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2-6 and 2-7 Bumpers, energy absorbers and plastic repairs

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
<p>2.6.1</p> <p>2.7.1</p>	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all components and and correctly determine whether the bumper and plastic repairs 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 • inspect information you enter into the Transport Agency computer system. <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>2.6.2</p> <p>2.7.2</p>	<p>Technical competence</p>	

You are competent in all technical aspects relating to bumper and plastic repairs. This means you are competent in:

The Transport Agency will:

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

The Transport Agency may administer a short test on bumper and plastic repairs and the assessment of bumper and plastic repairs.

- the ability to carry out bumper and plastic repairs
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2.6.3

2.7.3 **Technical equipment**

You have:

- a hand-held inspection lamp
- a mirror
- 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
2.6.1	<p>2.7.1 Correct technical decisions</p>			
2.7.1				
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all components or correctly determine whether the bumper and plastic repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p> <p>The area of non-compliance is likely to compromise the outcome of the certification process.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a non-mechanical energy absorber has been repaired. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all components or correctly determine whether the bumper and plastic repairs 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"> • a plastic fuel line has been repaired instead of replaced. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all components or correctly determine whether the bumper and plastic repairs 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"> • the source of a replacement energy absorbing bumper is unknown (make, model and year). 	<p>You thoroughly inspect all components and correctly determine whether the bumper and plastic repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
2.6.2	<p>2.7.2 Technical competence</p>			
2.7.2				

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to bumper and plastic repairs, 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 bumper and plastic repairs, or • the Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to bumper and plastic repairs, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to bumper and plastic repairs, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting bumper and plastic repairs. <p>This means there are significant gaps in your knowledge of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the 	<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate competence in the technical aspects relating to bumper and plastic repairs, 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 bumper and plastic repairs, or • the Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to bumper and plastic repairs, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to bumper and plastic repairs, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting bumper and plastic repairs. 	<p>You can demonstrate comprehensive competence in the technical aspects relating to bumper and plastic repairs, including their compliance with Land Transport Rules.</p> <p>This means you can demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of, and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the assessment of bumper and plastic repairs • the Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to bumper and plastic repairs • Transport Agency guidelines relating to bumper and plastic repairs • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting bumper and plastic repairs. 	
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<p>2.6.3</p> <p>2.7.3</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>