# Flat and polish automotive vehicles



**Overview** 

This standard is about the ability to undertake flatting & polishing activities on automotive vehicles.



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# Performance criteria

### You must be able to:

- P1 wear suitable personal protective equipment and use the specified environmental safety equipment throughout all vehicle flatting and polishing operations
- P2 support vehicle refinishing operations by reviewing:
  - P2.1 product data
  - P2.2 work instructions
- P3 identify the suitability of the final finish prior to undertaking any flatting and polishing work
- P4 select, prepare, check and adjust all the tools and equipment required, following manufacturer's instructions, prior to use
- P5 prepare all the flatting and polishing equipment and materials required following health and safety requirements and using:
  - P5.1 materials which conform to the specification required
  - P5.2 the product manufacturer's approved method and equipment
- P6 apply all flatting and polishing materials using approved tools and equipment and following:
  - P6.1 the product manufacturer's instructions
  - P6.2 the correct methods and techniques
  - P6.3 health and safety requirements
- P7 use products and materials in a cost-effective manner
- P8 ensure the finished product:
  - P8.1 meets the requirements of any relevant warranty or guarantee
  - P8.2 meets the customer needs
  - P8.3 is free from contaminants and defects
- P9 dispose of waste materials to conform with legal, environmental and workplace requirements
- P10 leave tools, equipment and work environment in a clean and serviceable condition, as appropriate
- P11 complete all flatting and polishing activities within the agreed timescale and an agreed quality control process
- P12 report any anticipated delays in completion to the relevant person(s) promptly

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# Knowledge and understanding

# You need to know and understand:

- K1 the health and safety and environmental legislative requirements specific to vehicle flatting and polishing operations and why it is important that these are followed
- K2 workplace procedures and workshop practices relevant to personal and vehicle protection before, during and after vehicle flatting and polishing operations
- K3 the importance of disposing of waste safely and the consequences of not doing so to the business, others and the environment
- K4 the vehicle work specification agreed
- K5 your workplace procedures for:
  - K5.1 the referral of problems
  - K5.2 reporting delays to the completion of work
  - K5.3 personal protection
- K6 the importance of working to agreed timescales and keeping others informed of progress
- K7 the relationship between time, cost and productivity
- K8 how to select, prepare, check, adjust and use all the tools and equipment required for vehicle flatting and polishing operations
- K9 how to prepare flatting and polishing materials for use
- K10 the properties of flatting and polishing materials and the factors affecting their use
- K11 how to recognise and report damage to surfaces and ancillary fittings
- K12 how to prepare panels and parts adjacent to the area being flatted and polished
- K13 how to dispose of waste materials in compliance with any environmental requirements/legislation and workplace procedures
- K14 how to work safely avoiding damage to vehicles, personal injury and injury to colleagues
- K15 the consequences of failing to follow all relevant manufacturer's instructions
- K16 the implications of rectification identified by an agreed quality control process

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