COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD

Number: AUTO G131  
TITLE: Engine Performance: Advanced

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CROSS LISTED COURSE: TOP NO: 0948.00

COURSE LEVEL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME(S) Supported by this course:

SEMESTER UNITS: 4.5 
HRS LEC: 63.0  HRS LAB: 52.0  HRS OTHER: 0.0

CONTACT HRS TOTAL: 115.0

STUDY NON-CONTACT HRS RECOMMENDED: 126.0

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
This is an advanced course that covers theory, knowledge, and skills necessary to understand advanced engine performance concepts. Instruction is given and lab experience provided which will enable students to successfully perform diagnostics and repair on complex engine management and related systems. Information presented is based on the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Engine Performance Tasks and Standards intended to prepare students for the ASE A-8 Engine Performance certification examination. Advisory: Auto G130

JUSTIFICATION FOR COURSE:

PREREQUISITES:

COREQUISITES:

ADVISORIES:

ASSIGNED DISCIPLINES:
Automotive technology

MATERIAL FEE: Yes [ ] No [X] Amount: $0.00

CREDIT STATUS: Noncredit [ ] Credit - Degree Applicable [X] Credit - Not Degree Applicable [ ]

GRADING POLICY: Pass/No Pass [X]  Standard Letter [X]  Not Graded [ ]  Satisfactory Progress [ ]

OPEN ENTRY/OPEN EXIT: Yes [ ] No [X]

TRANSFER STATUS: CSU Transferable[X]  UC/CSU Transferable[ ]  Not Transferable[ ]

BASIC SKILLS STATUS: Yes [ ] No [X] LEVELS BELOW TRANSFER: Not Applicable

CALIFORNIA CLASSIFICATION CODES: Y - Not Applicable

NON CREDIT COURSE CATEGORY: Y - Not applicable, Credit Course

OCCUPATIONAL (SAM) CODE: B

REPEATABLE ACCORDING TO STATE GUIDELINES: No [X]  Yes [ ] NUMBER REPEATS:

REQUIRED FOR DEGREE OR CERTIFICATE: No [ ] Yes [X]
Engine Performance and Emission Specialist(Associate in Arts)
Engine Performance and Emission Specialist(Certificate of Achievement)

GE AND TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS MET:
CSU Transfer Course
A. Transfers to CSU
1. Demonstrate an ability to self-assess progress and development in a specific area and to further design and pursue a course of action based on the self-assessment.

2. Analyze and diagnose automotive engines and related components for correct system operation.

3. Demonstrate mastery of diagnostic tools and equipment used for automotive repair.

4. Summarize and interpret complex engine performance concerns through advanced measurement and diagnosis.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:
1. Pass the SP-2 Mechanical Safety and Mechanical Pollution Prevention Test.
2. Retrieve and interpret service and repair information.
3. Analyze and interpret wiring diagrams, schematics, and electrical power flow on advanced engine management control circuits.
4. Perform systematic analysis on advanced electronic engine management systems and circuits using industry-accepted testing procedures, and diagnostic tools and equipment such as test lights, logic probes, digital volt ohm meters (DVOM’s), digital storage oscilloscopes (DSO’s), and scan tools.
5. Perform related electrical measurements and compare against factory specifications.
6. Identify component failures using analytical skills, processes, and industry-accepted procedures.
7. Apply industry-accepted processes and principles for advanced engine management circuit analysis and repairs.
8. Apply learned safety concepts when servicing HEV’s, identifying the location of high voltage service disconnect switches, warning devices, and following proper safeguards and correct set-up procedures.

COURSE CONTENT:

LECTURE CONTENT:

A. Safety
   1. Basic auto technology shop safety instruction and demonstrations
   2. SP-2 Mechanical Safety and mechanical Pollution Prevention tests.

B. General Engine Diagnosis.
   1. Completing a Repair Order.
   2. Technical service bulletins and scan tool data.
   3. Types of technical service bulletin.
   4. Electronic retrieval systems.
   5. Symptom-based diagnosis.
   6. Driveability concerns.
   7. No start, hard to start.
   8. Poor fuel economy.
   9. Advanced starting and charging systems diagnosis.
   10. Battery tests.
   11. Pinpoint voltage, current, and resistance tests.

C. Computerized Engine Controls Diagnosis and Repair
   1. Advanced computer sensor diagnosis
   2. Pinpoint testing of ECT, IAT, MAP, TPS, O2, POST O2, MAF, VSS, and WSS sensors
   3. Advanced computerized diagnosis
   4. Circuit diagnosis and service
   5. Diagnostic trouble code retrieval.
   6. How diagnostic trouble codes (DTC’s) are set.
   7. Methods for clearing DTC’s.
   8. Advanced scan tool testing.
D. Advanced engine management controls: Concepts and principles.
   1. Integrated circuits.
   3. Controller Area Network (CAN) concepts.
   4. LAN (Local Area Network) circuits.
   5. BUS (Binary Unit System) concepts.
   6. Other advanced on-board circuits
      a. Supplemental Restraint System (SRS).
      b. Timer-controlled circuits.
      c. Duty cycle and pulse width.

E. Advanced ignition system diagnosis and repair
   1. Pinpoint testing of primary and secondary circuit systems and components.
   2. Pinpoint testing of ignition system related sensors

F. Fuel, Air induction and Exhaust System Diagnosis and Repair.
   1. Fuel delivery systems.
   2. Pinpoint electronic component tests.
   3. Idle air control diagnosis and service.
   5. Engine fuels and driveability diagnosis.
   6. Rich or lean exhaust.
   7. Excessive CO, HC, or Nox emissions.

G. Emissions Control Systems Diagnosis and Repair.
   1. Advanced emission control device diagnosis and service.
   2. PCV, AIR, EVAP, EGR, and catalytic converter.
   3. Advanced five-gas exhaust analysis.
   4. Hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxygen, oxides of nitrogen

H. Engine Related Service
   1. Engine condition diagnosis.
   2. Vacuum, compression, and cylinder leakage tests.
   3. General Engine Diagnosis.
   4. Troubleshooting fundamentals.
   5. The 8-step diagnostic procedure.
   6. Trouble shooting computerized engines.
   7. Typical non-computer problems.

I. Practice sample ASE advanced level (LI) engine performance certification

LABORATORY CONTENT:

After acquiring the appropriate lecture information, the successful student will demonstrate skill accomplishment by completing worksheet-driven NATEF-approved tasks. NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) is a non-profit agency that evaluates technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry. All of the current NATEF approved tasks for this class are listed below, and are also contained in a separate document that is handed out on the first day of class.

ENGINE PERFORMANCE
For every task in Electrical/Electronic systems, 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. General Engine Diagnosis
   1. Complete work order to include customer information, vehicle identifying information,
2. Identify and interpret engine performance concern; determine necessary action.
3. Research applicable vehicle and service information, such as engine management system operation, vehicle service history, service precautions, and technical service bulletins.
4. Locate and interpret vehicle and major component identification numbers.
5. Inspect engine assembly for fuel, oil, coolant, and other leaks; determine necessary action.
6. Diagnose abnormal engine noise or vibration concerns; determine necessary action.
7. Diagnose abnormal exhaust color, odor, and sound; determine necessary action.
8. Perform engine absolute (vacuum/boost) manifold pressure tests; determine necessary action.
9. Perform cylinder power balance test; determine necessary action.
10. Perform cylinder cranking and running compression tests; determine necessary action.
11. Perform cylinder leakage test; determine necessary action.
12. Diagnose engine mechanical, electrical, electronic, fuel, and ignition concerns; determine necessary action.
13. Prepare 4 or 5 gas analyzer; inspect and prepare vehicle for test, and obtain exhaust readings; interpret readings, and determine necessary action.
14. Verify engine operating temperature; determine necessary action.
15. Perform cooling system pressure tests; check coolant condition; inspect and test radiator, pressure cap, coolant recovery tank, and hoses; perform necessary action.
16. Verify correct camshaft timing.

B. Computerized Engine Controls Diagnosis and Repair

1. Retrieve and record diagnostic trouble codes, OBD monitor status, and freeze frame data; clear codes when applicable.
2. Diagnose the causes of emissions or driveability concerns with stored or active diagnostic trouble codes; obtain, graph, and interpret scan tool data.
3. Diagnose emissions or driveability concerns without stored diagnostic trouble codes; determine necessary action.
4. Check for module communication (including CAN/BUS systems) errors using a scan tool.
5. Inspect and test computerized engine control system sensors, powertrain/engine control module (PCM/ECM), actuators, and circuits using a graphing multimeter (GMM)/digital storage oscilloscope (DSO); perform necessary action.
7. Diagnose driveability and emissions problems resulting from malfunctions of interrelated systems (cruise control, security alarms, suspension controls, traction controls, A/C, automatic transmissions, non-OEM-installed accessories, or similar systems); determine necessary action.
8. Perform active tests of actuators using a scan tool; determine necessary action.
9. Describe the importance of running all OBDII monitors for repair verification.

C. Ignition System Diagnosis and Repair

1. Diagnose ignition system related problems such as no-starting, hard starting, engine misfire, poor driveability, spark knock, power loss, poor mileage, and emissions concerns; determine necessary action.
2. Inspect and test ignition primary and secondary circuit wiring and solid state components; test ignition coil(s); perform necessary action.
3. Inspect and test crankshaft and camshaft position sensor(s); perform necessary action.
4. Inspect, test, and/or replace ignition control module, powertrain/engine control module;
reprogram as necessary.

D. Fuel, Air Induction, and Exhaust Systems Diagnosis and Repair

1. Diagnose hot or cold no-starting, hard starting, poor driveability, incorrect idle speed, poor idle, flooding, hesitation, surging, engine misfire, power loss, stalling, poor mileage, dieseling, and emissions problems; determine necessary action.
2. Check fuel for contaminants and quality; determine necessary action.
3. Inspect and test fuel pumps and pump control systems for pressure, regulation, and volume; perform necessary action.
4. Replace fuel filters.
5. Inspect throttle body, air induction system, intake manifold and gaskets for vacuum leaks and/or unmetered air.
6. Inspect and test fuel injectors.
7. Verify idle control operation.
8. Inspect the integrity of the exhaust manifold, exhaust pipes, muffler(s), catalytic converter(s), resonator(s), tail pipe(s), and heat shield(s); perform necessary action.
9. Perform exhaust system back-pressure test; determine necessary action.
10. Test the operation of turbocharger/supercharger systems; determine necessary action.

E. Emissions Control Systems Diagnosis and Repair

1. Diagnose oil leaks, emissions, and driveability concerns caused by the positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) system; determine necessary action.
2. Inspect, test and service positive crankcase ventilation (PCV) filter/breather cap, valve, tubes, orifices, and hoses; perform necessary action.
3. Diagnose emissions and driveability concerns caused by the exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) system; determine necessary action.
4. Inspect, test, service and replace components of the EGR system, including EGR tubing, exhaust passages, vacuum/pressure controls, filters and hoses; perform necessary action.
5. Inspect and test electrical/electronic sensors, controls, and wiring of exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) systems; perform necessary action.
6. Diagnose emissions and driveability concerns caused by the secondary air injection and catalytic converter systems; determine necessary action.
7. Inspect and test mechanical components of secondary air injection systems; perform necessary action.
8. Inspect and test electrical/electronically-operated components and circuits of air injection systems; perform necessary action.
9. Inspect and test catalytic converter efficiency.
10. Diagnose emissions and driveability concerns caused by the evaporative emissions control system; determine necessary action.

F. Engine Related Service

1. Adjust valves on engines with mechanical or hydraulic lifters.
2. Remove and replace timing belt; verify correct camshaft timing.
3. Remove and replace thermostat and gasket/seal.
4. Inspect and test mechanical/electrical fans, fan clutch, fan shroud/ducting, air dams, and fan control devices; perform necessary action.
5. Perform common fastener and thread repairs, to include: remove broken bolt, restore internal and external threads, and repair internal threads with a threaded insert.
6. Perform engine oil and filter change.
7. Identify hybrid vehicle internal combustion engine service precautions.

G. Practice sample ASE (A8) Engine Performance certification test.
METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:

A. Lecture:
B. Lab:
C. Independent Study:

INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES:

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

Out-of-class Assignments

None, lab course.

Writing Assignments

1. Create vehicle repair orders, perform math exercises for flat rate labor, parts and materials totals.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of advanced engine performance concepts by solving complex mathematical problems.
3. Use information and concepts learned in class to successfully pass a practicum exam or written test or assignment.
4. Use on-line service and repair information to compare factory specifications with actual readings and measurements acquired during diagnostic activities.

Reading Assignments

Websites
Web-based assignments
Autoshop101.com
CTEOnline.com
Other specific websites as needed

METHODS OF STUDENT EVALUATION:

Midterm Exam
Final Exam
Short Quizzes
Written Assignments
Essay Examinations
Objective Examinations
Report
Projects (ind/group)
Problem Solving Exercises
Oral Presentations
Skills Demonstration

Demonstration of Critical Thinking:

1. Demonstrate the ability to analyze and troubleshoot complex electrical circuits which support engine operation, and restore them to proper service.
2. Analyze, confirm, and diagnose complex engine performance-related faults based on symptoms indicated on repair orders.
3. Relate diagnostic test results directly to circuit or component failures based on readings or measurements.
4. Analyze complex wiring diagrams to determine integrity of circuits which support engine operation.
**Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration:**

1. Create vehicle repair orders, perform math exercises for flat rate labor, parts and materials totals.
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**TEXTS, READINGS, AND RESOURCES:**

**TextBooks:**


**Other:**

1. 1. Coveralls or appropriate protective clothing
2. Approved safety glasses
3. Assortment of basic automotive hand tools
4. Combination lock
5. Basic electrical test instruments
   a. DVOM (Digital Volt/OHM Meter)
   b. 12 volt test lamp
   c. Continuity tester
   d. Jumper test leads
6. Textbooks as required

**LIBRARY:**

Adequate library resources include:

**Comments:**

**Attachments:**

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