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AURETA006 Analyse and evaluate electrical and electronic faults in air conditioning and HVAC systems

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Modification History

Release	Comment
Release 1	New unit of competency.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes required to analyse and evaluate electrical and electronic faults in embedded network air conditioning and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems of vehicles or machinery in order to initiate action to sustain, vary or enhance performance. It involves identifying, evaluating, selecting, justifying and documenting the most appropriate rectification method or variation to the rectification method. The unit includes the analysis of multi-system and intermittent faults which may be caused by operating in adverse conditions.

It applies to those working in the automotive service and repair industry on the air conditioning and HVAC systems of vehicles or machinery.

Licensing requirements apply to this unit. Users are advised to check with the relevant regulatory authority.

Competency Field

Electrical

Unit Sector

Technical

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Identify and confirm the	1.1 Objective of the analysis and evaluation is determined from

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work requirement	workplace instructions 1.2 Specifications for embedded network air conditioning and HVAC system are sourced and interpreted 1.3 System faults, deficiencies or discrepancies are identified and confirmed 1.4 Hazards associated with the work are identified and risks are managed according to workplace procedures and <i>safety and environmental requirements</i>
2. Prepare for analysis and evaluation	2.1 Evaluation criteria are developed or adopted to meet the objective of the analysis and evaluation 2.2 <i>Analytical and evaluative methodology</i> is developed or identified from technical information 2.3 Testing equipment is prepared according to manufacturer specifications and workplace procedures 2.4 Tools and materials required to support the diagnostic procedure are identified, selected and prepared for use 2.5 Air conditioning and HVAC system and components are prepared for the diagnostic process
3. Carry out failure analysis	3.1 Selected analytical and evaluative methodology is followed according to manufacturer specifications and workplace procedures 3.2 Tests are carried out according to manufacturer specifications, workplace procedures, and safety and environmental requirements 3.3 Analytical and other diagnostic findings are verified, as required, by using reliable alternative or optional processes 3.4 Analytical findings and results are assessed against evaluation criteria 3.5 Valid conclusions are drawn from available evidence and documented according to workplace requirements
4. Make recommendations	4.1 Options for responding to the objective are determined from further research of technical support information 4.2 Rectification method is selected from an analysis of the options, operating conditions, <i>regulatory and licensing requirements</i> , and financial implications 4.3 Report is prepared specifying analysis and evaluation process, and detailing and justifying rectification method or variation to the rectification method

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5. Complete work processes	5.1 Final inspection is made to ensure work is to workplace expectations 5.2 Work area is cleaned, waste and non-recyclable materials are disposed of, and recyclable material is collected 5.3 Tools and equipment are checked and stored, and any faulty electrical equipment is identified, tagged and isolated according to workplace procedures 5.4 Workplace documentation is processed according to workplace procedures

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance and are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skills	Description
Learning skills to:	• apply learning and processes to different situations.
Reading skills to:	• research, organise and interpret technical information relating to air conditioning and HVAC systems.
Writing skills to:	• legibly and accurately fill out workplace documentation when reporting failure analysis findings • document and complete reports.
Numeracy skills to:	• use mathematical ideas and techniques to complete measurements, calibrate testing equipment and present analytical results.
Planning and organising skills to:	• plan own work requirements and prioritise actions to achieve required outcomes and ensure tasks are completed within workplace timeframes.
Technology skills to:	• use specialised air conditioning and HVAC system diagnostic equipment.

Range of Conditions

This section specifies 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. Bold italicised wording, if used in the performance criteria, is detailed below.

<i>Safety and environmental requirements</i> must include:	• work health and safety (WHS) and occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements, including procedures for: • working with refrigerants at boiling point given risk of frostbite • working with system lubricants, including carcinogenic oils • handling flammable refrigerants • using personal protective equipment • identifying fire safety equipment • environmental requirements, including procedures for preventing loss of refrigerant to the atmosphere.
<i>Analytical and evaluative methodology</i> must include:	• diagnostic process, sequence, tests and testing equipment.
<i>Regulatory and licensing requirements</i> must include those of:	• Australian Refrigeration Council (ARCtick) • Australian automotive code of practice: Control of refrigerant gases during manufacture, installation, servicing or de-commissioning of motor vehicle air conditioners • Australian Design Rules (ADRs).

Unit Mapping Information

Equivalent to AURETA5006 Analyse and evaluate electrical and electronic faults in climate-control systems

Links

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Assessment Requirements for AURETA006 Analyse and evaluate electrical and electronic faults in air conditioning and HVAC systems

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Performance Evidence

Before competency can be determined, individuals must demonstrate they can perform the following according to the standards defined in this unit's elements, performance criteria, range of conditions and foundation skills:

- analyse and evaluate an electrical or electronic fault in the air conditioning and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems of two different vehicles or machinery
- the above faults must involve two of the following:
 - compressor system
 - control module
 - system pressure and temperature sensor
 - erratic performance of air conditioning and HVAC system.

Knowledge Evidence

Individuals must be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- work health and safety (WHS) and occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements relating to analysing and evaluating faults in air conditioning and HVAC systems, including procedures for:
 - working with refrigerants at boiling point given risk of frostbite
 - working with system lubricants, including carcinogenic oils
 - handling flammable refrigerants
 - using personal protective equipment
 - identifying and using fire safety equipment
- environmental requirements, including procedures for preventing loss of refrigerant to the atmosphere

- principles and processes involved in planning and implementing analysis and evaluation of electrical and electronic faults in air conditioning and HVAC systems
- design and planning of diagnostic procedures for faults in air conditioning and HVAC systems, including procedures for diagnosing:
 - electrical faults
 - electronic faults
- types, functions, operation and limitations of air conditioning and HVAC systems, including:
 - gateway network control module
 - bus network topography
 - body control module (BCM) functions
 - associated network air conditioning and HVAC system components
 - sensor and actuator control and monitoring systems
 - control signal circuits
- testing procedures for air conditioning and HVAC systems, including the use of:
 - digital multimeter
 - scan tool
 - oscilloscope
 - manifold and gauge set
 - recovery unit
 - vacuum pump
 - electronic leak detector
 - nitrogen cylinder and regulator
 - digital vacuum gauge (vacrometer)
 - electronic scales
 - oil injector
 - infra-red thermometer (pyrometer)
 - electronic temperature probe
 - valve core removing or replacement tool
 - humidity detector (psychrometer)
- types, functions, operation and limitations of diagnostic testing equipment required to analyse and evaluate electrical and electronic faults in air conditioning and HVAC systems
- procedures for accessing and interpreting scan tool system data, including:
 - diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs), including:
 - conditions that set the DTCs
 - conditions for running DTCs
 - live data
 - freeze frame data
 - waveforms
- procedures for documenting and reporting the analysis and evaluation process

- regulatory and licensing requirements relating to air conditioning and HVAC systems, including those of:
 - Australian Refrigeration Council (ARCtick)
 - Australian automotive code of practice: Control of refrigerant gases during manufacture, installation, servicing or de-commissioning of motor vehicle air conditioners
 - Australian Design Rules (ADRs).

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy NVR/AQTF assessor requirements and hold an Australian Refrigerant Council (ARC) Refrigerant Handling licence.

Competency is to be assessed in the workplace or a simulated environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting.

Assessment must include direct observation of tasks.

Where assessment of competency includes third-party evidence, individuals must provide evidence that links them to the air conditioning and HVAC systems that they have worked on, e.g. repair orders.

Assessors must verify performance evidence through questioning on skills and knowledge to ensure correct interpretation and application.

The following resources must be made available:

- automotive service and repair workplace or simulated workplace
- workplace instructions
- manufacturer air conditioning and HVAC system specifications
- regulatory and licensing requirements, including:
 - Australian automotive code of practice: Control of refrigerant gases during manufacture, installation, servicing or de-commissioning of motor vehicle air conditioners
 - Australian Design Rules (ADRs)
- two different vehicles or machinery with air conditioning and HVAC system faults specified in the performance evidence
- diagnostic equipment for air conditioning and HVAC systems
- tools, equipment and materials appropriate for analysing and evaluating air conditioning and HVAC systems.

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