## Inspect and replace light vehicle exhaust components



**Overview** 

This standard is about inspecting exhaust components for replacement or continued serviceability and removing and replacing components identified as being faulty, damaged, deteriorated or where the customer has requested replacement.



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#### **Performance**

#### criteria

- You must be able to: P1 select and wear suitable personal protective equipment throughout all exhaust system component inspection and replacement activities
  - P2 seek confirmation that all equipment is safe prior to use
  - P3 carry out inspections on **exhaust system components** relevant to the faults reported
  - P4 conduct all inspection and replacement activities following:
    - P4.1 vehicle, equipment and component manufacturers' recommendations
    - P4.2 your workplace procedures
    - P4.3 health and safety requirements
  - P5 ensure your inspection clearly identifies the serviceability of the exhaust system component and the cause of any faults identified
  - P6 make clear and suitable recommendations for further action based upon the results of your inspection to the relevant person(s)
  - P7 carry out removal and replacement activities using:
    - P7.1 suitable tools and equipment
    - P7.2 the correct techniques
    - P7.3 suitable exhaust components and fixings
  - P8 ensure that the replacement **exhaust system components** are correctly fitted and aligned prior to releasing the vehicle to the customer
  - P9 dispose of removed **exhaust system components** safely to comply with legal requirements and your workplace procedures
  - P10 complete all inspection and replacement activities within the agreed timescale
  - P11 promptly report any anticipated delays in completion to the relevant person(s)

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## **Knowledge and** understanding

You need to know and understand:

## Legislative and organisational requirements and procedures

- the current health and safety legislation and workplace procedures relevant to workshop practices and personal and vehicle protection
- K2 the current legal requirements relating to vehicle exhaust systems
- K3 your workplace procedures for:
  - K3.1 the referral of problems
  - K3.2 reporting of delays to the completion of work
  - K3.3 personal protection
- K4 how to dispose of removed components in line with health and safety and legal requirements
- the importance of working to agreed timescales and keeping others informed of K5 progress
- K6 the importance of promptly reporting anticipated delays to the relevant person(s)
- K7 the relationship between time and costs

# You need to know

#### **Tools and equipment**

- and understand:
  - the tools and equipment used for the removal and replacement of exhausts, for testing and resetting and how to select and use them
  - how to perform safety and operational checks on tools and equipment K9
  - K10 how to use cutting equipment to make straight through section cuts

## You need to know and understand:

## Exhaust inspection, removal and replacement operations

- K11 the purpose, function and layout of vehicle exhaust systems and their associated components
- K12 the common faults associated with vehicle exhaust system components
- K13 the fault identification methods and procedures associated with vehicle exhaust system components
- K14 the removal and replacement procedures associated with vehicle exhaust systems, including health and safety requirements
- K15 the construction of vehicle exhaust system components
- K16 when and how to use heat to remove seized components if applicable

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- K17 how to check that replacement components are of the correct type and quality for the vehicle and conform to legal requirements where relevant i.e type approved
- K18 how to make adjustments to exhaust system components
- K19 how to check **exhaust system components** are functioning correctly after refitting and or replacement and the importance of doing so before release to the customer
- K20 the importance of ensuring customers are advised of the running in procedures for new exhausts prior to leaving your premises
- K21 how to work safely avoiding injury to yourself, to others and damage to vehicles
- K22 exhaust related emissions control systems
- K23 how to remove, replace and clean or rethread broken, damaged or seized exhaust fixings

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## Scope/range

## 1. Exhaust system components include:

- 1.1. complete exhaust system (separately or as complete unit)
- 1.2. individual component, e.g. silencer, link pipe, tail pipe etc.
- 1.3. catalytic converters/particulate filters and associated components and fluids
- 1.4. lambda sensors
- Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system and associated components and fluids
- 1.6. NOx reduction system

## 2. Tools and equipment include:

- 2.1. hand tools
- 2.2. special purpose tools
- 2.3. lifting and supporting equipment
- 2.4. heating and cutting equipment
- 2.5. electronic equipment
- 2.6. diagnostic equipment

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# Additional information

This section contains examples and explanations of some of the terms used but does not form part of the standard.

#### **Glossary**

#### Agreed timescales

Examples include job times set by your company or agreed with a specific customer.

## Catalytic converter associated components and fluids

To include fuel treatments, for example Eolys

## Complete exhaust system

This is a system from the engine to exit of the vehicle - to include additional exhaust components (e.g. gaskets, hangers, mounting rubbers, clamps, sleeves) and consumables (e.g. exhaust sealing compound)

## **Heating and cutting equipment**

To include oxy-acetylene, plasma cutters, induction heating equipment etc.

#### Lambda sensors

To include pre and post catalytic converter, wide band, zirconia, titania/titanium.

#### **Manufacturers**

This term can include product and vehicle manufacturers

#### Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) system components and fluids

To include exhaust gas treatment, for example Ad-blue

#### Special purpose tools

Examples include exhaust chain cutter, exhaust flaring dolly, thread cutting taps and dies, stud removal tools

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