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**Extract taken from:** PRS & QMS > PRS: Light vehicle repair certification > Technical part > Vehicle interior > Airbags

## 5-3 Airbags

### Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
5.3.1	<b>Correct technical decisions</b>  You thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve airbags and correctly determine whether the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements, taking into account all technical information including that provided by the Transport Agency such as the <a href="#">VIRM: Light vehicle repair certification</a> .	The Transport Agency will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• talk to you</li><li>• observe you at work</li><li>• inspect vehicles which you have certified</li><li>• inspect inspection and certification documents you use and complete</li><li>• inspect information you enter into the Transport Agency computer system.</li></ul> The Transport Agency may: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• take into account outcomes from complaints, random re-inspections and 'mystery shopper' exercises since your last review.</li></ul>
5.3.2	<b>Technical competence</b>	



**5.3.3**

**Technical equipment**

You have:

- a hand-held inspection lamp
- assorted hand tools.

The equipment is in good condition and working order.

The Transport Agency may inspect your technical equipment.

## Scores

	Score			
	0	1	2	3
5.3.1	<p><b>Correct technical decisions</b></p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve airbags and correctly determine whether the repairs that involve airbags comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is <b>likely to compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an airbag that failed to deploy when involved in a crash above the deployment threshold has not been replaced, or</li> <li>• an OE airbag warning light has been removed from a vehicle fitted with airbags, or</li> <li>• a salvaged airbag, which has incomplete documentation has been fitted.</li> </ul>	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve airbags and correctly determine whether the repairs that involve airbags comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance <b>may compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a diagnostic report has been completed by someone other than the manufacturer or an approved representative.</li> </ul>	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve airbags and correctly determine whether the repairs that involve airbags comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is <b>unlikely to compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a vehicle has not been low volume vehicle certified when the airbag has been removed and the vehicle is 14 years or older.</li> </ul>	<p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve airbags and correctly determine whether the repairs that involve airbags comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
5.3.2	<p><b>Technical competence</b></p>			

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• a level of competence that <b>may compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</li> </ul> <p>This means there are <b>some gaps in your knowledge</b> of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags.</li> </ul> <p>This means there are <b>significant gaps in your knowledge</b> of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, and</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags.</li> </ul>	<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adequate competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• a level of competence that is <b>unlikely to compromise</b> the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</li> </ul> <p>This means there are <b>minor gaps in your knowledge</b> of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, or</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags.</li> </ul>	<p>You can demonstrate <b>comprehensive competence</b> in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve airbags.</p> <p>This means you can demonstrate <b>comprehensive knowledge</b> of, and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the assessment of repairs that involve airbags, and</li> <li>• Transport Agency requirements (including <a href="#">VIRM</a> requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, and</li> <li>• Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, and</li> <li>• the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags.</li> </ul>
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**Technical equipment**

Not all of the specified equipment is available. Where equipment is available, some or all of it is not in working order.

All specified equipment is available and in working order, but some or all of it is in poor condition.

All specified equipment is available, in working order and in at least adequate condition.

All specified equipment is available and in good condition and working order.