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5 Vehicle interior

5-1 Seats and seat anchorages

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
5.1.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to seats and seat anchorages 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 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.
5.1.2	<p>Technical competence</p>	

5.1.3

Technical equipment

You have:

- a hand-held inspection lamp
- a mirror
- a tape measure
- 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
5.1.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to seats and seat anchorages and correctly determine whether the repairs 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"> • damage, corrosion or poor repair has weakened the attachment of a seat to a seat anchorage. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to seats and seat anchorages or 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"> • a replacement seat is fitted to a modified OE seat anchorage. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to seats and seat anchorages or correctly determine whether the 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"> • a replacement seat has marginally affected the relationship between the seat, the seat occupant and the seatbelt anchorage. 	<p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to seats and seat anchorages and correctly determine whether the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
5.1.2	<p>Technical competence</p>			

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

<p>5.1.3</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>

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
5.2.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and correctly determine whether that the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements, taking into account all technical information including that 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.
5.2.2	<p>Technical competence</p>	

You are competent in all technical aspects relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages. This means you are competent in:

The Transport Agency will:

- talk to you
- ask questions to check your competence relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and the assessment of repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages
- 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 repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and the assessment of repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages.

- the ability to identify and repair faults on seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages
- The ability to repair and certify seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages in accordance with the relevant standards and regulations.
- The ability to identify and repair faults on seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages

5.2.3

Technical equipment

You have:

- a hand-held inspection lamp
- a mirror
- a tape measure
- 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
5.2.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and correctly determine whether the repairs 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 seatbelt pretensioner has not been replaced after activation, or • a seatbelt that has been worn in a crash has not been replaced. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and correctly determine whether the 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 seatbelt buckle and tongue do not release easily. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and correctly determine whether the 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"> • a seatbelt of the wrong type for the seat position has been fitted. 	<p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages and correctly determine whether the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
5.2.2	<p>Technical competence</p>			

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, 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 repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages. <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 repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, 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 repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages. 	<p>You can demonstrate comprehensive competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages.</p> <p>This means you can demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of, and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the assessment of repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, and • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, and • Transport Agency guidelines relating to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages, and • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to seatbelts and seatbelt anchorages. 	
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<p>5.2.3</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>

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
<p>5.3.1</p>	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>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 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>5.3.2</p>	<p>Technical competence</p>	

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>Correct technical decisions</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 likely to compromise the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an airbag that failed to deploy when involved in a crash above the deployment threshold has not been replaced, or • an OE airbag warning light has been removed from a vehicle fitted with airbags, or • a salvaged airbag, which has incomplete documentation has been fitted. 	<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 may compromise the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a diagnostic report has been completed by someone other than the manufacturer or an approved representative. 	<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 unlikely to compromise the safety of vehicle occupants or other road users.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a vehicle has not been low volume vehicle certified when the airbag has been removed and the vehicle is 14 years or older. 	<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>Technical competence</p>			

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve airbags, 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 repairs that involve airbags, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags. <p>This means there are significant gaps in your knowledge of, or skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the assessment of repairs that involve airbags, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, and • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags. 	<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve airbags, 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 repairs that involve airbags, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags. 	<p>You can demonstrate comprehensive competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve airbags.</p> <p>This means you can demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of, and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the assessment of repairs that involve airbags, and • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve airbags, and • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve airbags, and • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve airbags.
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5.3.3

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.

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
5.4.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls 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 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.
5.4.2	<p>Technical competence</p>	

You are competent in all technical aspects relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and control

The Transport Agency will:

- talk to you
- ask questions to check your competence relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls and the assessment of repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls
- 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 repairs to interior fittings, surfaces and controls and the assessment of repairs to interior fittings, surfaces and controls.

This means you are competent in:

- the ability to carry out repairs to interior fittings, surfaces and controls
- The ability to carry out repairs to interior fittings, surfaces and controls

5.4.3

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
5.4.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls and correctly determine whether the repairs 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 sharp edge or point is present in front of a seated occupant that may be contacted in the event of a crash, or • the impact absorbent foam in front of a seated occupant that may be contacted in the event of a crash, has not been replaced when it has been damaged. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls and correctly determine whether the 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"> • the impact absorbent foam in front of a seated occupant is damaged and may be contacted in the event of a crash. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls and correctly determine whether the 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"> • a sharp edge or point is present in front of a seated occupant but it is unlikely to be contacted in the event of a crash, or • the impact absorbent foam in front of a seated occupant is damaged but it is unlikely to be contacted in the event of a crash. 	<p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls and correctly determine whether the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
5.4.2	<p>Technical competence</p>			

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, 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 repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls. <p>This means there are significant gaps in your knowledge of, or skills in:</p>	<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, 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 repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls. 	<p>You can demonstrate comprehensive competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls.</p> <p>This means you can demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of, and skills in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the assessment of repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, and • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, and • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls, and • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs that involve interior fittings, surfaces and controls.
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<p>5.4.3</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>