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AURLTD007 Analyse and evaluate faults in light vehicle steering and 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 analyse and evaluate faults in light vehicle steering and suspension systems 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. The steering and suspension systems include those of light vehicles, light commercial vehicles or outdoor power equipment.

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

Competency Field

Mechanical - Light Vehicle

Unit Sector

Technical - Steering and Suspension

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 light vehicle steering or suspension 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 safety and environmental requirements
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 Analytical and evaluative methodology 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 Steering or suspension 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, regulatory requirements, Australian Design Rules, 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 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 light vehicle steering and suspension 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, calculate analytical requirements, 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 light vehicle steering and suspension 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: • stored energy in springs, air springs and torsion bars • high pressure and high temperature steering system fluids • environmental requirements, including procedures for trapping, storing and disposing of fluids released from steering and suspension systems.
<i>Analytical and evaluative methodology</i> must include:	• diagnostic process, sequence, tests and testing equipment.

Unit Mapping Information

Equivalent to AURLTD5007 Analyse and evaluate light vehicle steering and suspension system faults

Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b4278d82-d487-4070-a8c4-78045ec695b1>

Assessment Requirements for AURLTD007 Analyse and evaluate faults in light vehicle steering and 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:

- analyse and evaluate a fault in the:
 - steering system of a light vehicle
 - suspension system of a different light vehicle
 - steering system or suspension system of a third light vehicle.

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 light vehicle steering and suspension systems, including procedures for working with:
 - stored energy in springs, air springs and torsion bars
 - high pressure and high temperature steering system fluids
- environmental requirements, including procedures for trapping, storing and disposing of fluids released from steering and suspension systems
- principles and processes involved in planning and implementing analysis and evaluation of light vehicle steering and suspension system faults
- design and planning of diagnostic procedures of light vehicle steering and suspension system faults, including procedures for diagnosing:
 - hydraulic faults
 - mechanical faults
 - electrical faults

- procedures for analysing and evaluating light vehicle steering and suspension system faults, including:
 - system failure analysis
 - component failure analysis
- types, functions, operation and limitations of the following systems, including:
 - steering system and components:
 - manual steering
 - steering system theory, including steering angles
 - hydraulic power assisted steering
 - electric power assisted steering
 - electrohydraulic assisted steering
 - front suspension system and components, including short and long arm and MacPherson strut
 - rear suspension and components, including rigid axle and independent suspension
- testing procedures for light vehicle steering and suspension systems, including:
 - power steering
 - manual steering
 - electrical controllers
 - hydraulic pressures
 - mechanical components
- types, functions, operation and limitations of diagnostic testing equipment required to analyse and evaluate faults in light vehicle steering and suspension systems
- procedures for documenting and reporting the system analysis and evaluation process
- requirements of Australian Design Rules (ADRs) relating to light vehicle steering and 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 light vehicle steering and 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 light vehicle steering and suspension system specifications

- three different light vehicles with steering and suspension system faults
- diagnostic equipment for light vehicle steering and suspension systems
- tools, equipment and materials appropriate for analysing and evaluating light vehicle steering and suspension systems.

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