sanding a vehicle.</li><li>3...Continued</li><li>4. Describe the methods of protecting surfaces and trim.</li></ol> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contaminant knowledge</li><li>• Cleaning techniques</li><li>• Disposal of cleaning materials</li><li>• Soap and water wash</li><li>• Degreaser</li><li>• Grease and wax remover (if necessary)</li><li>• Trim removal</li><li>• Masking</li><li>• Alcohol based</li><li>• Petroleum based</li><li>• Water based</li><li>• Application (methods)</li><li>• Environmental issues</li><li>• Storage and handling</li><li>• Disposal</li><li>• Application sequence</li><li>• Eye protection</li><li>• Dust masks</li><li>• Coveralls</li><li>• Gloves</li><li>• Safety shoes</li><li>• Ear plugs</li><li>• Adequate ventilation</li><li>• Masking/spray on</li><li>• Covering</li><li>• Removal</li><li>• Storage</li></ul> |
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**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the safety precautions and the steps to follow while preparing a vehicle prior to sanding.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-7 Demonstrate And Explain The Correct Procedures For Working With Plastic Body Fillers**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe types of body filler and putties.
2. The learner will be able to describe characteristics of body fillers and putties.
3. The learner will be able to describe hardener to filler mixing ratios.
4. The learner will be able to explain problems that may occur by incorrectly mixing body filler and putties.
5. The learner will be able to demonstrate body filler and putty application methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the different types of body fillers and putties.
2. Describe the characteristics of plastic body fillers and putties.
3. Describe the mixing ratio of hardeners to fillers.

**CONTENT**

- Fiberglass
- Aluminum
- Light weight
- Premium
- Polyester
- Glazing
- Paraffin
- Resins
- Pigments
- Solvents
- Identify substrate
- Application techniques
- Cleaning methods
- Cure times
- Working times
- Environmental forces
- Application thickness
- Limitations
- PPE
- 3.5 to 4.5% (putties)
- 2 to 2.5% (body fillers)
- Mixing method
- Estimated quantity
- Compatibility
- Follow manufacturer's recommendations

4. Explain the problems encountered from incorrectly mixing body fillers and putties.

- Improper cure
- Pin holes
- Poor adhesion
- Blistering
- Bleeding of colour coat
- Sandscratch swelling
- Bulls eyes
- Shrinking
- Surface contamination
- Moisture
- Bleaching of topcoat
- performance

5. Demonstrate the procedures to work with fillers.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and demonstrate the correct procedure for mixing, applying and finishing plastic body fillers and describe the protective equipment required to apply a two-part putty.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-8 Describe the Various Sanding Equipment and Materials Used in the Refinishing Trade**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe types of sandpapers.
2. The learner will be able to describe types of sanding equipment.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the various types of sanding materials.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe the types of sanding equipment.

**CONTENT**

- Grinding discs
- Wet/dry papers
- Dry papers
- Wet versus dry papers
- Grit types
- Grading of paper
- Abrasive pads
- Open coat/closed coat
- Adhesive type
- Costs
- Waste control
- Rotary
- Orbital
- Random-orbital
- Straight-line
- Grinders
- Sanding blocks
- Sanding pads
- Squeegee pads
- Bucket
- Vacuum systems
- Operating procedures
- Cleaning
- Maintenance
- Limitations
- Storage
- Lubrication

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the safe and correct procedure to follow when sanding a vehicle and describe the importance of regular maintenance of sanding equipment used by automotive refinishing technicians.



**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-9 Demonstrate and Explain the Types of Sanding Procedures Used in the Refinishing Trade**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the types of sanding methods.
2. The learner will be able to describe the selection process used when choosing a sanding grit.
3. The learner will be able to identify and explain the purpose of the various types of sandpaper.
4. The learner will be able to describe paint removal methods.
5. The learner will be able to demonstrate hand sanding techniques.
6. The learner will be able to demonstrate power sanding techniques.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the various methods of sanding.
2. Describe the sanding grit used when preparing a surface for topcoat application.
3. Identify and explain the purpose of various types of sandpaper.

**CONTENT**

- Hand sanding
- Power sanding
- Bare metal sanding
- Type of old finish
- Condition of old finish
- Block sanding
- Featheredging
- Grinding
- Basecoat clear coat
- Single stage
- Bend panels
- Spot repair
- Complete repair
- Blend tunnel
- Grinding discs
- Wet sandpaper
- Dry sandpaper
- Open coat
- Closed coat
- Scotch brite pads
- Scuff paste
- Grit sizes
- P-grade paper
- Handling and storage

4. Describe the various paint removal methods.

- Chemical
- Mechanical
- Media types
- Sand
- Glass
- Walnut
- Plastic
- Soda
- Safety precaution
- Safety equipment
- Protect surrounding area
- Removal techniques
- Completion cleaning
- Handle, store and dispose of material
- Cutting and folding of sandpaper
- Soaking the paper
- Surface cleaning
- Trim protection
- Proper motion
- Proper direction
- Sanding techniques
- Sanding block or pad
- Wet sand grit size
- Dry sand grit size
- Sanding lubricants
- Problems from poor sanding techniques
- performance

5. Demonstrate the methods of hand sanding.

6. Demonstrate the methods of power sanding.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the various sanding methods and describe the correct sanding procedures to use to prevent refinishing problems.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-10 Describe the Purposes and Mixing Ratios of Metal Conditioners**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the components of a metal conditioner and conversion coating.
2. The learner will be able to describe the purpose of metal conditioners and conversion coatings.
3. The learner will be able to demonstrate the mixing process of metal conditioners and conversion coatings.
4. The learner will be able to demonstrate application methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the main ingredients of metal conditioners and conversion coating.
2. Describe the purposes of metal conditioners and conversion coating.
3. Demonstrate the mixing of metal conditioner and conversion coating.
4. Demonstrate the application of metal conditioner and conversion coating.

**CONTENT**

- Phosphoric acid
- Zinc phosphate/chromate
- Adhesion qualities
- Cleaning qualities
- Protection
- Durability
- Corrosion protection
- Safety precautions
- Follow directions
- Manufacturer's mixing ratios
- Pot life
- Safety precautions
- Wet coat
- Time allowed before rinsing
- Cleanliness
- Visual signs
- Spray bottle
- Sponge application of water (neutralize)
- Disposal method
- Cleaning after use

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the functions of metal conditioner and conversion coating and demonstrate the safe and correct application methods used to apply these products.

**LINE D: SURFACE PREPARATION**

**Competency: D-11 Describe Advanced Masking Techniques**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe types of masking materials.
2. The learner will be able to describe the use of masking tape.
3. The learner will be able to describe the various masking methods and techniques.
4. The learner will be able to explain methods used to remove masking materials.
5. The learner will be able to explain the process used to prepare a vehicle for a complete paint repair.
6. The learner will be able to mask a vehicle for complete paint.
7. The learner will be able to mask a vehicle for a blend repair.
8. The learner will be able to explain the characteristics of fine line tape.
9. The learner will be able to describe the purpose of fine line tape.
10. The learner will be able to perform a repair using fine line tape.
11. The learner will be able to describe characteristics of spray masking materials.
12. The learner will be able to describe the components of the vehicle that can be spray masked.
13. The learner will be able to identify safety precautions using M.S.D.S.
14. The learner will be able to apply spray mask material.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

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|---|--|
| <p>1. Describe the characteristics of masking materials and their proper use.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waxed on one side</li><li>• Paper sizes</li><li>• Solvent resistant</li><li>• Plastic sheeting</li><li>• Customer satisfaction</li><li>• Spray mask</li><li>• Reduces overspray</li><li>• Foam</li><li>• Reduces detailing</li><li>• Reduces re-dos</li><li>• Heat resistant</li><li>• No loose fibers</li></ul> |
| <p>2. Describe the characteristics of masking tape and its proper use.</p>        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fine line</li><li>• Plastic</li><li>• Foam</li><li>• Vinyl</li><li>• Edge type</li><li>• Widths 1/8" to 2"</li><li>• Heat resistant</li><li>• Flexible</li><li>• Solvent resistant</li><li>• Prevents overspray</li><li>• Reduces re-dos</li><li>• Flush mount parts</li></ul>                                   |

3. Describe the various masking techniques.
  - Edge
  - Reverse
  - Inners
  - Back mask
  - Tunnel
4. Explain masking removal methods.
  - Types of masking materials
  - Application techniques
  - When to remove
  - Contaminants
  - Disposal of materials
5. Explain the steps for preparing a vehicle for a complete paint job.
  - Back mask
  - Ability to select quantity of materials
  - Cleaning
  - Wax and grease
  - Blowing off
  - Masking
  - Cleaning
  - Set up spray booth
  - Tacking
6. Mask a vehicle for complete paint.
7. Explain the steps for preparing a vehicle for a blend panel.
  - Performance
  - Clean, soap and water
  - Wax and grease panel
  - Scuff panel
  - Clean and blow off panel
  - Mask perimeter of panel
  - Clean and tack
  - Perform any specialty masking (fine line)
8. Mask a vehicle for a blend repair.
9. Explain the characteristics of fine line tape.
  - Performance
  - Nylon or vinyl
  - Heat resistant
  - Solvent resistant
  - Width 1/16" to 1/4"
  - Must be removed directly after refinishing
  - Perform any specialty masking (fine line)
10. Describe the purpose of fine line tape in paint repairs.
  - Used on flush mount applications
  - Prevents overspray
  - Prevents paint build up (bridging)
  - Easily managed for fine detail
  - Flexible
11. Mask a repair using fine line tape.
  - Performance

12. Describe the characteristics of various spray masking materials.

- Prevents overspraying
- Water soluble
- Cost effective
- Contains cleaning agents
- Environmentally friendly
- Customer satisfaction
- Applied with a spray gun
- Not to be placed in direct sunlight
- Exterior of the vehicle
- Wheel and wheel well
- Engine compartment
- Vehicle window
- Vehicle trim
- Spray booth
- Eye protection
- Respirator
- Gloves
- Ventilation
- performance

13. Describe the components to be spray masked.

14. Identify the correct safety equipment using M.S.D.S.

15. Using safety equipment apply spray mask material.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the correct method to use while masking a vehicle for complete paint and describe the procedure to follow to prevent costly re-dos and overspray.

On examination, demonstrate masking procedures for a blend panel and describe the preparation of a blend prior to masking.

On examination, demonstrate the method used to apply and remove fine line tape and describe the purpose and characteristics of fine line tape.

On examination, demonstrate the safe method used to apply liquid mask products and describe the components of the vehicle where one can use these products.



3. Describe the fire precautions to observe.

- Handling solvents
- Pouring
- Static electricity
- Containers
- Storage and handling
- Cleaning
- Soak rags
- Fire extinguishers
- Fire regulations
- Insurance regulations
- Municipal regulations
- Provincial regulations
- National regulations

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the appropriate safety procedures to prevent workplace injury and fire and demonstrate the safe use of solvents.



**LINE E:                   ADVANCED USE OF SOLVENTS**

**Competency:       E-2   Describe the Types and Function of Solvents**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to identify various types of solvents.
2.     The learner will be able to describe functions of a solvent.
3.     The learner will be able to describe the correct selection of a solvent.
4.     The learner will be able to explain temperature rated solvents.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the various types of solvents.
2. Describe the functions of solvent.
3. Describe how to select the correct solvent.
4. Explain the temperature variance of solvents.

**CONTENT**

- Thinner/gun wash
- Reducer/activator
- Cleaning agent
- Temperature rated
- Controls material sprayability (viscosity)
- Controls material flow out
- Controls flash time
- Assist in curing
- Cleaning agent
- Creates VOC
- Promotes adhesion
- Evaporates at room temperature
- Type of refinishing product
- Temperature
- Humidity
- Type of spray booth
- Ability of applicator
- Shop conditions
- Condition of topcoat
- Slow
- Medium
- Fast
- Very fast
- Activated solvent
- Related temperatures
- Air flow
- Effect of humidity
- Flash times
- Dry times

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the correct use of solvents and describe and/or identify the different types of solvents and their functions.

**LINE E:                   ADVANCED USE OF SOLVENTS**

**Competency:       E-3    Explain the Correct Method for Using Solvent**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate safe handling of solvents.
2.     The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate correct methods for using solvents.
3.     The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate the correct method to pour solvent.
4.     The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate the use of gun wash cleaner.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Demonstrate and explain the safe handling of solvents.
  
2. Demonstrate and explain the correct methods for using solvents.
  
3. Demonstrate and explain the correct method to pour solvent.
  
4. Demonstrate and explain the correct methods for using gun wash.

**CONTENT**

- Pouring
- Containers
- Reading and understanding manufacturer's instructions
- Disposal/environment
- Storage
- Personal protection
- MSDS information
- Spraying environment
- Temperature
- Flash off times
- Humidity
- Personal safety equipment
- Speed of pour
- Ventilation
- Mixing ratios
- Percentages
- Parts
- Personal protection
- Waste prevention
- Storage
- Equipment
- Storage
- Personal equipment
- Disposal

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the safe method used to apply a solvent based product and describe the importance of using the correct solvent.

**LINE E:                   ADVANCED USE OF SOLVENTS**

**Competency:       E-4   Describe the Problems Encountered by Using the Wrong Type of Solvents**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe and identify topcoat problems caused by an incorrect solvent selection.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the problems that may occur while using the wrong type of solvent.

**CONTENT**

- Paint curdle
- Improper application
- Improper dry
- Colour change
- Poor gloss
- Orange peel
- Solvent popping
- Swelling
- Seediness
- Shrinkage
- Sandscratch swelling
- Mottling
- Sags and runs
- Poor adhesion

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, recognize and/or describe refinishing problems that can occur while using a poor quality solvent or the wrong temperature-rated solvent.

**LINE F: CORROSION PROTECTION**

**Competency: F-1 Describe And Analyze Corrosion**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the definition of corrosion.
2. The learner will be able to describe the reasons why corrosion forms.
3. The learner will be able to describe O.E.M. corrosion protection.
4. The learner will be able to describe P.B.E. when applying corrosion protection materials.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe corrosion.
  - a. electrolysis
  - b. types of metals
2. Describe the reasons why corrosion will form.
3. Describe O.E.M. corrosion protection.
4. Describe the various safety precautions taken when applying corrosion protection materials.

**CONTENT**

- Oxidization
- Moisture
- Ions
- Metal oxide
- Electrolyte
- Various road conditions
- Improper metal preparation
- Various weather conditions
- Relative humidity
- Hot spots
- Collision damage
- Improper repair
- Poor maintenance
- Metal treatment
- Conversion coating
- Phosphate coating
- Anti-corrosion materials
- E-coat
- Respiratory
- Eye protection
- Skin protection
- Adequate ventilation

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the theory of corrosion and describe the safety methods used while applying corrosion protection materials.

**LINE F: CORROSION PROTECTION**

**Competency: F-2 Explain Different Types of Corrosion and the Cause of Each**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the components of corrosion.
2. The learner will be able to describe the cause of corrosion.
3. The learner will be able to identify the types of corrosion.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the formula for corrosion.
2. Describe the cause of corrosion.
3. Identify the different types of corrosion.

**CONTENT**

- Oxygen
- Moisture
- Heat source
- Road salt
- Salty air
- High relative humidity
- Environmental items
- High levels of moisture
- Improper repair
- Sacrificial corrosion
- Galvanic corrosion

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, explain the components needed to start the corrosion process and describe the various types of corrosion.

**LINE F: CORROSION PROTECTION**

**Competency: F-3 Explain the Repair Technique for Each**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to explain corrosion repair techniques.
2. The learner will be able to demonstrate a corrosion repair.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Explain the repair technique for corrosion.

**CONTENT**

- Remove as little paint as possible
  - Removal techniques
  - Remove all traces of corrosion
  - Safety precautions
  - Protect vehicle during repair
  - Limitations
  - Use one manufacturer's system
  - Follow manufacturer's guidelines
  - Latex rust converter
  - Media blasting
  - Sandblasting
  - Performance
2. Demonstrate corrosion repair.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the method used to repair and remove corrosion and describe the correct repair technique used while repairing or removing corrosion.

**LINE F: CORROSION PROTECTION**

**Competency: F-4 EXPLAIN CORROSION PREVENTION**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to identify equipment required to apply corrosion protection materials.
2. The learner will be able to describe corrosion protection materials.
3. The learner will be able to describe areas of the vehicle requiring corrosion protection.
4. The learner will be able to identify potential issues caused by improper corrosion protection.
5. The learner will be able to describe chip guards and their functions.
6. The learner will be able to demonstrate the steps to follow to establish corrosion protection.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify equipment needed for the application of corrosion protection materials.
2. Describe materials used for corrosion prevention.
3. Describe areas requiring protection.

**CONTENT**

- Spray guns
- Sealing guns
- Undercoat gun
- Spray wands
- Spray bombs
- Brush
- Galvanized metal
- Metal conditions
- Conversion coating
- Epoxy primer
- Primer-surfacers
- Primer sealer, sealer
- Top coat
- Anti-corrosion compounds
- Seam sealers
- Gravel guards
- Chip resistant coatings
- Application techniques
- Cleaning
- Storage
- Limitations
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- Joints and seams
- Enclosed interior surfaces
- Exposed joints
- Exposed interior surfaces
- Exposed exterior surfaces

4. Identify potential issues caused by improper corrosion protection.

- Poor finish
- Life expectancy of vehicle reduced
- Warranty issues
- Poor customer relations
- Liability issues
- Corrosion hot spots
- Poor adhesion
- Blisters
- Structural integrity
- Hot spots
- Vehicle appearance
- Customer expectations
- Vehicle's life expectancy
- Vehicle long term value
- Waterborne
- Acrylic
- Paintable/non-paintable
- Dry times
- Sanding times
- Limitations
- Application equipment
- Application method
- Substrate preparation
- Duplicate textures
- Protect surrounding areas
- Cleaning
- Drying
- Sanding or grinding
- Cleaning
- Application of product
- Equipment
- Material knowledge
- Drying of products
- Topcoating
- Safety precautions
- Use of a given paint system

5. Describe chip guards and their use.

5...Continued

6. Demonstrate the correct sequence of steps to follow to provide corrosion protection.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the procedure to follow while applying anti-corrosion materials and describe areas of the vehicle that require corrosion protection.



**LINE G: ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING OF TOPCOAT MATERIALS**

**Competency: G-1 Describe the Various Types of Topcoats Found on Today's Vehicle**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to identify the various types of automotive topcoats.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the various topcoats.

**CONTENT**

- Basecoat clear coat
- Single stage urethane
- Colour coat clear coat
- Tri-coat
- Multi-stage
- Enamels
- Acrylic enamels
- Urethanes
- Basecoat
- Waterborne
- Powder coating
- Thermoset
- Thermo plastic
- Future product changes
- Identified by its resin type

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, recognize and describe the various topcoats found on today's vehicles.

**LINE G:                    ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING OF TOPCOAT MATERIALS**

**Competency:            G-2    Identifying Topcoats**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe topcoat functions.
2.     The learner will be able to explain and demonstrate how to establish the type and condition of a finish.
3.     The learner will be able to describe O.E.M. topcoat application methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the functions of the topcoat.
2. Demonstrate and explain how to establish the type and condition of a finish on a vehicle.
3. Describe refinishing products and their application methods at the Original Equipment Manufacture (O.E.M.).

**CONTENT**

- Environmental protection
- Corrosion protection
- Appearance
- Resale value
- Thinner rag
- Sanding
- V.I.P.
- Computer database
- Microfiche
- Mil gauge
- Magnifying glass
- Visual inspection
- Jobber/supplier
- Manufacturer
- Types of substrates
- Factory variables
- Standards
- Assembly line
- Waterborne products
- Powdered clearcoats
- E-coat
- High temperature bake
- Non-catalyzed
- Robotic spray equipment
- Corrosion protection system
- Various abilities and product
- Variables in types of equipment
- Activated products
- Baking systems
- Powder coatings
- Quality checks

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate and/or describe the method used to determine the condition of a topcoat and describe the application method and equipment used to apply topcoats at the Original Equipment Manufacture (O.E.M.).

**LINE G:                   ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING OF TOPCOAT MATERIALS**

**Competency:           G-3   Describe the Main Components Of Paint And The Function Of Each**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to identify the component of paint.
2.     The learner will be able to describe the functions of the components of paint.
3.     The learner will be able to demonstrate topcoat mixing procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Identify the main components of paint.
  
2. Describe the function of the main components of paint.
  
3. Demonstrate the mixing procedures for the various topcoats.

**CONTENT**

- Pigment
- Binder/resins
- Solvent
- Additives
- U.V. screeners
- Metallics
- Pearls/micas
- Durability
- Colour
- Adhesion
- Gloss
- Protection
- Dry time
- Evaporation rate
- Reductions
- Water resistance
- U.V. protection
- Fill
- Chemical resistance
- Performance

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, demonstrate the correct and safe method used to mix the various topcoats and describe the functions of each component of paint.

**LINE G:                   ADVANCED UNDERSTANDING OF TOPCOAT MATERIALS**

**Competency:       G-4   Describe The Various Topcoat Application Methods**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe application techniques of the various topcoats.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the application of the various topcoats.
  - a. basecoat clear coat
  - b. single stage urethane
  - c. colour coat clear coat
  - d. tri-coat
  - e. multi-stage
  - f. waterborne

**CONTENT**

- Safety precautions
- Spray gun selection
- Paint filters
- Air pressure
- Spray gun setup
- Spray gun techniques
- Spray gun cleaning
- Spray booth settings
- Number of coats
- Minimum amount (U.V. protection)
- Flash off times
- Dry times
- Spray out cards
- Let down panels

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the various topcoat application methods used by the automotive refinishing industry.

**LINE H: CHARACTERISTICS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES**

**Competency: H-1 Describe The Characteristics And Procedures Of Hardeners**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the use and characteristics of hardeners and activators.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics and use of hardeners and activators.

**CONTENT**

- Chemical action
- Cross linking
- Curing
- Thermoset
- Deactivates below 58°F
- Speed up cure
- Improve gloss
- Used in all thermoset products
- Durability
- Handling and storage
- Mixing procedures
- PPE

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the correct use of the various types of hardeners and describe the characteristics of these hardeners.

**LINE H: CHARACTERISTICS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES**

**Competency: H-2 Describe the Characteristics and Purpose of Accelerators**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the use and characteristics of accelerators.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics and use of accelerators.

**CONTENT**

- Speed up dry time
- May cause a loss of gloss
- Shortened pot life
- Should be used in a cooler spraying environment
- Used in undercoats and topcoats

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the correct use and characteristics of automotive refinishing accelerators.

**LINE H: CHARACTERISTICS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES**

**Competency: H-3 Describe the Characteristics and Purpose of Flex Agents**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the use and characteristics of flex agents.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics and use of flex agents.

**CONTENT**

- Used for flexible parts
- Applied to undercoats and topcoats
- Mixing ratios may vary with each parts flexibility
- Storage after use

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the characteristics and correct use of automotive refinishing flex agents.

**LINE H: CHARACTERISTICS OF CHEMICAL ADDITIVES**

**Competency: H-4 Describe the Characteristics and Purpose of Flattening Agents**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the use and characteristics of flattening agents.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics and use of flattening agents.

**CONTENT**

- Lower gloss
- Lower shine
- Provide dull finish
- Customer satisfaction
- Used in topcoats

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the characteristics and correct use of automotive refinishing flattening agents.



**LINE I:                   THEORY OF COLOUR**

**Competency:       I-1       Describe How to Locate, Research and Record Colour Data**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe V.I.P. and colour code locations.
2.     The learner will be able to describe manufacturer's resource material.
3.     The learner will be able to explain the use of automotive refinishing computers.
4.     The learner will be able to explain the use of measuring equipment.
5.     The learner will be able to explain paint mixing procedures.
6.     The learner will be able to describe colour formulation systems.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe V.I.P. and colour code location.
2. Describe manufacturer's resource material.
3. Explain the use of computers in the refinishing trade.
- 3...Continued
4. Explain the use of measuring equipment.

**CONTENT**

- Paint code location
- Paint code identification
- Location charts
- Paint chip books
- Colour books
- Formula books
- Microfiche
- Variant decks
- Chromatic map system
- Computer networks
- Spectrometer
- Computer hardware
- Software applications
- Spectrophotometer
- Paint mixing
- Job tracking
- Material tracking
- Data retrieval
- Colour information
- Product information
- MSDS information
- VOC tracking
- Scales
- Proportional sticks
- Containers
- Computerized
- Digital
- Interpret technical manuals
- Ability to operate systems
- Basic calculations
- Set up measuring system
- Maintain measuring system

5. Explain procedures to follow when mixing paint.

- Scales and ratios
- Viscosity scales
- Low and high strength colours
- Safety procedures
- Mixing equipment
- Ability to select correct solvent and activator for the job

6. Describe shop colour formulation system.

- Required amount of paint
- Chip books
- Product manuals
- System updates
- Microfiche
- Spray out cards
- Variant decks
- Computer database

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the methods used to obtain and verify a vehicle's paint code and paint formula.

**LINE I:                   THEORY OF COLOUR**

**Competency:       I-2     Describe Variables Which Have an Influence on Colour**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe O.E.M. top coating variations.
2.     The learner will be able to describe top coat variables in the automotive refinishing industry.
3.     The learner will be able to describe metamorphism.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe variables at O.E.M. level.

2. Describe variables in industry.

3. Describe metamorphism.

**CONTENT**

- Allowed margins/tolerances
- Multiple plant locations
- Differences in equipment
- Types of paints applied
- Variations in metallic/micas
- Paint line stoppage
- Multiple paint suppliers
- Damages in transit
- Equipment differences
- Different paint types
- Spray gun techniques and settings
- Differences in climate
- Improper formulation
- Orientation
- Weathering of finish
- Colour matches
- Technician's ability
- Natural daylight
- Fluorescent/bright or cool white
- Incandescent
- Finishes viewed under different light sources

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe conditions and/or circumstances that influence colour at the O.E.M. level and at the automotive refinishing industry level.

**LINE I:                   THEORY OF COLOUR**

**Competency:       I-3     Define Terminology used to Describe Colour**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe terms used to define solid/metallic colours.
2.     The learner will be able to describe the three dimensions of colour.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Define terms used to describe solid/metallic colour.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe the three dimensions of colour.

**CONTENT**

- Pigment
- Binder/resin
- Tinter
- Opaque
- Iridescent/metallic
- Translucent
- Transparent
- Micas/pearls
- Spectrum of colour
- Face, pitch and flash
- Value
- Hue
- Chroma
- Primary/secondary cast
- Saturation/de-saturation
- Lightness/darkness

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and identify the correct method used to analyze colour.

**LINE I:                   THEORY OF COLOUR**

**Competency:       I-4     List the Steps for Mixing and Tinting a Colour**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe colour matching procedures.
2.     The learner will be able to identify the viewing angles of colour.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe colour matching.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Identify viewing angles of colour.

**CONTENT**

- Uniform base colour
- Proper mixing of toners
- Formula content
- Use of scales
- Spray out cards
- Draw down bar
- Comparison colour to vehicle
- Colour mapping
- Colour adjustment
- Toner measurement
- Colour change wet/dry
- Spray techniques
- Air pressure
- Solvent selection
- Face
- Flash
- Pitch
- Metallic flop

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the viewing angle a technician uses to determine the flop of a colour and describe the correct procedure used to match a colour.

**LINE J: PAINT PROBLEMS AND REPAIRS**

**Competency: J-1 Describe the Types of Repairs one can Encounter in the Refinishing Trade**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe various topcoat repairs.
2. The learner will be able to describe the types of topcoating colour systems and components.
3. The learner will be able to identify types of topcoat refinishing materials.
4. The learner will be able to identify various vehicle substrates.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the types of surface repair classification.
2. Describe the types of colour systems.
3. Identify the type of topcoat material encountered on the vehicles.
4. Identify the types of substrates one can encounter on a vehicle.

**CONTENT**

- Spot repair
- Panel repair
- Complete repair
- Blends (colour and clear)
- Solid colour
- Metallic colours
- Pearlescent
- Dyes
- Colour coat/clear coat
- Basecoat/clear coat
- Basecoat clear coat
- Single stage urethane
- Colour coat clear coat
- Tri-coat
- Water base
- Lacquer (awareness)
- Fiberglass
- Plastic
- Steel
- Aluminum
- S.M.C.

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and/or identify the types of topcoats, colour systems and substrates and describe the correct choice of repair for each.

**LINE J: PAINT PROBLEMS AND REPAIRS**

**Competency: J-2 Describe the Methods for Determining the Extent or Severity of the Refinish Problem**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the methods of determining the severity of a repair.
2. The learner will be able to explain the importance of performing an inspection prior to starting repairs.
3. The learner will be able to describe surface preparation procedures for a spot, panel and complete repair.
4. The learner will be able to identify problems that result from improper surface preparation.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the methods of determining the severity of the refinishing problem.
2. Explain the importance of performing an inspection prior to starting repairs.
3. Describe the surface preparation procedure for the spot repair of:
  - a. basecoat/clear coat
  - b. single stage (solid and metallic)
  - c. tri-coat
  - d. water base

**CONTENT**

- Visual inspection
- Film gauge
- Magnifying glass
- Sanding
- 
- Confirm repair
- Ongoing inspection
- Identify all defects
- Lost profits
- 
- Cleaning
- Sanding/wet/dry
- Compounding
- Cleaning
- Masking
- Cleaning
- Adhesion promoter
- Metal conditioners
- Conversion coating
- 
- Primer
- Primer surfacer

4. Describe the surface preparation procedure for a panel repair:
  - a. basecoat/clear coat
  - b. single stage (solid and metallic)
  - c. tri-coat
  - d. water base

5. Identify the problems that can result from improper surface prep techniques.

- Cleaning
- Sanding/wet/dry
- Compounding
- Cleaning
- Masking
- Cleaning
- Adhesion promoter
- Metal conditioners
- Conversion coating
- Primer
- Tintable primer surfacer
- Adhesion
- Sandscratches
- Bull's eyes
- Sinking
- Swelling
- Colour match
- Customer dissatisfaction
- Lost profits
- Lost personal income

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and/or select the correct surface preparation for the various types of refinishing repairs and describe the equipment used to determine the condition of a topcoat.



**LINE J: PAINT PROBLEMS AND REPAIRS**

**Competency: J-3 Explain The Application Of Colour To Match The Colour Of The Vehicle**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the use of let down panels.
2. The learner will be able to describe the spray application procedure used to gain a good colour match.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the procedure for using a let down panel.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe the spray application procedure to gain a good colour match.

**CONTENT**

- Tape application
- Base colour
- Tinted clear (colour)
- Mid coat (pearl)
- Dry times
- Number of coats
- Flash off times
- Clear coat
- Spray technique
- Reduction
- Air pressure
- Spray gun selection
- Spray gun set up
- Spray adjustment
- Application technique
- Type of spray booth
- Spray booth set up
- Spray out cards
- Repair zones
- Dry times
- Let down panels
- Colour match
- Technician's ability
- Correct colour mix

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the correct procedure to use to create a letdown panel and describe the application procedure to achieve a good colour match.



3. Describe the correct actions to prevent topcoat problems.

- Good work habits
- Knowledge of products
- Proper mixing procedures
- Proper preparation
- Correct spray equipment
- Clean spray equipment
- Proper corrosion protection
- Application technique
- Knowledge of substrate
- Know mil thickness

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, recognize and describe the various causes of refinishing problems and describe the correct course of action taken to prevent these problems.

**LINE J: PAINT PROBLEMS AND REPAIRS**

**Competency: J-5 Describe the Various Problems That Require Repair After Topcoat Application**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe how to repair various topcoat problems.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the various types of topcoat problems and how to repair them.

**CONTENT**

- Orange peel
- Sags and runs
- Dry spray
- Off colour
- Fish eyes
- Dirt
- Peeling
- Green finish
- Poor gloss
- Solvent popping
- Mottling
- Wrinkling
- Sandscratches
- Bulls eyes
- Dye back
- Topcoat absorption
- Overspray
- Colour holdout

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the various types of repairs a technician may face after the application and/or cure of a topcoat.



**LINE K: TRI-COAT APPLICATIONS**

**Competency: K-2 Describe the Procedures and Effects of Pearls and Micas**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the characteristics of mica and pearl flakes.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics of pearl and micas.

**CONTENT**

- Mined inert type pigment
- Found in India and U.S.A.
- Reflectance value
- Light reflects and passes through
- Coated with  $TiO_2$  (titanium oxide) fine white pigment
- $TiO_2$  provided foundation for other coloured pigments
- When mica is coated with  $TiO_2$  it is then called pearl
- Produces brilliant colour flare
- Colour flare very translucent
- Interference colours

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the effects of pearl and mica flakes provide to a tri-coat finish and describe the characteristics of these pigments.

**LINE L: EXPLAIN PRE-DELIVERY**

**Competency: L-1 Describe the Types of Equipment and Products Required To Perform the Necessary Topcoat Repairs**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to identify the various topcoats.
2. The learner will be able to describe topcoat surface imperfections.
3. The learner will be able to describe the equipment required to repair topcoat surface imperfection.
4. The learner will be able to describe types of polishing materials.
5. The learner will be able to describe P.P.E. worn when performing topcoat surface repairs.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Identify the types of topcoats.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basecoat clear coat</li><li>• Single stage urethane</li><li>• Colour coat clear coat</li></ul>  |
| 2. Describe the topcoat problems encountered by the detailer after refinishing. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orange peel</li><li>• Peeling</li><li>• Sags and runs</li><li>• Poor gloss</li><li>• Dirt nibs</li><li>• Solvent popping</li><li>• Mottling</li><li>• Sandscratches</li><li>• Poor adhesion</li><li>• Dye back</li><li>• Poor colour match</li><li>• Swirl marks</li><li>• Overspray</li><li>• Polishing technique</li></ul>                |
| 3. Describe the types of equipment used to repair these problems.               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Buffing machine</li><li>• Polishes</li><li>• Buffing pads</li><li>• Sanding pads</li><li>• Sandpaper</li><li>• Water bucket</li><li>• File blades</li><li>• Pneumatic sander</li><li>• Rags</li><li>• Razor blades</li><li>• Refinish if necessary</li><li>• Plastic razor blades</li><li>• Sanding block</li><li>• Clay products</li></ul> |

4. Describe the types of products and/or system required.

- Compounding
- Polish
- Wax
- Sealers
- Sandpaper
- Cleaners
- Water
- Glazes

5. Describe the safety procedures to follow while performing topcoat repairs.

- Equipment
- Hazards
- Used product disposal
- Personal safety equipment
- Adequate ventilation

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the various topcoats and the types of equipment needed to safely repair the various topcoat problems and describe the types of products and/or systems used to protect the various topcoats.



**LINE L: EXPLAIN PRE-DELIVERY**

**Competency: L-2 Describe the Correct Methods for Using Recommended Topcoat Repair Systems**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe topcoat surface repair procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the topcoat surface repair procedure of topcoat systems.

**CONTENT**

- Surface type
- Surface condition
- System to use
- Sandpaper
- Safety precautions
- Equipment selection
- Buffing pad selection
- Product selection (grit-micron size)
- Polish/buffer speed
- Polish techniques
- Motion (direction of travel)
- Pressure
- Removal of excess material
- Glazing application
- Environmental issues

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the importance to correctly select the necessary equipment and correct repair techniques while repairing a topcoat finish.

**LINE L:                    EXPLAIN PRE-DELIVERY**

**Competency:            L-3    Describe Vehicle Preparation Prior to Delivery**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe and identify vehicle systems that must be checked prior to customer delivery.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe and identify all the items and systems that must be checked prior to customer delivery.

**CONTENT**

- All work completed as per work order
- Restore to pre-existing condition
- Industry quality standards
- Check cooling system
- Check engine
- Check wheel lug nuts
- Windows, doors, hood, trunk lip operational
- Check engine compartment (clean)
- Heater system operating (blow out dust)
- Air conditioning system
- All lights and electrical system operating: radio, door locks, seat controls, windows, antenna, charging system
- Computer system functioning
- All overspray removed
- Vehicle vacuumed and washed
- Upholstery clean
- All glass clean
- Windshield wipers operational
- Vehicle road tested
- All paperwork completed

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the procedure and system used to prepare a vehicle prior to customer delivery.

**LINE L: EXPLAIN PRE-DELIVERY**

**Competency: L-4 Describe Procedures Used To Install Trim, Stripes and Decals**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe trim and accessory installation and removal methods.
2. The learner will be able to describe decal and striping application and removal methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe trim and accessory installation and removal methods.
2. Describe decal and striping application and removal methods.

**CONTENT**

- Types of trim and accessories
- Types of fasteners
- Basic vehicle construction
- Installation sequence
- Adhesives and two-sided tapes
- Surface cleaning
- Protect surrounding areas
- Types of decals and stripes
- Installation methods
- Surface cleaning
- Heat guns
- Cleaning agents
- Air bubble removal
- Installation location
- Protection of surrounding area

**Achievement Criteria:**

The learner will conduct a job search to meet with potential Employers and will successfully complete a role play exercise. Learner will be observed and assessed (pass/fail).

**LINE M: TREATMENT OF PLASTICS**

**Competency: M-1 Describe the Type of Plastic Found on Today's Vehicle**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the two categories of plastics.
2. The learner will be able to describe the differences between thermoplastic and thermoset plastics.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the two categories to which plastics are divided.
2. Describe the difference between thermoset and thermoplastic plastics.

**CONTENT**

- Thermoset
- Thermoplastic
- Solvent soluble
- Solvent non-soluble
- Rigid
- Semi-rigid
- Flexible
- Polypropylene
- Chemical sensitivity
- Heat sensitivity
- Sanding difficulties

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and recognize the two main types of plastics found on today's vehicles.

**LINE M: TREATMENT OF PLASTICS**

**Competency: M-2 Describe Where the Various Types of Plastics are Located on Today's Vehicles**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the location of rigid flexible and polypropylene plastics found on vehicles.
2. The learner will be able to describe S.M.C. type panel locations.
3. The learner will be able to describe fiberglass panel locations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

**CONTENT**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Describe where rigid plastics are located on a vehicle.              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grills</li><li>• Hoods</li><li>• Mirrors</li><li>• Dash extensions</li></ul>              |
| 2. Describe where flexible plastics are located on a vehicle.           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bumpers</li><li>• Filler panels</li><li>• Quarter extensions</li><li>• Spoilers</li></ul> |
| 3. Describe where polypropylene type plastics are located on a vehicle. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bumpers</li><li>• Inner panels</li><li>• Lower valence parts</li></ul>                    |
| 4. Describe where S.M.C. type panels are located.                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarter panels</li><li>• Fenders</li><li>• Doors</li><li>• Hood and trunk lids</li></ul>  |
| 5. Identify where fiberglass type panels are located.                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exterior body panels</li></ul>  |

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and recognize the location of the various types of plastics found on today's vehicles and describe the application use of these plastics.

**LINE M: TREATMENT OF PLASTICS**

**Competency: M-3 Describe the Repair and Refinishing Procedures for the Rigid Types of Plastic**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the refinishing materials required to repair a plastic component.
2. The learner will be able to describe rigid type plastic repair and refinishing procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the various products used in the repair and refinishing of plastic parts.
2. Describe the repair procedure for rigid types of plastics.
3. Describe the refinishing procedure for rigid plastic parts.
- 3...Continued

**CONTENT**

- Wash with soap/water
- Cleaning agents
- Sanding material
- Welders
- Adhesives
- Epoxy primers
- Adhesion promoters
- Primer surfacer
- Flex agents
- Topcoat
- Baking new O.E.M. parts
- Cleaning
- Adhesives
- Welding
- Sanding
- Filling
- Cleaning
- Priming
- Topcoating
- Wash with soap/water
- Plastic cleaner
- Scuff
- Clean with plastic cleaner
- Plastic adhesion promoter
- Primer surfacer
- Clean and tack
- Topcoat
- Mixing procedures
- Application procedure
- Equipment
- Dry times
- Disposal of waste

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe and/or recognize the various types of products used to repair and refinish plastics and describe the correct repair procedure used to refinish the various types of plastic.

**LINE M: TREATMENT OF PLASTICS**

**Competency: M-4 Explain the Repair and Refinishing Procedures for Flexible and Semi-Flexible Plastics**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe flexible and semi-rigid repair and refinishing procedures.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the repair procedure for flexible and semi-rigid plastics.
2. Describe the refinishing procedure for flexible and semi-flexible plastics.

**CONTENT**

- Adhesives
- Welding
- Sanding
- Filling
- Priming
- Wash with soap/water
- Clean with plastic cleaner
- Scuff
- Bake if new O.E.M. part
- Clean with plastic cleaner
- Plastic primer
- Flexible primer surfacer
- Sand
- Clean and tack
- Topcoat
- Mixing procedures
- Application procedures
- Equipment
- Drying/curing times

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the correct procedure to follow while repairing or refinishing flexible or semi-flexible plastic parts.



**LINE N:                   MANAGEMENT OF V.O.C. REGULATIONS**

**Competency:        N-1    DESCRIBE B.C. V.O.C. REGULATIONS**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe V.O.C. and hazardous waste characteristics.
2.     The learner will be able to describe current B.C. V.O.C. emission regulations.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the characteristics of V.O.C.s and hazardous waste.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Describe current V.O.C. emission regulations in B.C.

**CONTENT**

- V.O.C.s and their purpose
- V.O.C. history
- Where V.O.C. awareness began
- V.O.C. storage
- Disposal and handling
- Tracking
- Reporting
- Environmental concerns
- Effect on the ozone
- Products containing V.O.C.s
- How to determine V.O.C. content
- Transfer efficiency
- V.O.C. regulated equipment
- High solids refinishing materials
- To follow Canadian V.O.C. regulations
- Governed by the G.V.R.D.
- Air quality management plan
- Shops encouraged to follow the code of good practices

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the environmental concerns generated by V.O.C. emissions and describe the G.V.R.D.'s role in managing B.C.'s V.O.C. regulations.

**LINE N:                   MANAGEMENT OF V.O.C. REGULATIONS**

**Competency:        N-2   Describe Management Methods**

**Learning Objectives:**

1.     The learner will be able to describe V.O.C. management methods.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe V.O.C. management methods.

**CONTENT**

- Employer
- Employee
- Canadian government
- G.V.R.D.
- Air quality management plan

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the B.C. V.O.C. air quality management plan and describe the importance for employers and employees to keep informed with V.O.C. regulations.

**LINE O: FUTURE TRENDS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

**Competency: O-1 Describe the Need for and How the Journey person Can Keep Up-To-Date With Changes In The Industry**

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The learner will be able to describe the need for constant journey person upgrading.
2. The learner will be able to identify journey person's upgrading programs.

**LEARNING TASKS**

1. Describe the need for constant upgrading of the journey person.
2. Identify methods journey persons can use to keep up-to-date with technological changes.

**CONTENT**

- Trades certificate
- Better wages
- Employment
- Future advancement
- Personal pride
- Clinics and seminars
- Read manufacturer's bulletins
- Mailing list for information
- Basic computer skills
- Keep an open mind
- Attitude

**Achievement Criteria:**

On examination, describe the importance for trades people to keep upgrading their knowledge and describe the need to keep up-to-date with changes within the automotive refinishing industry.

# **SECTION 3**

## **TRAINING PROVIDER STANDARDS**

**RECOMMENDED REFERENCE TEXTBOOKS  
AND OTHER RESOURCE MATERIAL**

**Auto Body Repair Technology – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**

## TRAINING PROVIDER STANDARDS – FACILITIES

### **Classroom**

The minimum requirements are a well heated and ventilated classroom 900 square feet (e.g. 30' x 30') with tables and chairs suitable for adults.

The classroom should be equipped with a large Whiteboard (4' x 8') a flip chart, a white matte screen (6 or 7 ft.), an overhead projector, and a TV/VCR.

Note: A multi-media projector with Lap-top computer is advisable but optional.

### **Shop Area**

The working area should be a minimum of:

- 3000 square feet for 12 students (50% outdoors fenced area)
- 4000 square feet for 16 students (50% outdoors fenced area)
- 5000 square feet for 16 students (50% outdoors fenced area)

Shop area should have at least 22 foot ceiling space to allow for scaffold erecting. The working area must be equipped with suitable hand tools and power tools.

*Note: Training must simulate job-site conditions as much as possible.*

## TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

### STANDARD TOOL KIT

adhesive remover (eraser)	reveal moulding tool
air powered tools	rubber squeegee
air pressure gauge	sanding blocks
blow gun	sanding boards
clip removal tool	scratch pad
decal removal tool	screwdrivers
drill	socket wrench sockets
dual action sander	sponge blocks
file grinder	spray bottles stop watch
hand cutting tools	tape measure
hand tools	tire chuck
heat gun	trim removing tools
plastic spreaders	trouble light
putty board	tweezers
putty knife	upholstery tools
ratchet socket	

### SAFETY AND FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

disposal containers	goggles
dust extraction equipment	invisible glove
dust mask	paint suit
ear protectors	protective clothing
explosion proof room	respirator (air purifying)
explosion proof wiring	respirator (air supplied)
eye wash station	safety eyewear
fire extinguishers	safety footwear
first aid kit	spill kits
gloves (work & rubber)	

### REFINISHING EQUIPMENT

air brush	computer and software
anti-static devices	curing lamps
automatic gun washing system	film thickness gauge (wet and dry)
blow gun	gravel guard gun
colour chips	ground cable
colour corrective bulbs	gun washer

## REFINISHING EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

heat lamps	spectrophotometer
liquid mask	spray booth
measuring sticks	spray gun (electrostatic)
microfiche reader	spray gun (gravity feed)
mixing cups	spray gun (HVLP)
mixing machine	spray gun (LVLP)
mixing scales	spray gun (pressure pot system)
mixing sticks	spray gun (suction feed)
oilless compressor	spray out cards
paint shaker	thermometer
paint strainers	UV lamps
pressure washers	variant cards
schutz gun	viscosity cups
solvent recycler	

## DETAILING AND CLEANING EQUIPMENT

abrasive pad	moulding cutter
anti-corrosive applicator	polisher
buffer pad	razor blade
buffer/polisher	razor blade holder
cleaning brush	run-nib file
cleaning clothes	spray bottle
cleaning equipment	stripe cutter
cleaning solutions	tack cloths
interior cleaner	vacuum cleaner
magnifying glass	

## SHOP EQUIPMENT

air compressor	media blasting equipment
air dryer	moisture trap
air hoses	moulding remover
air makeup system	parts and bumper stands
air transformer	plastic rivet gun
axle stand	pneumatic sanders
brooms	pressure washer
caulking gun (manual/air)	regulators
decal eraser	solvent recycler
files	spreaders
floor jack	stands
floor squeegees	step ladders
hangers	telephone
hoist	two-way radio
manometer	windshield removing tools
masking cart	wire brush



## INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATION

### **Qualification**

The instructor must have completed an apprenticeship in the occupation and have the Interprovincial Red Seal Certificate.

### **Experience**

# **APPENDIX 3**

## **PROGRAM STANDARDS SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT**



# Program Standards Specification

## **PHASE 1 – PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Section 1: Program Profile

Section 2: Occupation Analysis Chart

## **PHASE 2 – PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

Section 1: Program Outline

Section 2: Assessment Methods

Section 3: Logbooks

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## PHASE 1 – PROGRAM PROPOSAL

All program proposals submitted to the Industry Training Authority for review shall contain the following additional documentation:

### SECTION 1 - PROGRAM PROFILE:

The Program Profile shall contain the following headings and content:

- 1) Occupational Description  
The occupation shall be summarized in one or two paragraphs.
- 2) Credential Issued  
The description shall identify the credential issued by the Industry Training Authority after successful completion or challenge of the program requirements.
- 3) Linkage to other Credentials  
The description shall explain how the proposed program links to other credentials or ladders into other programs.
- 4) Program Duration:  
Where applicable, the durations for in-school technical training hours and/or work-based training hours shall be clearly identified.
- 5) Prerequisites:  
Where applicable, prerequisite learning shall be identified and graphically represented in a sequential learning map that clearly identifies the starting and ending points.
- 6) Assessment Methods:  
Assessment at each level of learning shall be based on theory examination, practical assessment and/or worksite competency assessment.
- 7) Challenge requirements:  
Challenge requirements shall be based on a minimum of 1.5 times the work based training hours excluding in-school technical training time.
- 8) Completion requirements:  
The requirements for program completion shall be identified for each level.
- 9) Review Schedule:  
The Occupational Analysis, Program Profile, Program Outline and Assessment shall be reviewed at regular intervals of no greater than five years.

## **SECTION 2 - OCCUPATION ANALYSIS CHART:**

The Occupation Analysis Chart (DACUM Chart) shall be laid out in a graphical format that identifies all duties and competencies.

Each competency descriptor shall contain an action verb that conveys action/behaviors and reflects the type of performance that is to occur.

## **PHASE 2 – PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION**

All program proposals approved by the Industry Training Authority shall undergo development and implementation of the following criteria under the direction of the Industry Training Authority.

### **SECTION 1 - PROGRAM OUTLINE:**

#### **Part 1: The Program Outline:**

The program outline shall expand and explain each competency identified on the Occupation Analysis Chart. A single page for each description shall contain the following headings and content:

- 1) Competency Description  
The description shall be the same identified on the occupation analysis chart.
- 2) Learning Objective  
The learning objective shall describe what the learners will be expected to do when they have completed a specified course of instruction.
- 3) Learning Tasks and Content  
The learning tasks and content shall be laid out in numbered point/bullet form, and shall describe what the learners will be expected to learn during their course of instruction.
- 4) Achievement Criteria:  
Where applicable, minimum standards of achievement shall be identified for each competency in measurable units of quality, quantity, and/or time.

#### **Part 2: Training Provider Standards:**

For effective program delivery, minimum standards shall be established for:

- 1) Facilities:  
For each level of technical training, facilities appropriate for delivery of instruction shall be

identified.

- 2) Tools and Lab/Shop Equipment:  
For each level of technical training, all tools, lab and shop equipment shall be identified.
- 3) Instructor Qualification:  
For each level of technical training, instructor qualifications and experience shall be identified.

## **SECTION 2 - ASSESSMENT METHODS:**

- 1) Knowledge Assessment:  
An examination bank of multiple choice criterion referenced questions with answer keys shall exist for all level and challenge examinations.

The examination banks and answer keys shall be provided to the Industry Training Authority in Microsoft Word format for storage on examination management software.

Each bank shall contain a minimum of three times the questions asked on each examination as identified in the Examination Table of Specification.

- 2) Examination Table of Specification:  
A table of specification shall exist for each examination and shall identify:
  - a) The weighting for each block of competencies based on relative importance, difficulty and frequency.
  - b) The number of questions asked within each block of competencies.
  - c) The total number of questions asked on the examination.
  - d) The total number of questions required for the examination bank.
- 3) Practical Assessment:  
A bank of practical assessments, job diagrams and material lists shall be provided to the Industry Training Authority in Microsoft Word format for storage on examination management software.

All practical assessments shall contain clearly defined minimum industry standards of performance in measurable units of quality, quantity, and/or time.

## **SECTION 3 - LOGBOOK:**

Where applicable, logbooks shall align with the competencies identified in the occupation analysis chart and program outline.

The Logbook shall provide a record of work based training hours and a signoff of competencies after successful demonstration of ability to minimum industry standards.

# **APPENDIX 4**

## **TABLE OF SPECIFICATIONS TEMPLATE AND EXAMPLE**

**PROGRAM NAME**

[LXR Naming Convention xxxxxxxx] LEVEL oo

**TABLE OF SPECIFICATIONS WEIGHTING TEMPLATE**

Date Auto-Assigned \_\_\_\_\_

Objective	CATEGORY 1				Theory Weighting	Comment [Ie1]: Competency Objective Area 15 characters maximum
[old]: Orientation to the Residential Construction Industry  [new]: <u>orientation</u>	Question Level [new]: L1	Sub-Topic [new]: A1  A2  A3	number of questions 2  1  3	Subtopic Description  Describe Work Performed by Technicians  Describe the Industry Structure  Describe Construction Trades	5%	
[old]: Residential Construction Career Access Skills  [new]: <u>careeraccess</u>	Question Level [new]: L2	Sub-Topic [new]: B1  B2  B3  B4  B5	number of questions 3  2  1  1	Subtopic Description  Perform Basic Calculations  Use Safe Work Practices  Identify Materials  Work Safety Around Material Handling Vehicles  Explain WCB Regulations	35%	
[old]: Residential Construction Tools and Equipment  [new]: <u>tools&amp;equipment</u>	Question Level [new]: L3	Sub-Topic [new]: C1	number of questions 3	Subtopic Description	45%	
<b>CATEGORY 2</b>						Comment [Ie2]: Category 2 is Taxonomy
	K	C	A	Total Number of Questions		

*These weightings used for calculating the blending of practical & theory*

*The template has been developed for use*

<i>Practical</i>	<b>70%</b>
<i>Theory (Exam)</i>	<b>30%</b>



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Level One	Line/Competency	TOS %	Items per exam	Tax 1	Tax 2	Tax 3	Items in bank	Tax. per comp.	Tax 1	Tax 2	Tax 3	Pract. In-Sch Assess.*
<b>Line A</b>	<b>Overview of BET's Work, Scope &amp; Responsibility</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	5	0	0	<b>15</b>		15	0	0	<b>10</b>
A1	Describe the construction process							1	1	0	0	
A2	Use construction terminology							6	6	0	0	
A3	Describe the main tasks of BETs							8	8	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>15</b>	0	0	0	
<b>Line B</b>	<b>Use Safe work Practices</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	7	2	1	<b>30</b>		24	5	1	<b>20**</b>
B1	Use good housekeeping and general safety practices							9	7	2	0	
B2	Obtain WHMIS certification							11	8	3	0	
B3	Use personal injury protection practices							3	3	0	0	
B4	Obtain Level 1 First Aid Certification							2	1	0	1	
B5	Obtain Fall Protection Certification							5	5	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>30</b>				
<b>Line C</b>	<b>Use and Care of Equipment and Tools</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	10	0	0	<b>30</b>		30	0	0	<b>20</b>
C1	Use and care for equipment used by BETs							26	26	0	0	
C2	Use and care for tools used by BETs							4	4	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>30</b>				
<b>Line D</b>	<b>Understand Building Science</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	12	6	2	<b>60</b>		36	19	5	<b>40</b>
D1	Describe "house-as-a-system" concept							8	2	5	1	
D2	Install Foundation Wall							9	6	3	0	
D3	Describe overall moisture control strategy							6	3	3	0	
D4	Describe moisture movement mechanisms							2	2	0	0	
D5	Describe conditions for and forces causing water leakage							6	2	2	2	
D6	Describe capillary action and causal factors							3	3	0	0	
D7	Describe air-borne moisture and causal factors							4	3		1	
D8	Describe vapour diffusion and causal factors							9	7	1	1	
D9	Describe condensation, resulting problems and moisture removal							7	6	1	0	
D10	Describe heat flow and insulation							2	1	1	0	
D11	Describe the role of mechanical systems and control of interior moisture load							4	1	3	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>60</b>				

\* This is the in-school assessment which will be a combination of end of line multiple-choice quizzes and instructor assessment of practical demonstrations and certifications. The value of each end of line quiz is provided in this table. The value of practical demonstrations is weighted and evaluated by the instructor. The value of the certification is "certified" or "not certified".

\*\* Plus obtaining certifications.

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<b>Line E</b>	<b>Understand Applied Building Science</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	10	4	3	<b>51</b>		31	12	8	<b>20</b>
E1	Describe moisture load							6	4	1	1	
E2	Describe methods for controlling forces causing water leakage							7	2	2	3	
E3	Describe methods for controlling capillary action							5	2	3	0	
E4	Describe methods for controlling air-borne vapour							18	12	2	4	
E5	Describe methods for controlling vapour							10	8	2	0	
E6	Describe methods for controlling condensation and drying							5	3	2	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>51</b>				
<b>Line F</b>	<b>Describe Walls</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	0	<b>12</b>		10	2	0	<b>5</b>
F1	Identify elements and functions of walls							10	8	2	0	
F2	Identify types of walls							2	2	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>12</b>				
<b>Line H</b>	<b>Read Drawings, Plans and Specifications</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	8	1	1	<b>30</b>		25	1	4	<b>25</b>
H1	Read building plans, detail and shop drawings and specifications							30	25	1	4	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>30</b>				
<b>Line I</b>	<b>Apply Sheathing Membrane</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	2	2	0	<b>12</b>		6	6	0	<b>10</b>
I1	Identify products and requirements							10	6	4	0	
I2	Apply sheathing membrane on plane of wall							2	0	2	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>12</b>				
<b>Line J</b>	<b>Install Windows and Doors</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	2	1	1	<b>12</b>		10	1	1	<b>10</b>
J1	Identify types of windows and doors							8	7	0	1	
J2	Prepare wall for window and door installation and install windows and doors in rough openings							4	3	1	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>12</b>				
<b>Line L</b>	<b>Apply Self-Adhered Membrane</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	0	<b>12</b>		10	2	0	<b>10</b>
L1	Describe the purpose of self-adhered membranes and materials used							1	1	0	0	
L2	Describe the handling requirements							3	2	1	0	
L3	Apply self-adhered membrane							8	7	1	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>12</b>				

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<b>Line M</b>	<b>Install Strapping</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	3	1	0	<b>12</b>		8	4	0	<b>10</b>
M1	Describe strapping requirements							7	5	2		
<b>Line N</b>	<b>Apply Sealants</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	4	0	0	<b>12</b>		12	0	0	<b>10</b>
N1	Describe sealant materials, and the purpose and proper use of sealants							6	6	0	0	
N2	Apply sealants							6	6	0	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>12</b>				
<b>Line O</b>	<b>Apply Cladding</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	2	1	1	<b>12</b>		8	2	2	<b>10</b>
O1	Describe stucco-backer board								0	0	0	
O2	Apply stucco backer board							1	1	0	0	
O3	Describe General Attributes of Alternate Claddings							4	1	1	2	
O4	Perform General Cladding Application Techniques							7	6	1	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>12</b>				
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100 Theory 75%</b>	71	20	9	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	225	54	21	<b>200 Pract 25%</b>
	<b>Mark X</b> <b>Total Mark equals → → → → → → → → 0.75</b>											<b>Mark X 0.25</b>
	<b>→ → → → → Plus → → → →</b>											

\*\*\*Note – The exam item bank does not include questions for Line G as these are not assessed by the ITA.\*\*\*

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<b>Line C</b>	<b>Use and Care of Equipment and Tools</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
C2	Use and care for tools used by BET's								10	5	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>15</b>				
<b>Line E</b>	<b>Understand Applied Building Science</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
E7	Describe different climates that require different construction details							8	6	2	0	
E8	Describe methods for protecting/preserving selected materials							10	9	1	0	
E9	Describe wood shrinkage and some implications							3	2	1	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>21</b>				
<b>Line F</b>	<b>Describe Walls</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>
F3	Identify critical parts of walls							15	11	3	1	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>15</b>				
<b>Line H</b>	<b>Read Drawings, Plans and Specifications</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
H1	Read building plans, detail and shop drawings, and specifications							6	0	0	6	
H2	Apply project recording and reporting practices							9	6	1	2	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>15</b>				
<b>Line I</b>	<b>Apply Sheathing Membrane</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>
I3	Apply sheathing membrane in critical areas							45	15	17	13	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>45</b>				
<b>Line J</b>	<b>Install Windows and Doors</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>
J2	Prepare wall for window and door installation and install windows and doors in rough openings							8	6	1	1	
J3	Seal and install flashing papers around window and door frames, and insulate around window and door frames							1	1	0	0	
J4	Prepare drainage plane and air barrier continuity around windows and doors							27	18	5	4	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>36</b>				
<b>Line K</b>	<b>Flash Windows, Doors and Other Locations</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>60</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35</b>
K1	Identify flashing design factors and types of flashing							12	9	3	0	
K2	Describe measures to protect and extend the performance of materials							6	3	2	1	
K3	Flash windows and doors							4	3	1	0	
K4	Flash other openings in walls							3	3	0	0	
K5	Flash other locations							35	24	8	3	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>60</b>				

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<b>Line L</b>	<b>Apply Self-adhered Membrane and Install External Insulation</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	6	3	1	<b>30</b>		19	9	2	<b>25</b>
L3	Apply self-adhered membrane							13	6	7	0	
L4	Describe the performance and types of insulation							9	9	0	0	
L5	Apply external insulation and prepare for cladding installation							8	4	2	2	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>30</b>				
<b>Line M</b>	<b>Install Strapping</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	4	2	1	<b>21</b>		12	8	1	<b>15</b>
M2	Install strapping							21	12	8	1	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>21</b>				
<b>Line N</b>	<b>Apply Sealants</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	4	3	0	<b>21</b>		14	7	0	<b>15</b>
N1	Describe sealant materials, and the purpose and proper use of sealants							5	3	2	0	
N2	Apply sealants							16	11	5	0	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>21</b>				
<b>Line O</b>	<b>Apply Cladding</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	4	2	1	<b>21</b>		12	8	1	<b>15</b>
O3	Describe general attributes of alternate claddings							3	3	0	0	
O4	Perform general cladding application techniques							18	9	8	1	
	<b>Total</b>							<b>21</b>				
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>100</b>	56	29	15	<b>300</b>	<b>300</b>	183	82	35	<b>200</b>
			<b>Theory</b>									<b>Pract</b>
			<b>30%</b>									<b>70%</b>
	<b>Total Mark equals → → → → → →</b>	<b>→ →</b>	<b>Mark X</b>				<b>→ →</b>	<b>→ →</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>→ →</b>	<b>→ →</b>	<b>Mark X</b>
			<b>0.30</b>					<b>→</b>	<b>Plus</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>0.70</b>

\*\*\*Note – The exam item bank does not include questions for Line G as these are not assessed by the ITA.\*\*\*

**Validated Table of Specifications (TOS) and Taxonomy (Updated July 8, 2007)**

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**CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION (FINAL) EXAM WEIGHTING\***

**Examination Table of Specifications**

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>LEVEL NAME</b>	<b>WEIGHTING</b>
1	Basic BET	40%
2	Advanced BET	60%
<b>Total</b>		<b>100%</b>

\*\*\*If it is determined by the industry and ITA that there will be no Certificate of Qualification Exam and only a Red Seal Exam, then this table does not apply.

# **APPENDIX 5**

## **ITA EXAMINATION BANK GUIDELINES**

## GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING MULTIPLE-CHOICE ITEMS

This document, derived from the Inter-Provincial (Red Seal) Units of Instruction contains general guidelines that, when applied, should result in the production of high quality items.

By definition, a multiple-choice item consists of two parts:

- (a) The Stem, which gives the details and poses the problem;
- (b) The Responses, one of which is the correct answer, plus three plausible distracters.

In ITA examinations, each item has four responses. The incorrect responses are called distracters because their purpose is to attract those candidates who do not know the correct answer, and therefore “distract” them from the correct response. Four responses with well-constructed distracters can reduce the guessing factor to as low as 25%.

When an item is critically evaluated, the total item should be considered, not just the stem. Distracters are as equally important as the item stem. If the distracters are not plausible and the item cannot be reworked to create three plausible distracters, the item should be discarded.

An item is a miniature examination. Its purpose is to separate the candidates who have certain knowledge from those who do not have this knowledge. When properly constructed, the multiple-choice item is efficient in this regard.

Clearly setting up the problem and stating the answer are the first steps in framing a good multiple-choice item. A great deal of skill, common sense, rules, and time are required to construct an item that adequately tests the sub-task and prevents uninformed candidates from obtaining the correct answer.

### **Guidelines**

The following guidelines are a common sense approach to constructing multiple-choice items. While some discretion may be exercised in their use, they should provide a framework for quality construction and should be adhered to wherever and whenever possible. (The correct response to each of these example items are identified by an asterisk.)



**1) Items must be a valid measure of the sub-task (not the Knowledge, Skills and Abilities associated with a sub-task).**

Take care to ensure uninformed candidates cannot obtain correct answers by guessing. General knowledge, alertness and the ability to learn quickly are not the specifications of test items.

Example 1.1 (Good)	Example 1.2 (Poor)
Specific trade knowledge.	General knowledge.
<p>What type of waste hook-up is used with a commercial potato peeler?</p> <p>A. Intercepting.                      B. Direct.                      C. Screened.                      * D. Indirect.</p>	<p>Which SI (metric) base unit is mass is expressed in?</p> <p>A. Meters.                      * B. Kilograms.                      C. Liters.                      D. Amperes.</p>

**2) The level of vocabulary and terminology must be appropriate for the candidates and the trade/occupation.**

It should be possible to construct items using vocabulary that is well known to the candidates and terminology that will be easily understood.

Example 2.1 (Good)	Example 2.2 (Poor)
<p>Which material is considered harmful or toxic when burned by the oxy-acetylene process?</p> <p>A. Copper.                      B. Aluminium.                      * C. Rusted steel.                      D. Galvanized iron.</p>	<p>Which one of the following is considered a pernicious, virulent material when burned by the oxy-acetylene process?</p> <p>A. Copper.                      B. Aluminium.                      * C. Rusted steel.                      D. Galvanized iron.</p>

**3) Avoid negatives in any of the information found in an item's stem or responses. When negative items are unavoidable, highlight the negative with a bold font.**

When candidates encounter negative test items, they are forced to choose the wrong answer instead of the right one. After reading the stem and its alternatives it is easy to forget the item is negative. Even examinees who have achieved the testing objective will often choose the incorrect alternative, creating a "false negative" for that item.

Example 3.1	Example 3.2
Negative in the stem. (Bold the negative)	Negative responses. (No bold)
<p>An air brake equipped truck has a CMVSS-121 system. Which statement is <b>not</b> correct?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. It is energized when the engine is started.</li> <li>B. It works to control skid.</li> <li>C. An electronic module (computer) is used.</li> <li>* D. A notch disc is mounted on the main drive shaft.</li> </ul>	<p>Why are brass screws used in repairing motor boats?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. They are stronger than steel screws.</li> <li>* B. They are not subject to rust.</li> <li>C. They are specified by the builder.</li> <li>D. They are not liable to expand.</li> </ul>

**Comment:** In 3.1, bolding attracts the candidate's attention but the negative adds a slight amount of confusion. However, it is often possible to remove the negative. In 3.2, response B should be written, are rust resistant and Response D should be, are free from expansion.

**4) Use "soft" conversions rather than "hard" conversions when converting between imperial and metric (SI) systems.**

When converting from one system of measurement to another, the degree of difficulty must remain the same for both systems. It is best to use "soft" conversions to avoid impractical or unlikely calculations or dimensions. When mathematical calculations are involved, the responses in each system must agree with the calculations and be equal in difficulty.

**Proper Conversion**

Example 4.1	Example 4.2
	Soft conversion.
How much energy is required to move a 1 lb. block 1 ft.?  A. 2 hp B. : hp * C. 1 hp D. 2 hp	How much energy is required to move a 1 kg block 1 m?  A. 1 kJ B. 2 kJ * C. 3 kJ D. 4 kJ

**Poor Conversion**

Example 4.3	Example 4.4
	Hard conversion.
How much energy is required to move a 1 lb. block 1 ft.?  A. 2 hp B. : hp * C. 1 hp D. 2 hp	How much energy is required to move a 454 g block .33 m?  A. 0.067 kJ B. 0.905 kJ * C. 1.326 kJ D. 2.652 kJ

**Comment:** In the "metric" version, Example 4.4 is far more complex than Example 4.3.

**Notes**

Not all measurements should be converted. Some trades only use one measurement and converting would create confusion therefore the host jurisdiction will determine which system is to be used, based on industry standards.

Whenever an item is impacted by an industrial or construction code, the item will use that code's measurement system.

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The bulk of the code will give dimensions in SI units, but others will appear in Imperial units, for example plumbing measurements. Do not convert the Imperial units to SI since these measurements reflect current industry standards for the trade/occupation.

Whenever local and national code standards differ, refer to the national code for items developed for Interprovincial "Red Seal" examinations.

**Example 4.5 (Good)**

What is the minimum size of drain that is required to serve a 26m x 26m (85 ft. x 85 ft.) roof with a 15 minute rainfall intensity of 28mm (1 in.)?

- A. 4 in.
- B. 5 in.
- C. 6 in.
- D. 8 in.

**Comment:** Measurements may be in either metric or imperial, but the code states that sizes must be in imperial only.

**5) Items must contain one central problem.**

When an examination plan is properly used, single problems will appear almost automatically. Avoid items that are no more than a series of true-false questions since these items create a situation where none of the topics are adequately tested.

Example 5.1 (Good)	Example 5.2 (Poor)
Single problem.	Multi-problem.
<p>What is usually used to hold moulding strips in place?</p> <p>A. Solder.                      B. Welds.                      C. Screws.                      D. Clips.</p>	<p>Which of the following statements is correct?</p> <p>A. Flemish bond is used when building diamond patterns.                      B. Exterior walls should have raked joints.                      C. Weep holes are located on the top of the footings.                      D. Terracotta is cleared by sandblasting.</p>

**Comment:** What is being tested in Example 5.2? It could be assumed that the test subject is wall joints if the candidate chooses response B. This is not necessarily true, however, since this response could have been selected because the candidate was uncertain about any of the responses but less uncertain about Response B. Some examiners believe it is likely the above uncertainty exists or that the candidate is familiar with response B and knows nothing about the other statements. One single area thoroughly examined is far better than several areas partially tested. Note that example 5.2 does not have a single problem in the stem, a requirement for multiple-choice items.

**6) Test items must be independent so that one item is not based upon another.**

Example 6.1 (Poor)
<p>A warehouse has a 9051.4 m<sup>2</sup> floor area. The service is single phase 120/240 V. and all conductors are RW 90 XLPE copper with wiring in accordance with the provisions of the Code. In addition, there are the following special loads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• one 2 hp 240 V, 4.9 A sump pump motor;</li><li>• six 3 A 120 V unit heater motors;</li><li>• three 1 hp 240 V, 8 A dock leveller motors;</li><li>• one 3 kW water heater.</li></ul>
<p>1. What is the calculated capacity for the service conductor for the warehouse?</p> <p>A. 144.5 A * B. 184.4 A C. 193.4 A D. 228.47 A</p>
<p>2. What is the minimum size of service conduit for the warehouse?</p> <p>A. 1 3" * B. 1 2" C. 2" D. 2 2"</p>
<p>3. What is the maximum trip setting for the main circuit breaker for the warehouse?</p> <p>A. 125 A B. 150 A C. 175 A * D. 200 A</p>

**Comment:** If #1 is calculated incorrectly then questions #2 and #3 are also wrong. A correct answer from Item #1 is needed to correctly determine the answers for Items #2 and #3.

**7) Avoid placing clues in the item.**

If the stem contains clues which easily link the stem and the correct response, the item is ineffective as a valid test question.

Example 7.1 is a situation where the stem contains a key word which is repeated in one of the responses. In example 7.2, there is a common sound or rhyme called a clang effect which links the stem to the correct response.

Example 7.1 (Poor)	Example 7.2 (Poor)
Clue by common element.	Clue by clang effect.
<p>What caused a great industrial upsurge in Great Britain?</p> <p>A. The War of the Roses.                      B. The intervention of the wheel.                      C. The building of railways.                      * D. The Industrial Revolution.</p>	<p>What is a good substitute for table cream?</p> <p>A. Starlac.                      * B. Pream.                      C. Dari-Rich.                      D. Mil-Ko.</p>

**Comment:** Example 7.1 would be a good question if the stem and correct response did not contain the word "industrial".

Example 7.2 would be an excellent item if the correct answer was not the rhyming word.

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**8) Every item should be written in simple, clear English/French, incorporating the language of the trade.**

Reading comprehension, reading ability and vocabulary are not intended to be tested in these examinations.

The problem should be perfectly clear after the first reading. Whenever a second reading or self-query is necessary ("What are they after?") the item is not satisfactory. A lack of clarity is usually caused by an inappropriate choice of language. An item presented as a verbal puzzle does not accurately measure achievement.

Example 8.1 (Good)	Example 8.2 (Poor)
Trade related.	Not trade specific.
<p>In a circuit the resistance is <math>3 \Omega</math> and the current is 2 A. What is the voltage drop across the load?</p> <p>A. 2 V            B. 5 V            * C. 6 V            D. 8 V</p>	<p>If <math>x = ab</math> where <math>a = 2</math> and <math>b = 3</math>, what is <math>x</math>?</p> <p>A. 2            B. 5            * C. 6            D. 8</p>



**9) Items should not give a clue to any other item.**

This rule is particularly important to keep in mind during item banking. A perfectly good item may be rendered useless if another item in the examination gives a clue to the correct response.

Example 9.1	Example 9.2
<p>What is the minimum size of a soil stack?</p> <p>A. 2 in.</p> <p>* B. 3 in.</p> <p>C. 4 in.</p> <p>D. 5 in.</p>	<p>If a 3 in. soil stack carried 9 fixture units, what would be the minimum size when the pipe becomes horizontal?</p> <p>A. 2 in.</p> <p>* B. 3 in.</p> <p>C. 4 in.</p> <p>D. 5 in.</p>

**Comment:** The correct answer for example 9.1 is given away in the first part of the stem in example 9.2. The correct answer for 9.1 is exactly the same for example 9.2.

If both of these questions were on the same examination, the candidate would have a good chance of getting them right because of the clues.

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**10) The stem should be in the form of a question.**

Ending a stem with a question mark helps ensure that the stem contains a problem and greatly eases translation.

The following examples illustrate this point:

Example 10.1 (Good)	Example 10.2 (Not acceptable)
Direct question.	Incomplete statement.
What is the size of the hole required for a #8 metal screw?  * A. 1/8 in. B. 3/32 in. C. 3/16 in. D. 5/32 in.	The size of the hole required for a #8 metal screw is  * A. 1/8 in. B. 3/32 in. C. 3/16 in. D. 5/32 in.

**11) State the problem accurately, briefly, completely and clearly.**

Remember that the purpose is to determine if a candidate knows a certain fact, principle, criterion or other learning outcome. Therefore, the item should come directly to the point. Any confusion in the wording will tend to obscure the problem.

In the interest of clarity and quick assimilation, several short, sharp sentences are far better than one long, involved sentence.

Example 11.1 (Good)	Example 11.2 (Poor)
Well constructed item.	Poorly constructed item.
<p>A customer is being charged for a clutch replacement and a transmission overhaul. The recommended rates and current prices are given in the attached list. What is the total cost for time plus parts with a 10% discount?</p> <p>A. \$1,102.25                      * B. \$1,157.05                      C. \$1,189.59                      D. \$1,225.30</p>	<p>What is the total cost to the customer, if he/she is being charged time plus parts with a 10% discount based on parts cost only for a clutch replacement and transmission overhaul using the recommended rates and current prices listed in the folder attached?</p> <p>A. \$1,102.25                      * B. \$1,157.05                      C. \$1,189.59                      D. \$1,225.30</p>

**Comment:** The stem in item 11.2 contains several separate questions. It could be broken down into parts or it could be reworded into short sentences with several items based on the information. If a list of rates and prices is to be included, several questions based on the list should be grouped together.

**12) Items should contain only information essential to the problem.**

Any additional facts in the problem or stem portion may lead even the good candidates, possibly momentarily, to believe these facts have a bearing on the problem. They may know the answer sought but may be distracted.

Example 12.1 (Good)	Example 12.2 (Poor)
<p>Which food groups are good sources of complex carbohydrates?</p> <p>A. Fruits and vegetables.            B. Meat and meat alternatives.            * C. Whole grain breads and cereal.            D. Milk and milk products.</p>	<p>Which food groups (from Canada's Food Guide) are good sources of complex carbohydrates?</p> <p>A. Fruits and vegetables.            B. Meat and meat alternatives.            * C. Whole grain breads and cereal.            D. Milk and milk products.</p>

**13) The item should be straight forward with no intent to trick the candidates.**

Any trickery would result in the candidates losing faith in the fairness of the examination. It also diminishes the validity of the examination.

Example 13.1 (Good)	Example 13.1 (Poor)
<p>How many bolt holes are there on a standard 152 mm (6") flange?</p> <p>A. 4            B. 6            * C. 8            D. 10</p>	<p>How many holes are there on a standard 152 mm (6") flange?</p> <p>A. 4            B. 6            * C. 8            D. 10</p>

**Comment:** The question should be clear as to the inclusion or exclusion of the hole in the centre.

**14) Avoid using absolutes.**

For instance the words “always”, “never”, “all” and “none” can create unwanted responses. Candidates may unconsciously consider the exception to the rule whenever they see an absolute, such as “always” or “all”, mistaking these words as a signal to eliminate that response. The word “only” can also be included with these specific determiners, requiring examiners to carefully analyse its meaning.

Example 14.1 (Good)	Example 14.2 (Poor)
<p>In which projection are field erection drawings shown?</p> <p>A. Perspective.</p> <p>* B. Isometric.</p> <p>C. Oblique.</p> <p>D. Orthographic.</p>	<p>In which projection are field erection drawings always shown?</p> <p>A. Perspective.</p> <p>* B. Isometric.</p> <p>C. Oblique.</p> <p>D. Orthographic.</p>

**Comment:** Safety-related items may be exempted from this rule.

**15) The stem must include the problem and all relevant information necessary to determine the correct response.**

All information necessary to solve a problem must be included in the stem. The four possible answers comprise the balance of the item. It follows, then, that the candidate should not have to read beyond the stem to determine what information is required.

A good way to test this principle is to place your hand over the responses and determine the answer from the stem.

Example 15.1 (Good)	Example 15.2 (Poor)
A central problem in the stem.	No central problem in the stem.
<p>Which group of court judges is appointed by the Canadian Federal Parliament?</p> <p>A. Family.            B. Municipal.            C. Provincial.            * D. Supreme.</p>	<p>What is a role of the Canadian Federal Parliament?</p> <p>* A. To appoint Supreme Court Judges.            B. To provide schools for language.            C. Responsible for atomic power.            D. To provide apprenticeship training.</p>

**16) The four responses should be well balanced for language, with consistent grammatical form and language.**

When developing an item, it's important to pay close attention to the choice of language used in both the stem and the alternative responses. Whenever an alternative is grammatically inconsistent or is apparent that it does not relate to the problem, it becomes a cue that this particular response is incorrect. This decreases the reliability and, consequently, the validity of the item by reducing the number of plausible alternatives.

Example 16.1 (Good)	Example 16.2 (Poor)
Balanced responses.	Unbalanced responses.
<p>How can a mixing valve, which is used to supply a cooling coil, be identified?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Direct flow through a two-way valve.</li> <li>B. Reverse flow through a two-way valve.</li> <li>C. One inlet, two outlets and flow can be directed to either outlet.</li> <li>D. Two inlet, one outlet and flow can be directed to either outlet.</li> </ul>	<p>How can a mixing valve, which is used to supply a cooling coil, be identified?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Direct flow through a two-way valve.</li> <li>B. Reverse flow through a two-way valve.</li> <li>C. One inlet, two outlets and flow can be directed to either outlet.</li> <li>D. Two outlets, one switch and current can be directed to either outlet.</li> </ul>

**17) Responses should be approximately equal in length.**

Candidates who do not know the correct answer are most likely to guess the longest alternative. Therefore, correct answers should be roughly the same length. It is possible to vary the relative length of the correct answer, in a manner that does not create a pattern, for situations where it is difficult to keep the lengths of all alternatives equal.

Whenever possible, the four responses should be almost identical in appearance. They should have equal eye appeal. For example, imagine having to choose the one good pool ball from four identically sized balls, three of which are hollow. If it is difficult to keep the lengths consistent, write two long alternatives and two short ones.

Example 17.1 (Good)	Example 17.2 (Poor)
Balanced responses.	Unbalanced responses.
<p>In machine work, what is tolerance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Allowance for oil film on a bearing.</li> <li>* B. Acceptable variation from a stated size.</li> <li>C. Amount of stock to be removed by polishing.</li> <li>D. Thickness left for later grinding.</li> </ul>	<p>In machine work, what is tolerance?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The allowance for oil film on a bearing.</li> <li>* B. The amount of variation either above or below a certain basic measurement that will be acceptable.</li> <li>C. The amount of stock left for polishing.</li> <li>D. The thickness left for later grinding.</li> </ul>



**18) Each distracter should be a plausible response to the problem.**

This tends to mislead the uninformed candidates and test those who are knowledgeable. Common misconceptions often make good distracters; for example, calculation distracters should be based on common errors. One weak distracter increases the probability of guessing while two weak distracters create a true-false item. Therefore, all three should be equally plausible in their ability to mislead those who do not know the subject matter well.

Example 18.1 (Good)	Example 18.2 (Poor)
<p>Who invented the telephone?</p> <p>* A. Bell.                      B. Edison.                      C. Marconi.                      D. Morse.</p>	<p>Who invented the telephone?</p> <p>* A. Bell.                      B. Marconi.                      C. Pasteur.                      D. Salk.</p>

**Comment:** Distracters are most appealing when they are presented in a homogeneous list of alternatives. Example 18.1 has more plausible distracters than example 18.2 because each alternative in example 18.1 is the name of an inventor from the field of communications.

In example 18.2, two alternatives can be quickly eliminated because they made discoveries in the health field.

**19) Responses should be as brief as possible.**

The stem should contain as much of the item as possible so information will not have to be repeated in each alternative.

This helps focus the candidate, reduce reading time and conserve space. It may be necessary to repeat important information for clarity or grammatical consistency. However, any information common to all four responses should be placed in the stem to avoid repetition.

Example 19.1 (Good)	Example 19.2 (Poor)
<p>When double cutting a seam in sheet vinyl, what should be the angle between the knife and the work surface?</p> <p>A. 45°            B. 60°            * C. 90°            D. 105°</p>	<p>When double cutting a seam in sheet vinyl, at what angle should the knife be held to achieve a net seam?</p> <p>A. 45° to the work surface.            B. 60° to the work surface.            * C. 90° to the work surface.            D. 105° to the work surface.</p>

**20) Arrange responses in logical order.**

When candidates see jumbled and illogical word or numerical sequences they suspect a clue or become confused. Present information, such as numbers and dates, in a logical order (ascending or descending order) or alphabetical order for terms, words or phrases.

Example 20.1 (Good)	Example 20.2 (Poor)
<p>Responses in logical order.</p>	<p>Responses in illogical order.</p>
<p>Which number is stamped on an auger bit that bores a 2" hole?</p> <p>A. 2            B. 4            C. 6            * D. 8</p>	<p>Which number is stamped on an auger bit that bores a 2" hole?</p> <p>A. 6            B. 4            * C. 8            D. 2</p>

**21) Avoid overlapping responses.**

Overlapping responses could result in more than one answer being correct.

Example 21.1 (Good)	Example 21.2 (Poor)
Inclusive answers.	Inclusive answers.
<p>What is the maximum distance the AT3 transmitter can be controlled?</p> <p>A. 5 mi.                      * B. 10 mi.                      C. 15 mi.                      D. 20 mi.</p>	<p>Up to what distance can the AT3 transmitter be controlled?</p> <p>A. 5 mi.                      * B. 10 mi.                      C. 15 mi.                      D. 20 mi.</p>

**Comment:** In example 21.2, if response B is correct, so is response A. The item can be salvaged by inserting the word maximum before distance.

**22) Phrases "all of the above", "none of the above", "any of the above" or "both A and B" must not be used as potential responses.**

Examination writers often abuse "all" or "none" in test items because it makes the task easier. Although it allows the writer to avoid creating three plural distracters, it is inappropriate as an option. "All of the above" is seldom justified as a viable option on a multiple-choice test because if the examinee recognizes that just one of the alternatives is incorrect, then it can be eliminated as the correct answer.

If the examinee sees that two of the alternatives are correct, then "all of the above" must be the correct answer without even having to consider the fourth.

Another problem occurs where "All of the above" is the correct answer. If this is the case, then the other alternatives are also correct. In fact, "All of the above" is the best answer rather than the correct answer.

An argument can be made that the response "none of the above" is the appropriate answer when candidates know what not to do. This might be the case where health and safety practices are being tested

It is not the nature of item writers to exclude the correct answer to an item, especially if it has been carefully crafted. In fact, it does not make sense to write an item and then not include the correct answer as an alternative.

Example 22.1 (Poor)	Example 22.2 (Poor)
<p>What should be done while preparing stocks?</p> <p>A. Cover.</p> <p>B. Stir.</p> <p>* C. Skim.</p> <p>D. All of the above.</p>	<p>Although fat is an essential nutrient, what it is recommended individual daily consumption?</p> <p>A. 10-15% of daily calories of fat.</p> <p>* B. 30-35% of daily calories of fat.</p> <p>C. 30-55% of daily calories of fat.</p> <p>D. None of the above.</p>

**23) All items must have four responses.**

There are many important trade situations where there are only two or three possible answers, for instance on or off, increase, decrease or remain constant. Additional choices, in those situations, would be obviously wrong and therefore worthless as distracters.

Exam writers are advised to use double responses (pairings) in these cases. Pairing, arranges responses into pairs where one set is usually correct. Candidates are usually aware this creates a true-false situation. For situations where pairing cannot be avoided, use a second pair as a distracter. If two distracters are paired, it is recommended that the other two distracters also be paired.

Example 23.1 (Good)
<p>Use double response (pairing) items for those with fewer than four possible responses.</p>
<p>As the speed of a magneto is increased, what is the effect on the output voltage and current?</p> <p>* A. Voltage increases and current increases.</p> <p>B. Voltage increases and current decreases.</p> <p>C. Voltage decreases and current increases.</p> <p>D. Voltage decreases and current decreases.</p>

Example 23.2 (Good )

Four responses contain two pairs.

How is the lagging power factor corrected in a system containing several reactive loads and a synchronous motor?

- A. By underexciting the synchronous motor.
- \* B. By overexciting the synchronous motor.
- C. By increasing the speed of the synchronous motor.
- D. By decreasing the speed of the synchronous motor.

Example 23.3 (Poor)

Two responses form a pair.

It is noted in a system containing several reactive loads and a synchronous motor that there is a lagging power factor. How may this be corrected?

- A. By underexciting the synchronous motor.
- \* B. By overexciting the synchronous motor.
- C. By reducing the voltage.
- D. By adding a regulator.

## Formatting requirements for Word Exam questions to be used in LXR

### Objective (Line) before Question 1.

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1. The most common framing method used in residential construction is (tx 1)
- a Balloon frame construction
  - b Platform frame construction
  - c Post and beam construction
  - d Brick veneer framing

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1 Tabspace (Taxonomy Level)

Answer: b

1 RETURN

2. In residential construction the framer's work includes
- a Electrical wiring
  - b Installation of plumbing
  - c Building layout
  - d Building kitchen cabinets

Answer: c

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3. Construction companies that are under contract to a general contractor are commonly referred to as
- a Building inspectors
  - b Sub-contractor trades
  - c Superintendents
  - d Temporary building owners

Answer: d

## **The First Three Levels of Bloom's Taxonomy of the Cognitive Domain** *(with representative behavioral verbs)*

I. **Knowledge.** Remembering information

*Define, identify, label, state, list, match*

II. **Comprehension.** Explaining the meaning of information

*Describe, generalize, paraphrase, summarize, estimate*

III. **Critical Thinking & Application.** Using abstractions in concrete situations

*Determine, chart, implement, prepare, solve, use, develop*

## Multiple-Choice Question Design Checklist

Each multiple-choice test item should meet the criteria listed below:

<b>STEM</b>	<b>ALTERNATIVES</b>	<b>TOTAL ITEM</b>
1. A single problem is presented	Keyed response is correct	Related to a specific curricular objective
2. Clearly worded		Free of any type of bias
3. Worded appropriately for intended reader	Alternatives are grammatically consistent with the stem	Format rules followed
4. Free of unnecessary detail and wording	Length of alternatives roughly equivalent	
5. Grammatically correct	Incorrect alternatives are based on common errors or misconceptions	
6. Negative wording avoided	"All of the above," "None of the above" have <u>not</u> been used	
7. No grammatical clues to the keyed answers	Format rules followed	
8. Words such as "mostly," and "frequently," are avoided		
9. Format rules followed		



# **APPENDIX 6**

## **INTENT TO SUBMIT FORM**

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**PROGRAM OUTLINE AND EXAMINATION ITEM BANK  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**INTENT TO SUBMIT FORM**

The undersigned, a duly authorized representative of a prospective proponent hereby declares its intent to participate in the above referenced Request For Proposal as follows:

**Name of Organization :**

**Contact Person, including title :**

**Address of Organization :**

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