

Hemet High School

NATEF SUSPENSION AND STEERING CHECKLIST

Name _____ Date _____ Period _____

For every task in Suspension and Steering, the following safety requirement must be strictly enforced:
 Comply with personal and environmental safety practices associated with clothing; eye protection; hand tools;
 power equipment; proper ventilation; and the handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals/materials in accordance
 with local, state, and federal safety and environmental regulations.

A-4 SUSPENSION AND STEERING

Signature	Date	Evaluation	<p style="text-align: center;">A. General Suspension and Steering Systems Diagnosis</p> <p>Evaluation Matrix: 1 = Exposure/Observation 2 = Assisted in Performing 3 = Capable, Needs Practice 4 = Performed Satisfactorily 5 = Demonstrated Mastery</p>
			1. Identify and interpret suspension and steering concern; determine necessary action. P-1
			2. Research applicable vehicle and service information, such as suspension and steering system operation, vehicle service history, service precautions, and technical service bulletins. P-1
			3. Locate and interpret vehicle and major component identification numbers (VIN, vehicle certification labels, calibration decals). P-1
			<p style="text-align: center;">B. Steering Systems Diagnosis and Repair</p>
			1. Disable and enable supplemental restraint system (SRS). P-1
			2. Remove and replace steering wheel; center/time supplemental restraint system (SRS) coil (clock spring). P-1
			3. Diagnose steering column noises, looseness, and binding concerns (including tilt mechanisms); determine necessary action. P-2
			4. Diagnose power steering gear (non-rack and pinion) binding, uneven turning effort, looseness, hard steering, and fluid leakage concerns; determine necessary action. P-3
			5. Diagnose power steering gear (rack and pinion) binding, uneven turning effort, looseness, hard steering, and fluid leakage concerns; determine necessary action. P-3
			6. Inspect steering shaft universal-joint(s), flexible coupling(s), collapsible column, lock cylinder mechanism, and steering wheel; perform necessary action. P-2

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Signature	Date	Evaluation	B. Steering Systems Diagnosis and Repair Continued
			7. Adjust manual or power non-rack and pinion worm bearing preload and sector lash. P-3
			8. Remove and replace manual or power rack and pinion steering gear; inspect mounting bushings and brackets. P-1
			9. Inspect and replace manual or power rack and pinion steering gear inner tie rod ends (sockets) and bellows boots. P-1
			10. Inspect power steering fluid levels and condition. P-1
			11. Flush, fill, and bleed power steering system. P-2
			12. Diagnose power steering fluid leakage; determine necessary action. P-2
			13. Remove, inspect, replace, and adjust power steering pump belt. P-1
			14. Remove and reinstall power steering pump. P-3
			15. Remove and reinstall power steering pump pulley; check pulley and belt alignment. P-3
			16. Inspect and replace power steering hoses and fittings. P-2
			17. Inspect and replace pitman arm, relay (center-link/intermediate) rod, idler arm and mountings, and steering linkage damper. P-2
			18. Inspect, replace, and adjust tie rod ends (sockets), tie rod sleeves, and clamps. P-1
			19. Test and diagnose components of electronically controlled steering systems using a scan tool; determine necessary action. P-3

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Signature	Date	Evaluation	C. Suspension Systems Diagnosis and Repair
			1. Front Suspension
			1. Diagnose short and long arm suspension system noises, body sway, and uneven riding height concerns; determine necessary action. P-1
			2. Diagnose strut suspension system noises, body sway, and uneven riding height concerns; determine necessary action. P-1
			3. Remove, inspect, and install upper and lower control arms, bushings, shafts, and rebound bumpers. P-3
			4. Remove, inspect and install strut rods (compression/tension) and bushings. P-2
			5. Remove, inspect, and install upper and/or lower ball joints. P-2
			6. Remove, inspect, and install steering knuckle assemblies. P-2
			7. Remove, inspect, and install short and long arm suspension system coil springs and spring insulators. P-2
			8. Remove, inspect, install, and adjust suspension system torsion bars; inspect mounts. P-3
			9. Remove, inspect, and install stabilizer bar bushings, brackets, and links. P-2
			10. Remove, inspect, and install strut cartridge or assembly, strut coil spring, insulators (silencers), and upper strut bearing mount. P-1
			11. Lubricate suspension and steering systems. P-2
			2. Rear Suspension
			1. Remove, inspect, and install coil springs and spring insulators. P-2
			2. Remove, inspect, and install transverse links, control arms, bushings, and mounts. P-2
			3. Remove, inspect, and install leaf springs, leaf spring insulators (silencers), shackles,

			brackets, bushings, and mounts. P-3
			4. Remove, inspect, and install strut cartridge or assembly, strut coil spring, and insulators (silencers). P-2

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Signature	Date	Evaluation	C. Suspension Systems Diagnosis and Repair Continued
			3. Miscellaneous Service
			1. Inspect, remove, and replace shock absorbers. P-1
			2. Remove, inspect, and service or replace front and rear wheel bearings. P-1
			3. Test and diagnose components of electronically controlled suspension systems using a scan tool; determine necessary action. P-3
			D. Wheel Alignment Diagnosis, Adjustment, and Repair
			1. Differentiate between steering and suspension concerns using principles of steering geometry (caster, camber, toe, etc). P-1
			2. Diagnose vehicle wander, drift, pull, hard steering, bump steer, memory steer, torque steer, and steering return concerns; determine necessary action. P-1
			3. Perform pre-alignment inspection; perform necessary action. P-1
			4. Measure vehicle riding height; determine necessary action. P-1
			5. Check and adjust front and rear wheel camber; perform necessary action. P-1
			6. Check and adjust caster; perform necessary action. P-1
			7. Check and adjust front wheel toe; adjust as needed. P-1
			8. Center steering wheel. P-1
			9. Check toe-out-on-turns (turning radius); determine necessary action. P-2
			10. Check SAI (steering axis inclination) and included angle; determine necessary action. P-2

			11. Check and adjust rear wheel toe. P-2
			12. Check rear wheel thrust angle; determine necessary action. P-2
			13. Check for front wheel setback; determine necessary action. P-2
			14. Check front cradle (sub-frame) alignment; determine necessary action. P-3

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Signature	Date	Evaluation	E. Wheel and Tire Diagnosis and Repair
			1. Diagnose tire wear patterns; determine necessary action. P-1
			2. Inspect tires; check and adjust air pressure. P-1
			3. Diagnose wheel/tire vibration, shimmy, and noise; determine necessary action. P-2
			4. Rotate tires according to manufacturer's recommendations. P-1
			5. Measure wheel, tire, axle, and hub runout; determine necessary action. P-2
			6. Diagnose tire pull (lead) problem; determine necessary action. P-2
			7. Balance wheel and tire assembly (static and dynamic). P-1
			8. Dismount, inspect, repair, and remount tire on wheel. P-2
			9. Reinstall wheel; torque lug nuts. P-1
			10. Inspect and repair tire. P-2
			11. Inspect, diagnose, and calibrate tire pressure monitoring system. P-2

I. Suspension and Steering Task Priority Breakdown

P-1 = 28 _____ No. Completed (95% - 26 Required for NATEF)
P-2 = 26 _____ No. Completed (80% - 21 Required for NATEF)
P-3 = 11 _____ No. Completed (50% - 6 Required for NATEF)

Instructor's Sign Off: _____