

Domain	AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICS	Unit ID: 210
Title:	Inspect and service vehicle conventional suspension system	
Level: 3		Credits: 3

Purpose

This unit standard specifies the competencies required to inspect and service vehicle conventional suspension system. It includes inspection and servicing of suspension system and/or associated parts. This unit standard is intended for those who work as automotive mechanics.

Special Notes

1. Entry information:
 - Prerequisite
 - Unit 65 - *Apply safety rules and regulations in an automotive mechanics workshop* or demonstrated equivalent knowledge and skills.

2. To demonstrate competence, at a minimum, evidence is required of inspecting and servicing a conventional suspension system according to manufacturers' specifications comprising the replacement and necessary adjustment of two (2) of the following system components:
 - coil spring
 - struts
 - torsion bar
 - control arm
 - joint
 - cross bar
 - shock absorber
 - bush
 - leaf spring
 - ride control
 - height control.

3. Assessment evidence may be collected from a real workplace or a simulated real workplace or an appropriate simulated realistic environment in which automotive mechanics operations are carried out.

4. Performance of all elements in this unit standard must comply with manufacturers' specifications, workplace specific requirements and reasonable flat rate time.

5. Glossary of terms:
 - '*longitudinal*' means lengthways
 - '*lateral*' means sideways

- *'service operations'* refers to 'on-vehicle service' where operations can be directly performed on the vehicle and 'component repair' where the operations are done on the workbench after removing the component from the vehicle
 - *'specifications'* refers to any, or all of the following: manufacturers' specifications and recommendations, workplace specific requirements
 - *'conventional suspension system'* refers to non-air and non hydro-pneumatic systems.
6. Regulations and legislation relevant to this unit standard include the following:
- Labour Act, No. 6, 1992
 - Occupational Health and Safety Regulations No. 18, 1997
 - Road Traffic and Transport Regulations No. 266, 2000
- and all subsequent amendments.
7. This unit standard applies to passenger and light commercial vehicles with a Gross Vehicle Mass \leq 5 500 kg (Petrol & Diesel).

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

Range

Planning and preparation may include but is not limited to workplace inspection, equipment defect identification, assessment of conditions and hazards and determination of work requirements.

Tools and equipment may include but are not limited to standard tool set, gauges, shock absorber testers, special tools and equipment as per manufacturers' requirements.

Materials may include but are not limited to spare parts, lubricants, and cleaning material.

Performance Criteria

- 1.1 Work instructions, including repair order forms, specifications and operational details are obtained, confirmed and applied.
- 1.2 Safety requirements are followed in accordance with safety plans and policies.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Material requirements are identified and obtained in accordance with repair order form and/or specifications.
- 1.5 Materials are safely handled and located ready for use in line with workplace procedures.
- 1.6 Technical and/or calibration requirements for tools and equipment are sourced and implemented in line with workplace procedures.
- 1.7 Environmental protection requirements are identified and applied in line with environmental plans and regulatory obligations.

Element 2: Inspect and assess conventional suspension system

Range

Inspection methods are to include but are not limited to functional testing, measurements, visual, aural and functional assessment (including damage, corrosion, leakage, wear) in line with manufacturers' specifications.

Performance Criteria

- 2.1 Procedures and information required for inspecting a conventional suspension system are identified and sourced in line with workplace procedures.
- 2.2 Inspection is implemented according to workplace procedures and manufacturers' specifications.
- 2.3 Inspection results are compared with manufacturers' specifications.
- 2.4 Results are documented with evidence and supporting information and recommendation(s) made in line with workplace procedures.
- 2.5 Report is forwarded to appropriate personnel according to workplace procedures.

Element 3: Service suspension system and/or associated parts

Range

Service operations may include but are not limited to isolation of faults, removing and installing, disassembling and assembling, inspection and evaluation, adjustments, operational testing, repair, replacement, lubrication and visual inspections in line with manufacturers' specifications.

System and associated parts may include but are not limited to lateral and longitudinal arms, non-independent, semi-independent and independent suspension components, ball joints, bushes, ride control, ride control, and shock absorbers.

Performance Criteria

- 3.1 Procedures and information required for servicing a conventional suspension system are identified and sourced in line with workplace procedures.
- 3.2 Servicing is implemented according to workplace procedures and manufacturers' specifications.
- 3.3 Adjustments made during the service are undertaken in line with manufacturers' specifications.

Element 4: Complete work and clean up

Range

Work completion details may include but are not limited to repair order form, sign-out form for equipment, service record book and service plan form.

Performance Criteria

- 4.1 Work is completed and appropriate personnel notified in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 4.2 Work area is cleared of waste, cleaned, restored and secured in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 4.3 Reusable material is collected and stored in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 4.4 Equipment used is cleaned, checked, maintained and stored in accordance with workplace procedures.
- 4.5 Work completion details are finalised in accordance with workplace procedures.

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