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9-3 Replacement components

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
<p>9.3.1</p>	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all replacement components used as part of the repair and correctly determine that the replacement components comply with all Transport Agency requirements, taking into account technical information provided by the Transport Agency such as the VIRM: Light vehicle repair certification.</p>	<p>The Transport Agency will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • talk to you • observe you at work • inspect vehicles which you have certified • inspect inspection and certification documents you use and complete. <p>The Transport Agency may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • take into account outcomes from complaints, random re-inspections and 'mystery shopper' exercises since your last review.
<p>9.3.2</p>	<p>Technical competence</p>	

You are competent in all technical aspects relating to replacement components

The Transport Agency will:

- talk to you
- ask questions to check your competence relating to replacement components and the assessment of replacement components
- observe you at work
- inspect inspection and certification documents you use and complete
- inspect your [Training record](#).

This means you are competent in:

The Transport Agency may administer a short test on replacement components and the assessment of replacement components.

- the ability to identify and describe the components of a vehicle
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9.3.3

Technical equipment

You have:

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

The equipment is in good condition and working order.

The Transport Agency will inspect your technical equipment.

Scores

	Score			
	0	1	2	3
9.3.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all replacement components and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is likely to compromise the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a replacement component does not meet the same specifications as the original part, or • a replacement component does not comply with an approved standard when required. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all replacement components and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance may compromise the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is not evidence of the origin of a replacement component. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all replacement components and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is unlikely to compromise the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is incomplete or inadequate evidence of the origin and history of a replacement component. 	<p>You thoroughly inspect all replacement components and correctly determine whether they comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
9.3.2	<p>Technical competence</p>			

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

<p>9.3.3</p>	<p>Technical equipment</p>			
	<p>Not all of the specified equipment is available. Where equipment is available, some or all of it is not in working order.</p>	<p>All specified equipment is available and in working order, but some or all of it is in poor condition.</p>	<p>All specified equipment is available, in working order and in at least adequate condition.</p>	<p>All specified equipment is available and in good condition and working order.</p>