Curricula for Automobile Air Conditioning Mechanic

(1 Year)

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Overall objective of course

There are too many institutions which are offering the courses in the field of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning, but there is lack of specialized courses designed for a specific field of automobile air-conditioning, thus the purpose this course is to provide the candidates specialized theoretical and practical knowledge to fulfill the market demand in the relevant field .It is basically a practical base course along with a little portion of theoretical knowledge necessary to accomplish the practical tasks. So after completing the course candidates may be able to troubleshoot, repair, maintain, install or dismantle the automobile air conditioning system.

Competencies gained after completion of course

- Know the basic concept, need and application of the automobile air conditioning.
- Conscious about the environmental issues.
- Identify, select, use, safely handle and store the basic and special purpose tools and equipment.
- Identify and demonstrate the working principle of automobile air conditioning components.
- Troubleshoot, repair, maintain, install or dismantle the automobile air conditioning system

Job opportunities available immediately and in the future

- Local/International market of automobile air conditioning workshop.
- Motor vehicle manufacturing industries.
- Private business of sale and service.
- Public sector.

Overview about the Programme

Module Title and Aim	Learning Units	Theory hours	Workplace hours
Module 1: Fundamentals of Air	Have an introduction to air conditioning.	60 hrs	240 hrs
Conditioning	Measure the heat and temperature.		
	Measure the pressure and vacuum.	_	
Aim: To introduce the candidate to basic concept of air conditioning and	4. Understand the pressure temperature relationship		
fundamentals of air conditioning.	5. Understand the psychrometry		
Module 2: Basic Electricity	Have basic concept about the principles of electricity	60 hrs	240 hrs
	Sketch out the electrical circuits		
Aim: To introduce the candidate to electrical principles, electrical circuits and electrical Components.	Prepare electrical circuits with different components.		
Module 3: Tools/Equipment, System components and	Identify select and use the basic and special auto mobile air conditioning Tools and Equipment.	80 hrs	320 hrs
Materials.	Identify and understand the function of Auto mobile air conditioning components.		
Aim: To enable the trainees to identify select, use and store the basic hand tools/equipment, identify and understand the function of different auto mobile air conditioning system components.	3. Identify, select and use the different Materials.		
Module 4: Workshop Practice	Carry out different practical tasks.	120 hrs	480 hrs
Aim: To enable the trainee to complete the tasks of system trouble shooting, repairing and servicing and maintenance.			

Automobile Air Conditioning Mechanic Curriculum Contents (Teaching and Learning Guide)

Module 1: Fundamentals of Air Conditioning

Objective of the Module: To introduce the candidate to:

• Basic concept of air conditioning.

• Fundamentals of Air Conditioning.

Duration: 300 hours Theory: 60 hours Practice: 240 hours

Learning Unit Learning Outcomes			Learning Elements	Duration	Materials		Learning	
							Required	Place
1.	Have an	1.1 Understand the air conditioning.	1.11	Define the air conditioning.	60 hrs.	•	Air conditioning	Class room/worksh
	introduction to air conditioning.	1.2 Knowledge about the scope of air	1.21	Explain the need of air conditioning.		•	model. Teaching aids.	op/laboratory.
		conditioning.	1.22	Describe the scope of air conditioning.			· ·	
		1.3 Be able to have the basic concept about the working principle of air	1.31	Describe the basic components of mechanical air conditioning cycle.				
		conditioning cycle.	1.32	Demonstrate that how the basic air conditioning cycle works?				
2.	Measure the heat and temperature.	2.1 Understand the Heat and temperature.	2.11	Define the: Heat. Temperature. Units of heat. Units of temperature. Saturated vapour. Superheated vapour. Sub-cooled liquid.	60 hrs	•	Thermometer Celsius scale. Thermometer Fahrenheit scale. Calculator. Teaching aids.	Class room/worksh op/laboratory.
			2.12	Measure the temperature with				

		2.2 Apply the heat measuring formulas.	thermometer. 2.13 Convert the Celsius scale to Fahrenheit scale 2.21 Use the heat measuring formulas. • SH = m x c x Td Where: SH=Sensible heat in kj. m=Mass of substance in kg. c=Specific heat of substance in kj/kg.k Td=Temperature difference in Kelvin • LH= m x Latent heat of substance /Kg Where: LH= Latent heat in kj m= Mass of substance in kg			
3.	Measure the pressure and vacuum.	3.1 Understand the pressure	 3.11 Define the:- Pressure. Atmospheric pressure. Gauge pressure. Absolute pressure. Vacuum Units of pressure 	60 hrs.	 Pressure measuring gauges of different scales. Vacuum pump. 	Class room/worksh op/laboratory.
		3.2 Demonstrate the pressure measurement	 3.21 Describe the types and function of pressure measuring gauges. 3.22 Measure the pressure of a gas with the pressure gauge 3.23 Measure the vacuum with vacuum gauge 			
4.	Understand the pressure temperature relationship	4.1 Have the concept about: • Boiling point/Saturation temperature/Critical temperature. • Saturation/Critical pressure.	 4.11 Define the: Boiling point/Saturation temperature/ Critical temperature. Saturation/Critical pressure. 	60 hrs.	Saturation pressure- Temperature tables for different refrigerants.	Class room/worksh op/laboratory.

	4.2 Demonstrate the effect of pressure on boiling point.	4.12	Use the saturation pressure – temperature tables.			
5. Understand the psychrometry	5.1 Describe and find out the psychrometric properties of air	5.11 5.12	Define psychrometry. Identification of lines and scale on a psychrometric chart. Dry bulb temperature Wet bulb temperature Dew point temperature Humidity ratio Relative humidity Enthalpy Specific volume Tracing air conditioning process on psychrometric chart Sensible cooling Sensible heating Humidification Dehumidification Cooling with dehumidification Heating with humidification	60 hrs.	Psychrometric chart	Class room/worksh op/laboratory.

Module 2: Basic Electricity

Objective of the Module:To intruduce the candidate to:

- Electrical Principles.
- Electrical circuits.
- Electrical Components.

Duration: 300 hours **Theory:** 60 hours **Practice:**240 hours

	Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes		Learning Elements	Duration		Materials Required	Learning Place
1.	Have basic concept about the principles of electricity	1.1 Understand and describe the principles of electricity	1.11 1.12 1.13 1.14 1.15 1.16 1.17	Explain the structure of atom and how it relates to electricity Describe the action of a magnetic field. Summarize how an electrical current will produce magnetism Define the law of opposite and like charges. Explain how a magnetic field can be used to produce electricity. Describe the component of a simple electrical circuit. Define "voltage", "current" and "resistance".	100 hrs.	•	Teaching aids. Models etc.	Class room/Work shop/Labor atory.
			1.18 1.19 1.110	Define "conductor", "resistor" and "insulator". Compare DC and AC current. Compare a simple water circuit with an electric circuit.				
2.	Sketch out the electrical circuits	2.1 Identify, draw and understand the electrical circuits.	2.11 2.12 2.13 2.14 2.15	Draw a series circuit. Draw a parallel circuit. Draw a series-parallel circuit. Explain the operating characteristics of series and parallel circuits. Describe a frame ground or one - wire circuit.	100 hrs.	•	Drawing material. Stationery Teaching aids. Calculator	Class room/Work shop/Labor atory.

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		2.16	Recognize typical electrical and				
			electronics symbols.				
	2.2 Apply Ohm's Law	2.21	Define Ohm's law.				
		2.22	Summarize the effects of voltage				
			and resistance on current.				
		2.23	Calculate an unknown circuit value				
			using Ohm's law.				
		2.24	List the rules of series and parallel				
			circuits as related to Ohm's law.				
3. Prepare electrical	3.1 Demonstrate an	3.11	Identify and explain electrical		•	Electrical	Class
circuits with	understanding of the		components.	100 hrs.		components.	room/Work
different	electrical		Resistors.		•	Wires.	shop/Labor
components.	components.		 Batteries. 			Tool kit.	atory.
	-		 Control Switches. 				
			Capacitors.				
			• Fuses.				
			Circuit breakers.				
			 Indication lights. 				
			Coils.				
			Transformers.				
			Relays.				
			Buzzer.				
			Solenoids.	1			
	3.2 Use the electrical	3.21	Understand the function of				
	components in		electrical components.				
	electrical circuits	3.22	Check the rating of electrical				
	properly.		components.				
		3.23	Prepare the electrical circuits using				
			different electrical components.				

Module 3:Tools/Equipment, System components and Materials.

Objective of the Module:To enable the trainees to:

- Identify select, use and store the basic Basic hand tools/equipment.
- Identify and understand the function of different auto mobile air conditioning system components.

Duration:400 hours **Theory**: 80 hours **Practice**:320hours

Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
1. Identify, select and use the basic and special auto mobile air conditioning Tools and Equipment. 1. Identify, select and special auto mobile air conditioning Tools and Equipment.	1.1 Use and application of basic hand tools/ equipment. 1.2 Use and application of special purpose tools, equipment and materials.	1.11 Describe the use and application basic hand tools/equipment: Screw drivers-Philips head, flat head. Spanners-Open end, ring end. Pliers-Combination, Nose, Grip Vernier Caliper. Micrometer. Tube Cutter Pipe Bender Flaring Tool Set Hacksaw. Hammer Mallet Allen key Screw wrench Side cutter Socket set Ratchet wrench Drill machine. Personal safety clothing. Fire Extinguisher. 1.21 Describe the use and application of special purpose tools, equipment and materials needed for system recovery, vacuum, recharging, flushing (if applicable), service and maintenance of Auto Mobile Air Conditioning systems.	50 hrs	Basic hand tools and equipment: Special purpose tools, equipment and materials	Class room/works hop/laborat ory.

Identify and understand the function of Auto mobile air conditioning components. 2.1 Demonstrate an understanding of refrigerant circuit components.	of TXV (Thermostatic Expansion Valve)	200 hrs	Refrigerant circuit components. Auto Mobile Air Conditioning and climate control components	Class room/works hop/laborat ory.
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general and climate control components and demonstrate their working principles.	onstrate in-depth knowledge of the ose, construction, principles of operation, nosis, Dismantling, refitting and tenance of Mobile Air Conditioning and the control components: Compressor clutches - types and drives, alignment, electrical connections Compressors - types, piston, axial, eciprocating, swash / wobble plate, adial, scroll, rotary vane, variable, piston, acroll, mounting, direct, ear, control levices, mechanical control valve, hermal switches, high pressure relief ralves, super heat and thermal limiters, naintenance and repair, clutch air gap adjustment), clutch removal and refitting, thaft seal replacement, hygroscopic, thecking levels doses and pipes – sizes, types of fittings, lare, o ring, block / pad, spring-lock, construction, materials, rubber, aluminum, steel Service valves and ports - flare type, back leating valve, quick couplers Condenser - purpose, construction and operation, tube and fin, serpentine, parallel flow, sub-cooled, fans, naintenance, inspection and cleaning Dehydrators - purpose, construction and operation, receiver driers, accumulator, desiccant bag Metering devices - purpose, construction
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				 Electrical control devices - purpose, construction and operation, pressure switches, binary, trinary, clutch cycling, thermostats, electrical and mechanical Retrofitting – procedures, effects on components, o rings, compressors, lubricants, hose and pipes, condensers, dehydrators and desiccant, metering devices, labeling, service ports, electrical control devices. Sensors, actuators, valves and fans. Typical path of conditioned air flow. Heating system. 			
3.	Identify, select and use the different Materials.	 3.1 List out the different types of refrigerants and identify them. 3.2 Describe the properties of refrigerants. 3.3 Handle the 	3.11 3.12 3.13 3.21 3.22 3.23 3.31	Define the refrigerant. List out the different refrigerants. Identify different refrigerants Describe the classification of refrigerants List out the characteristics of a good refrigerant. Explain the properties ofR12 (CFC) and R134a (HFC). Describe the safety procedure for handling	150 hrs	Refrigerant cylinders, Refrigerant identifier. Hoses, Pipes- aluminum, steel, Fittings, Lubricants.	Class room/works hop/laborat ory.
		refrigerants 3.4 Know the legal and environmental implications.	3.41	 and storing the refrigerants. Describe the legal and environmental issues regarding: Environmental implications, ozone layer and global warming Health and safety /environmental requirements for handling, storage and transportation of refrigerants Ozone layer Ozone depletion Greenhouse effect Climate change and global warming Montreal protocol Kyoto agreement. 			

3.5 Demonstrate an understanding of hoses and pipes	3.51	 Identify, select and use the hoses and pipes: Hoses and pipes – sizes, types of fittings, flare, o ring, block / pad, spring-lock. Construction, materials, rubber, aluminum, steel 	
3.6 Understand the	3.61	List out the types of lubricants.	
Lubrication	3.62	Explain the viscosity	
	3.63	Describe the factors which affect the viscosity	
	3.64	Measure the quantity of lubricants	

Module 4: Workshop Practice.

Objective of the Module:To enable the trainee to complete the tasks of:

- System trouble shooting
- System Repairing.
- System servicing and maintenance.

Duration: 600 hours Theory:120 hours Practice:480 hours

Learning Unit	Learning Outcomes	Learning Elements	Duration	Materials Required	Learning Place
Carry out different practical tasks.	and perform	 1.11 Demonstrate an understanding of the function, layout and operating principles of air conditioning systems, components, equipment, tools for system recovery, vacuum, recharging and flushing (if applicable) Mobile Air Conditioning systems, procedures required for service and general maintenance. 1.12 Demonstrate an understanding of the environmental implications, legal, equipment, procedures, Health and Safety requirements for storage, refrigerant identification, refrigerant recovery, system evacuation, adding oil refrigerant recharging, final 	40 hrs 40 hrs	Basic and special purpose tools, equipment and material as described in each learning element.	Class room/works hop/laborat ory.
		leak detection, flushing (if applicable) and disposal refrigerants and components. 1.13 Demonstrate an understanding of refrigerant identification, initial system evaluation – testing, via pressure gauges, temperature, air distribution and speed. Recovery, vacuum check, leak detection, visual, electronic, oil injection/ charging for service, general maintenance and repair procedures for both thermal expansion valve or fixed orifice tube air conditioning systems. 1.14 Demonstrate an understanding of the function, layout and operating principles of Auto Mobile Air Conditioning Systems, components, equipment, tools, materials and procedures required for system diagnoses.	40 hrs 40 hrs 40 hrs		

	1.15 Demonstrate an understanding of the purpose,		
	construction, principles of operation, diagnosis,	40 hrs	
	dismantling, refitting and maintenance of Auto		
	Mobile Air Conditioning components.	-	
	1.16 Diagnose faults via gauge pressure interpretation,	40 hrs	
	system diagnostics and repair procedures for	40 1115	
	either Thermal Expansion Valve or Fixed Orifice		
	Tube Auto Mobile Air Conditioning systems.	40 hrs	
	1.17 Demonstrate an understanding of Climate Control	401115	
	Systems, configurations, operations and		
	components including diagnosis.	-	
	1.18 Demonstrate an understanding of the environmental implications, legal, equipment, procedures, Health		
	and Safety requirements for storage, refrigerant		
	identification, refrigerant recovery, system		
	evacuation, adding oil, refrigerant recharging, final	40 hrs	
	leak detection, flushing (if applicable) and disposal		
	of Auto Mobile Air Conditioning refrigerants and		
	components whilst diagnosing system.		
	1.19 Describe the methods of accessing the relevant data	-	
	from the utilization of information sources:		
	Describe the methods of accessing data -		
	workshop manuals, manufacturers' data and		
	information sheets, service schedules, parts		
	lists, trade association check lists, legal and	40 hrs	
	technical data reference books.		
	 State how to access data using – computers, 		
	microfiche.		
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	Control devices – thermostat, mechanical		
	 1.110 System diagnostics and repair procedures for both TXV(thermostatic Expansion Valve) and FOT(Fixed Orifice Tube) air conditioning systems: Fault finding via gauge pressure interpretation - TXV system (high pressure, low pressure), FOT system (high pressure, low pressure, compressor cycle times). System diagnostics (characteristic system faults) – situations, metering devices, thermal expansion valve, (TXV stuck in open position, TXV stuck in closed position), orifice tube, leaking, blocked. 		

problem, electrical problem, pressure switches (all types), malfunctions, refrigerant		
(undercharged system, overcharged system,		
moisture, air), refrigerant system restrictions		
(receiver drier, accumulator, blocked condenser),		
compressors (noisy, overcharged system,		
undercharged system, lack of lubrication, belt		
tension and condition, pulley alignment,		
mounting, damaged valves), reduced air flow		
(internal (interior , pollution / pollen filter, blocked		
evaporator, fan resistor), external (exterior -	40 hrs	
blocked condenser, faulty condenser fan),		
HVACs control mechanisms, recirculation flap, air		
distribution flaps, water valves, temperature		
control, water ingress (blocked or incorrectly		
routed evaporator drain tubes, HVACs casings),		
vehicle odors (evaporator, bacteria).	40 hrs	
1.111 Describe the methods used to remove and replace		
air conditioning components – compressor, pipes		
and hoses, condenser, condenser fans,		
dehydrator, receiver drier, accumulator, metering		
devices, thermal expansion valve, fixed orifice		
tube, evaporator, control devices, pressure switches, thermostats, control valves.		
1.112 Demonstrate in-depth knowledge of climate control	-	
systems, configurations, operations and		
components including diagnosis:	40 hrs	
Climate control – function, heat loads, comfort	401110	
zone, pollution.		
Climate control system configurations manual		
temperature control air distribution, temperature,		
air speed, recirculation, air conditioning, defrost /		
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1.115 Describe how to prepare and use hand, special purpose tools, equipment and materials needed to evaluate, diagnose, remove and refit climate control system faults and components: • Diagnostic tools (Use of) – Multimeter, oscilloscope, fault codes, diagnostic (Self), code reader, break out box, manufacturer specific.	
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Assessment

MODULE 1: Fundamentals of Air Conditioning

Learning Units	Theory hours	Workplace hours	Recommended formative assessment	Recommended Methodology	Scheduled Dates
6. Have an introduction to air conditioning.	12 hrs	48 hrs	ObservationWritten questions	Practical task	
7. Measure the heat and temperature.	12 hrs	48 hrs	Oral questions	Work sheetProfessional	
Measure the pressure and vacuum.	12 hrs	48 hrs		discussion	
Understand the pressure temperature relationship	12 hrs	48 hrs			
10. Understand the psychrometry	12 hrs	48 hrs			

MODULE 2: Basic Electricity

Learning Units		Theory hours	Workplace hours		Recommended formative		ecommended lethodology	Scheduled Dates
					assessment		3,	
	e basic concept about the ciples of electricity	20 hrs	80 hrs	•	Observation Written questions		Practical task Work sheet	
2. Ske	tch out the electrical circuits	20 hrs	80 hrs	•	Oral questions	•	Professional	
	pare electrical circuits with erent components.	20 hrs	80 hrs		·		discussion	

MODULE 3: Tools/Equipment, System components and Materials

Learning Units	Theory hours	Workplace hours	Recommended formative assessment	Recommended Methodology	Scheduled Dates
Identify select and use the basic and special auto mair conditioning Tools and Equipment.	obile	107 hrs	ObservationWritten questionsOral questions	Practical taskWork sheetProfessional discussion	
Identify and understand t function of Auto mobile a conditioning components	ir	107 hrs			
Identify, select and use the different Materials.	ne 26 hrs	106 hrs			

MODULE 4: Workshop Practice

Learning Units	Theory	Workplace	Recommended	Recommended	Scheduled
	hours	hours	formative assessment	Methodology	Dates
2. Carry out different practical tasks.	120 hrs	480 hrs	ObservationWritten questionsOral questions	Practical taskWork sheetProfessional discussion	

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