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AURHTD003 Diagnose and repair heavy commercial vehicle suspension systems

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Modification History

Release	Comment
Release 1	New unit of competency.

Application

This unit describes the performance outcomes required to diagnose and repair faults in the suspension systems of heavy commercial vehicles. It involves preparing for the task, selecting the correct diagnostic procedure, carrying out the diagnosis and the repair, performing post-repair testing, and completing workplace processes and documentation.

It applies to those working in the automotive service and repair industry. The suspension systems include those in heavy commercial vehicles. This unit does not apply to agricultural machinery or mobile plant machinery.

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

Competency Field

Mechanical - Heavy Vehicle

Unit Sector

Technical - Steering and Suspension

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare to diagnose and repair heavy vehicle suspension system	1.1 Job requirements are determined from workplace instructions 1.2 Diagnostic information is sourced and interpreted 1.3 Diagnostic options are analysed and those most appropriate to the

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	circumstances are selected 1.4 Hazards associated with the work are identified and risks are managed 1.5 Diagnostic tools and equipment are selected and checked for serviceability
2. Diagnose suspension system	2.1 Diagnostic tests are carried out according to manufacturer specifications, workplace procedures and safety requirements 2.2 Faults are identified from diagnostic test results and causes of faults are determined 2.3 Diagnosis findings, including recommendations for necessary repairs or adjustments, are reported according to workplace procedures
3. Repair suspension system	3.1 Repair information is sourced and interpreted 3.2 Repair options are analysed and those most appropriate to the circumstances are selected 3.3 Repair tools, equipment and materials are selected and checked according to manufacturer procedures 3.4 Repairs and component replacements and adjustments are carried out according to manufacturer specifications, workplace procedures and safety requirements, and without causing damage to components or systems 3.5 Post-repair testing is carried out according to workplace procedures to confirm fault rectification, and any further problems detected as having been introduced during the repair process are rectified
4. Complete work processes	4.1 Final inspection is made to ensure work is to workplace expectations and vehicle is presented ready for use 4.2 Work area is cleaned, waste and non-recyclable materials are disposed of, and recyclable material is collected 4.3 Tools and equipment are checked and stored according to workplace procedures 4.4 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:	locate appropriate sources of information efficiently.
Reading skills to:	interpret information from manufacturer and workshop literature when seeking suspension system specifications and procedures.
Writing skills to:	legibly and accurately fill out workplace documentation when reporting diagnostic findings, making repair recommendations, and recording parts and material used.
Oral communication skills to:	- clarify instructions - report diagnostic findings and make repair recommendations.
Numeracy skills to:	measure suspension system components and use basic mathematical operations, including addition and subtraction, to calculate distances, tolerances and deviations from manufacturer specifications.
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 measuring equipment, such as tape measures, rulers and vernier calipers.

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 requirements</i> must include:	- work health and safety (WHS) and occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements, including procedures for: - working with stored energy in springs, air springs, accumulators and torsion bars - lifting, supporting and manual handling heavy vehicle suspension systems.
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Unit Mapping Information

Equivalent to AURHTD3003 Repair suspension systems (heavy vehicle)

Links

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<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b4278d82-d487-4070-a8c4-78045ec695b1>

Assessment Requirements for AURHTD003 Diagnose and repair heavy commercial vehicle suspension 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:

- diagnose and repair a fault in:
 - the following two heavy commercial vehicle suspension systems:
 - leaf spring suspension
 - air spring suspension
 - one of the following heavy commercial vehicle suspension systems:
 - equaliser beam suspension
 - torsion bar suspension
 - electronically controlled suspension.

Knowledge Evidence

Individuals must be able to demonstrate knowledge of:

- work health and safety (WHS) and occupational health and safety (OHS) requirements relating to diagnosing and repairing heavy vehicle suspension systems, including procedures for:
 - working with stored energy in springs, air springs, accumulators and torsion bars
 - lifting, supporting and manual handling heavy vehicle suspension systems
- operating principles of heavy vehicle suspensions and associated components, including:
 - rigid and independent suspensions
 - sprung and unsprung mass
 - ride and curb height
 - spring dampers
 - spring types

- application, purpose and operation of heavy vehicle suspension systems and components, including:
 - air spring suspension
 - leaf spring suspension, including:
 - front suspension
 - rear suspension, including single and tandem axle
 - equaliser beam suspension
 - torsion bar suspension
 - electronically controlled suspension
- diagnostic testing procedures for heavy vehicle suspension systems, including:
 - component wear analysis
 - checking axle alignment
 - checking fluid leaks
 - checking air leaks
 - checking ride and curb height
 - control system tests
- repair procedures for heavy vehicle suspension systems, including procedures for:
 - removing, repairing and replacing suspension components, and springs and spring dampers
 - aligning axles
- post-repair testing procedures for heavy vehicle suspension systems.

Assessment Conditions

Assessors must satisfy NVR/AQTF assessor requirements.

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 heavy vehicle suspension 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 repair workplace or simulated workplace
- workplace instructions
- manufacturer suspension system specifications
- heavy commercial vehicles with faults in the different suspension systems listed in the performance evidence
- diagnostic equipment for heavy commercial vehicle suspension systems

- tools, equipment and materials appropriate for repairing and adjusting heavy commercial vehicle suspension systems.

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