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6 Brakes

6-1 Service brakes and park brakes

Requirements

	What the Transport Agency expects of you	How the Transport Agency will assess your performance
6.1.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p> <p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to service and park brakes 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.
6.1.2	<p>Technical competence</p>	

You are competent in all technical aspects relating to repairs to service and park brakes

The Transport Agency will:

- talk to you
- ask questions to check your competence relating to repairs to service and park brakes and the assessment of repairs to service and park brakes
- 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 the assessment of repairs to service and park brakes.

This means you are competent in:

- the ability to...
- The ability to...
- The ability to...

6.1.3

Technical equipment

You have:

- a hand-held inspection lamp
- 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
6.1.1	<p>Correct technical decisions</p>			
	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to service and park brakes 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 brake fluid sample shows signs of dirt or contamination, or • a brake drum or a brake disc is fractured or otherwise damaged, seriously compromising the ability to safely brake the vehicle. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to service and park brakes 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 brake pipe has been partially crushed • a brake pipe has been routed incorrectly too close to the vehicle's exhaust system. 	<p>You do not thoroughly inspect all repairs to service and park brakes 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"> • the brake pipes have not been secured in all the manufacturer's original mounting points. 	<p>You thoroughly inspect all repairs to service and park brakes and correctly determine whether the repairs comply with all Transport Agency requirements.</p>
6.1.2	<p>Technical competence</p>			

<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to service and park brakes, 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 service and park brakes, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs to service and park brakes, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to service and park brakes, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to service and park brakes. 	<p>You demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adequate competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to service and park brakes, 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 service and park brakes, or • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to repairs to service and park brakes, or • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to service and park brakes, or • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to service and park brakes. 	<p>You can demonstrate comprehensive competence in the technical aspects relating to repairs to service and park brakes.</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 service and park brakes, and • Transport Agency requirements (including VIRM requirements) relating to service and park brakes, and • Transport Agency guidelines relating to repairs to service and park brakes, and • the operation of the equipment you use for inspecting repairs to service and park brakes.
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<p>6.1.3</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>