

Unit ID: 573

Domain

**AIR CONDITIONING AND
REFRIGERATION**

Title:

**Replace domestic compressors as part
of refrigeration operations**

Level: 1

Credits: 3

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to replace compressors. It includes removing and installing new compressors. This unit standard is intended for those who work as air conditioning and refrigeration mechanics.

Special Notes

1. Entry information:

Prerequisite
 - Unit 567 - *Apply health and safety routines in an air conditioning and refrigeration workplace* or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.
2. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated real workplace or an appropriate simulated realistic environment in which air conditioning and refrigeration operations are carried out.
3. All inspection, operation and maintenance procedures associated with the use of tools and equipment shall comply with manufacturers' specifications and/or company's guidelines and instructions.
4. Glossary of terms:
 - 'specifications' refers to any, or all of the following: manufacturers' specifications and recommendations, workplace specific requirements.
5. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:
 - Labour Act, No. 11, 2007
 - Occupational Health and Safety Regulations No. 18, 1997 and all subsequent amendments.
6. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with industry standards.
7. This unit standard applies to single-phase and three-phase air conditioning and refrigeration systems.

Quality Assurance Requirements

This unit standard and others within this subfield may be awarded by institutions which meet the accreditation requirements set by the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority and which comply with the national assessment and moderation requirements. Details of specific accreditation requirements and the national assessment arrangements are available from the Namibia Qualifications Authority and the Namibia Training Authority. All approved unit standards, qualifications and national assessment arrangements are available on the Namibia Training Authority website www.nta.com.na.

Elements and Performance Criteria

Element 1: Plan and prepare for work.

Tools and equipment may include but are not limited to standard tool set, oxy-acetylene gas welding set, ratchet wrench, screw drivers, stripping pliers and spanners.

Consumable materials may include but are not limited to insulation tape, cable ties, lux and block connectors.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Work instructions, including job cards, specifications and operational details are obtained, confirmed and applied.
- 1.2 Workplace inspection, equipment defect identification, assessment of conditions and hazards and determination of work requirements is carried out.
- 1.3 Safety requirements are followed in accordance with safety plans and policies.
- 1.4 Tools and equipment selected to carry out tasks are consistent with the requirements of the job, checked for serviceability and any faults rectified or reported prior to commencement.
- 1.5 Material requirements are identified and obtained in accordance with job card and/or specifications.
- 1.6 Materials are safely handled and located ready for use in line with workplace procedures.
- 1.7 Technical and/or calibration requirements for tools and equipment are sourced and implemented in line with workplace procedures.

Element 2: Remove a domestic compressor.

Range

Tools may include wrench, pliers, spanners, screwdrivers, welding equipments, socket spanners and extension.

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Gas is recovered from the system in line with workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Discharge and suction pipes are heated and removed from the compressor.
- 2.3 Pencil drier is removed from the system.
- 2.4 Electrical wires are disconnected.

Element 3: Install a new domestic compressor.

Range

Materials may include compressor rubber, bolts and nuts.

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 Procedures and information required for installing compressors are identified and sourced in line with workplace procedures.
- 3.2 Rubber mounting are put on and compressor is mounted.
- 3.3 New drier is put in position and soldered.
- 3.4 Compressor is installed and pipes are connected in line with manufactures and workplace procedures.
- 3.5 Wires are connected in line with manufactures specifications and workplace procedures.

Element 4: Complete work and clean up.

Range

Work completion details may include but are not limited to job card, sign-out form for equipment, and maintenance form.

Performance Criteria

- 4.1 Work is completed and appropriate personnel notified in line with workplace procedures.
- 4.2 Work area is cleared of waste, cleaned, restored and secured in line with workplace procedures.

- 4.3 Reusable material is collected and stored in line with workplace procedures.
- 4.4 Equipment used is cleaned, checked, maintained and stored in line with workplace procedures.
- 4.5 Work completion details are finalised in line with workplace procedures.

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