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PMBPROD430 Trial a new die/tool

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Modification History

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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to trial new high pressure dies used for processes such as injection or blow moulding. It applies to all plastic and rubber processes which involve a die or tool, such as injection or blow moulding.

This unit of competency applies to technicians who are required to install required tooling, prepare machines for trials, perform trial procedures and make adjustments as required.

This unit of competency applies to technicians demonstrating theoretical and technical knowledge and well developed skills in situations that require some discretion and judgement. The technicians may work alone or as a member of a team or group and will work in liaison with other shift team members, team leader and supervisor, as appropriate.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Production

Unit Sector

Not applicable

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1	Determine trial requirements	1.1	Gather all relevant information available
		1.2	Interpret job sheets or equivalent instructions correctly
		1.3	Confirm machine/equipment suitability
		1.4	Confirm die state

- 1.5 Confirm readiness of raw materials
- 2 **Set die and machine**
 - 2.1 Follow safe working practices
 - 2.2 Fit and set up die
 - 2.3 Set up process conditions
 - 2.4 Set machine to meet specifications and operational requirements
 - 2.5 Dry cycle machine and die according to procedures
- 3 **Perform die trial**
 - 3.1 Carry out trial process following enterprise procedures
 - 3.2 Identify and record variations from specifications
 - 3.3 Monitor control panel and interpret test results for fluctuations, variations and trends
 - 3.4 Determine process limitations with respect to product and production specifications
 - 3.5 Adjust controls to ensure parameters are maintained to job specifications
- 4 **Rectify equipment and quality problems**
 - 4.1 Identify range of faults that will affect product and production specifications
 - 4.2 Determine changes required to tooling and equipment to meet product and production specifications
 - 4.3 Maintain appropriate records related to machinery and equipment to enterprise standards
 - 4.4 Identify problems
 - 4.5 Worn or damaged tooling is identified and changed as required
 - 4.6 Rectify problems that are within area of responsibility
 - 4.7 Report problems that are outside area of responsibility to appropriate personnel

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| 5 | Complete trial | 5.1 | Shut down equipment as required |
| | | 5.2 | Record trial results |
| | | 5.3 | Return machine to service |
| | | 5.4 | Instruct machine operator |

Foundation Skills

This section describes those required skills (language, literacy and numeracy) that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Regulatory framework

The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used.

Applicable legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice include:

- health, safety and environmental (HSE) legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to the workplace, equipment and production processes and hazardous materials
- Australian/international standards relevant to the materials being used and products being made
- any relevant licence and certification requirements.

All operations to which this unit applies are subject to stringent HSE requirements, which may be imposed through state/territory or federal legislation, and these must not be compromised at any time. Where there is an apparent conflict between performance criteria and such requirements the legislative requirements take precedence.

Equipment

Equipment includes the setting and trial of one or more of:

- injection moulding machines
- blow moulding machines
- similar machines
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Operational requirements

Operational requirements include one or more of:

- die/tool set up and adjustment
- machine speed
- cycle time
- temperatures, including heating and cooling rates
- product quality measures
- any other specified requirement.

Procedures

All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, and include one or any combination of:

- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- formulas/recipes
- batch sheets
- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant.

Simple dies

Simple dies include one or more of:

- two plates, including ejection systems operating in the mould open axis
- cavity
- back plates
- support plates
- cold runner
- sprue
- nozzle seat
- locating ring-tab

- sub, fan, diaphragm and direct gating
- ejector pins and sleeves
- ejector and stripper plates.

Advanced dies

Advanced dies include one or more of:

- a two or three plate die with one or more product forming components which move in a direction other than the mould open axis, and which are driven by the mould rather than external actuation
- sliding blocks or cores actuated by skew pins or cams
- baffled, spiral, tube, and heat pipe cooling systems
- rising cores
- internally actuated unscrewing systems.

Complex dies

Complex dies include one or more of:

- at least one external power and control source to actuate product forming components, which move in a direction other than the mould open axis, and require sequencing with the mould operation
- moulds which retain molten material within the mould between cycles
- hot runners
- insulated runners
- externally actuated sliding blocks, cores and unscrewing systems
- safety interlocks.

Hazards

Hazards must be identified and controlled. Identifying hazards requires consideration of:

- material spills or leaks
- hazardous products and materials
- manual handling hazards
- stationary and moving machinery
- machinery hazards
- protrusions or obstructions
- slippery surfaces
- smoke, dust, fumes, vapours or other atmospheric hazards
- humidity, air temperatures and radiant heat
- noise, light and energy sources
- other hazards that might arise.

Causes of faults include one or more of:

- materials
- heat
- equipment adjustment
- equipment set-up.

Problems/solutions include one or more of:

- selecting the right tools for a new job
- using new and untried die or tool
- adapting the process to the new product and die/tool
- observing the process to obtain useful trial data
- comparing the product to the desired specification
- determining the cause of non-compliances.

Unit Mapping Information

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=932aacef-7947-4c80-acc6-593719fe4090>