Automotive Systems in ASE Format

Objective

Students will be able to:
  • Match the vehicle issues (concerns) with the appropriate specialty area that should address the given issue.

Orienting Questions

✓ Do you know what the ASE Master Certification is?
✓ Do you know how many areas of certification there is?
✓ Do all areas just require a test to achieve certification?
✓ Why would you want to get the A9 certification?
✓ What areas are your strengths?
✓ Which areas do you think you will excel in?

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Please take this pre-test to evaluate how much you already know about the Automotive Systems in ASE Format.

1. Which ASE section would you most likely hear the terms: pads, shoes, calipers, and rotors?
   A. A7 Heating and Air Conditioning
   B. A4 Steering and Suspension
   C. A5 Brakes
   D. A8 Engine Performance

2. Which term or terms are you not likely to discuss in A1 Engine Repair?
   A. Pistons
   B. Connecting Rods
   C. Compressors
   D. Valves

3. Which ASE section would you expect to use the following terms: refrigerant, orifice tube, expansion valve, and condenser?
   A. A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
   B. A7 Heating and Air Conditioning
   C. A5 Brakes
   D. A8 Engine Performance

4. Which Term or Terms would you expect to hear in a section about A9 Light Vehicle Diesel Engines?
   A. Modulator Valves
   B. Proportioning Valves
   C. Glow Plugs
   D. Countershaft

5. Which ASE section would you expect to use the following terms: torque convertor, bands, planetary assembly, and valve body?
   A. A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
6. Which term or terms would you not expect to hear in a section about A3 Manual Drivetrain and Axles?
   A. Synchronizer
   B. Gear
   C. Regulator
   D. Clutch

7. Which ASE section would you expect to use the following terms: volts, ohms, amps, and circuits?
   A. A5 Brakes
   B. A6 Electrical/Electronic Systems
   C. A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
   D. A8 Engine Performance

8. Which Term or Terms would you expect to hear in a section about A8 Engine Performance?
   A. Throttle Position Sensor
   B. Vehicle Speed Sensor
   C. Fuel Injector
   D. Differential

9. Which ASE section would you expect to use the following terms: caster, camber, toe, and struts?
   A. A5 Brakes
   B. A4 Steering and Suspension
   C. A3 Manual Drivetrain and Axles
   D. A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
INTRODUCTION

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In this module you will be introduced to the nine major automotive systems using the format and coding of ASE. For each specialty area, you will see the ASE cod, the system name, and a brief description of the specialty area. The first eight specialty areas introduced are required to earn the ASE Master Certification as well as for a school to become NATEF accredited. The ninth area, A9 Light Vehicle Diesel Engines, which is a rapidly growing sector of the industry, is another area where you may want to pursue certification. In order to obtain certification in an area, not only must you study the test preparation materials, but you must also have at least two years of documented, hands-on work experience. The purpose of this module is to introduce you to the areas, not to prepare you for the testing.
3.1 A1 ENGINE REPAIR

Engine Repair (A1) examines the theory and operation of an internal combustion engine. In this specialty area students will be exposed to the different designs and components used in modern automotive engines. Included are illustrations of the proper disassembly, preparation, sealing, and reassembly of engines and engine components, as well as the identification of normal maintenance items and their correct intervals. The ASE certification exam for engine repair contains 50 questions involving the subject. Prior to deciding to pursue this specialty area certification, you must make sure that you are able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify engines and components
- Properly use precision measuring tools
- Properly diagnose engine concerns
- Properly perform engine repairs
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs
Figure 1 – photo 7 – Engine Repair (Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: An instructor an student looking at an engine repair.

To review the components of the A1 – Engine Repair Certification, please watch Video 3. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 3 image.
ACTIVITY 1

Think about how this certification could assist you in getting a job with a small repair shop and a commercial repair shop. Would this certification provide more use in one or the other? Why or why not. Record your answers in a journal. (This is a non-graded activity, but will help you reflect on what you are learning and its application to your career.)

3.2 A2 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION/TRANSAXLE

The Automatic Transmission/Transaxle (A2) specialty area examines the theory and operation of an automatic transmission. This specialty area section illustrates the power flow as well the hydro-mechanical operation of a transmission or transaxle. You will be exposed to all of the internally lubricated components inside a transmission along with the torque convertor, and valve body. You will also examine and discuss proper
maintenance and service procedures. The ASE certification exam for automatic transmission/transaxle specialty area contains 50 questions.

Upon successful completion in of this specialty area you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify transmission/transaxles and components
- Properly use precision measuring tools
- Properly measure electricity and pressure
- Properly diagnose transmission/transaxle concerns
- Properly perform transmission/transaxle repairs
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs

Figure 2 – photo 6 – Auto Transmission (by Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: Instructor and student an automobile transmission

ACTIVITY 2

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To review the components of the A2 – Automatic Transmission/Transaxle Certification, please watch Video 4. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 4 image.

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Image of man with a city view behind him

### 3.3 A3 MANUAL DRIVETRAIN & AXLES

The **manual drivetrain & axles (A3)** specialty area examines the theory and operation of manual transmissions/transaxles and drive axles. This specialty area illustrates the power flow of a manual transmission, transaxle and drive axle. You will be exposed to all of the internally lubricated components inside a transmission and axle. The manual drivetrain and axle specialty area also covers the fundamentals of clutches and differentials. You will also examine and discuss proper maintenance and service
procedure. The ASE certification exam for manual drivetrain and axles contains 40 questions.

Upon successful completion in of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify manual transmission/transaxles and components
- Identify drive axles and components
- Properly use precision measuring tools
- Properly diagnose transmission/transaxle and drive axle concerns
- Properly perform transmission/transaxle and drive axle repairs
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Figure 3 – photo 2 - Differential (Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: Student examining a differential

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To review the components of the A3 – Manual Drivetrain & Axle Certification, please watch Video 5. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 5 image.

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3.4 A4 SUSPENSION AND STEERING

The suspension and steering (A4) specialty area examines the theory and operation of vehicle suspension and steering systems. This specialty area illustrates the different types of vehicle suspensions and steering systems. You will be exposed to the components used in each area. The suspension and steering specialty area also covers the fundamentals of ride quality, tires, and alignments. You will also examine and discuss the proper maintenance and service procedure. The ASE certification exam for suspension and steering contains 40 questions.

Upon successful completion in of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify suspension systems and components
- Identify steering systems and components
- Properly use vehicle alignment equipment
- Properly diagnose suspension and steering concerns
- Properly perform suspension and steering repairs
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs

Figure 4 – photo 3 – Wheel Alignment (Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: Instructor and student examining a wheel alignment.

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To review the components of the A4 – Suspension and Steering Certification, please watch Video 6. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 6 image.
3.5 A5 BRAKES

The brakes (A5) specialty area examines the theory and operation of automotive braking systems. It covers the fundamentals of hydraulics and proper brake system operations including anti-lock braking systems. You will be exposed to different braking components and types of braking systems. Examination and discussion of proper maintenance and service procedure will be part of the specialty area. The ASE certification exam for suspension and steering contains 45 questions.

Upon successful completion in of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify braking systems and components
- Properly use brake tools and equipment
- Properly diagnose braking system concerns
• Properly perform braking system repair
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance
• Properly estimate the cost of repairs

Figure 5 – photo 4 - Brakes (Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: Student working on brakes

ACTIVITY 5

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To review the components of the A5 – Brakes Certification, please watch Video 7. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 7 image.
3.6 A6 ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS

The electrical/electronic systems (A6) specialty area examines the theory and operation of automotive electrical and electronic systems. You will cover the fundamentals of electricity such as volts, amps, and ohms. The electrical/electronic systems specialty area also covers the principles of electronics and explains the numerous automotive uses. You will be exposed to the systems and components required for automotive use. Proper maintenance and service procedure will also be examined and discussed. The ASE certification exam for suspension and steering contains 50 questions.

Upon successful completion of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify electrical/electronic systems and components
- Properly measure electricity
• Properly use electrical tools and equipment
• Properly diagnose electrical/electronic system concerns
• Properly perform electrical/electronic system repair
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance
• Properly estimate the cost of repairs

![Figure 6 – photo1 – Electrical (Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)](Image: People examining an automobile electrical system)

### ACTIVITY 6

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To review the components of the A6 – Electrical and Electronic Systems Certification, please watch Video 8. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 8 image.
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3.7 A7 HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING

The heating and air conditioning specialty area (A7) examines the theory and operation of automotive heating and air conditioning systems. In the A7 specialty area you will cover the fundamentals of refrigeration and heat transfer. You will also cover the proper delivery and distribution of climate control systems. You will be exposed to the different systems and components required for automotive use. Proper maintenance and service procedure will also be examined and discussed. The ASE certification exam for suspension and steering contains 50 questions.

Upon successful completion in of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify air conditioning systems and components
- Identify heating systems and components
- Properly measure electricity and pressure
- Properly use air conditioning tools and equipment
- Properly diagnose air conditioning and heating system concerns
- Properly perform air conditioning and heating system repair
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs

Figure 7 – photo8 – Automotive A/C (Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: Student using instrument to measure automobile A/C

ACTIVITY 7

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To review the components of the A7 – Electrical and Electronic Systems Certification, please watch Video 9. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 9 image.
3.8 A8 ENGINE PERFORMANCE

The engine performance (A8) specialty area examines the theory and operation of automotive emissions, fuel, and ignition systems. This specialty area covers the fundamentals of fuel injection and electronically controlled ignition systems. The A8 specialty area also covers the proper operation vehicle emission or pollution control systems. You will be exposed to the different systems and components required for automotive use. You will examine and discuss the proper maintenance and service procedure. The ASE certification exam for suspension and steering contains 50 questions.

Upon successful completion in of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify engine performance systems and components
- Properly measure pressure and electricity
- Properly use diagnostic tools and equipment
- Properly diagnose engine performance concerns
• Properly perform engine performance repairs
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance
• Properly estimate the cost of repairs

Figure 8 – photo5 (by Jonathon Stewart, CC BY – NC – ND 2.0)
Image: Instructor and student examining the engine performance of an automobile

ACTIVITY 8

Think about how this certification could assist you in getting a job with a small repair shop and a commercial repair shop. Would this certification provide more use in one or the other? Why or why not. Record your answers in a journal. (This is a non-graded activity, but will help you reflect on what you are learning and its application to your career.)

To review the components of the A8 – Engine Performance Certification, please watch Video 10. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 10 image.
3.9 A9 LIGHT VEHICLE DIESEL ENGINES

The light vehicle diesel engines (A9) specialty area examines the theory and operation of non-commercial style diesel engines. The light vehicle diesel engines specialty area covers the fundamentals of diesel engines, diesel fuel injection and diesel emission controls. You will be exposed to the different systems and components required for automotive use. You will examine and discuss the proper maintenance and service procedure. The ASE certification exam for light vehicle diesel engines contains 50 questions. For certification for the A9 area, you must pass the test and have at least two years of documented, hands-on experience in the area. Experience is needed due to the nature of the test questions. You will need to be able to analyze the situation in order to answer the questions. The analysis skills for these type questions are gained through the experience.

Upon successful completion in of this section you should be able to perform the following tasks:

- Identify diesel engine systems and components
• Properly measure pressure and electricity
• Properly use diagnostic tools and equipment
• Properly diagnose diesel engine performance concerns
• Properly perform diesel engine and engine performance repairs
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance
• Properly estimate the cost of repairs

Figure 9 – I should have been a diesel mechanic (by Justin Watt, CC BY 2.0)

Image: Back of a diesel bus with a sign
Sign Verbiage: Immediate Openings, Diesel Mechanics, Starting Salary $71,500, Excellent Benefits, For applications visit www.goldengate.org or call 415 – 257 – 4526

ACTIVITY 9

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To review the components of the A9 – Light Vehicle Diesel Engines Certification, please watch Video 11. You may access the video by clicking on the Video 11 image.

Video 11 – A9 Requirements (York Technical College, Public Domain)
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ASSIGNMENT 1

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ASSIGNMENT 2

Topic Relation Exercise

ASE Specialty Areas

(A1) Engine Repair
(A2) Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
(A3) Manual Drivetrain & Axles
(A4) Suspension and Steering
(A5) Brakes

(A6) Electrical/Electronic Systems
(A7) Heating and Air Conditioning
(A8) Engine Performance
(A9) Light Vehicle Diesel Engines

Use the specialty area list to answer the following questions.

1. Identify at least two ASE areas that may require an engine compression test to be performed.
2. Which specialty areas would be needed to diagnose a vehicle that is running properly but fails to move?
3. What specialty area would be needed to address an issue of irregular tire wear?
4. A customer states, “It is too hot in my vehicle” which specialty area would address this concern?
5. What specialty area would be needed to address a vehicle that stops poorly?
6. A customer suggests his clutch is slipping. What specialty area would be needed to address this concern?
7. Identify at least two specialty areas that may be needed to address a vehicle that is smoking from the exhaust pipe?
8. A vehicle stalled while driving what specialty areas would be needed to diagnose this concern?
9. What specialty area would be needed to diagnose an intermittent issue with an audio system?

10. A customer states his vehicle pulls right. Identify two specialty areas that could address this issue.

TEST REVIEW

You must know:

- The A# with the title of the specialty area.
- Specific items covered in each area.
- Pay close attention to the bulleted items in each specialty area.
POST-TEST

All problems are 5 points each.

1. Which ASE section would you most likely hear the terms: pads, shoes, calipers, and rotors?
   A. A7 Heating and Air Conditioning
   B. A4 Steering and Suspension
   C. A5 Brakes
   D. A8 Engine Performance

2. How many questions appear on the engine performance ASE certification exam?
   A. 40
   B. 45
   C. 50
   D. 60

3. (A9) Light Duty Diesel Engine Certification includes the service and repair of heavy duty equipment, and commercial trucks.
   A. True
   B. False

4. How many of the specialty areas require a student to correctly measure electricity?
   A. 1
   B. 2
   C. 4
   D. 6

5. Which ASE specialty area is not required for master certification?
   A. (A1) Engine Repair
   B. (A5) Brakes
   C. (A9) Light Duty Diesel Engines
   D. (A8) Engine Performance

6. How many ASE specialty areas require the ability to estimate repair costs?
7. How many questions appear on the (A5) Brakes Certification Exam?
   A. 40
   B. 45
   C. 50
   D. 60

8. Which term or terms are you not likely to discuss in A1 Engine Repair?
   A. Pistons
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9. Which ASE specialty area would you expect to use the following terms: refrigerant, orifice tube, expansion valve, and condenser?
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    A. Modulator Valves
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    B. A8 Engine Performance
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12. Which term or terms would you not expect to hear in a section about A3 Manual Drivetrain and Axles?
   A. Synchronizer  
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   D. Clutch

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   B. A6 Electrical/Electronic Systems  
   C. A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle  
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14. Which Term or Terms would you expect to hear in a section about A8 Engine Performance?
   A. Throttle Position Sensor  
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   C. Fuel Injector  
   D. Differential

15. Which ASE specialty area would you expect to use the following terms: caster, camber, toe, and struts?
   A. A5 Brakes  
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   C. A3 Manual Drivetrain and Axles  
   D. A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle

   A. True  
   B. False

17. In the (A1) Engine Repair image the cylinder head is being checked for condition?
   A. Cracks  
   B. Out of Round
C. Wear
D. Flatness

18. Which ASE specialty area would require the least amount of precision measuring?
   A. (A5) Brakes
   B. (A1) Engine Repair
   C. (A2) Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
   D. (A3) Manual Drivetrain & Axles

19. Why do you need to get the ASE Master certifications?

20. What do you need for the A9 Light Vehicle Diesel Engine certification and why?
MAJOR CONCEPTS

KEY CONCEPTS

- **A1** – Engine Repair – examines the theory and operation of an internal combustion engine.
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- **A3** – Manual Drivetrain and Axles – examines the theory and operation of manual transmissions/transaxles and drive axles.
- **A4** – Suspension and Steering – examines the theory and operation of vehicle suspension and steering systems.
- **A5** – Brakes – examines the theory and operation of automotive braking systems.
- **A6** – Electrical/Electronic Systems – examines the theory and operation of automotive electrical and electronic systems.
- **A7** – Heating and Air Conditioning – examines the theory and operation of automotive heating and air conditioning systems.
- **A8** – Engine Performance – examines the theory and operation of automotive emissions, fuel, and ignition systems.
- **A9** – Light Vehicle Diesel Engines – examines the theory and operation of non-commercial style diesel engines.
- **Master Certification** – is a specialty recognition issue by ASE upon the completion of areas A1-A8.

KEY TERMS

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ASSESSMENT SOLUTIONS

ANSWERS TO PRE-TEST

1. C
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. C
7. B
8. D
9. B

ANSWERS TO ACTIVITIES

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Grading Rubric for Assignment 1

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ASSIGNMENT 2

Correct solutions are listed below the exercise

**Topic Relation Exercise**

**ASE Specialty Areas**

- (A1) Engine Repair
- (A2) Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
- (A3) Manual Drivetrain & Axles
- (A4) Suspension and Steering
- (A5) Brakes
- (A6) Electrical/Electronic Systems
- (A7) Heating and Air Conditioning
- (A8) Engine Performance
- (A9) Light Vehicle Diesel Engines

**Use the specialty area list to answer the following questions.**

1. Identify at least two ASE areas that may require an engine compression test to be performed.
2. Which specialty areas would be needed to diagnose a vehicle that is running properly but fails to move?
3. What specialty area would be needed to address an issue of irregular tire wear?
4. A customer states, “It is too hot in my vehicle” which specialty area would address this concern?
5. What specialty area would be needed to address a vehicle that stops poorly?
6. A customer suggests his clutch is slipping. What specialty area would be needed to address this concern?
7. Identify at least two specialty areas that may be needed to address a vehicle that is smoking from the exhaust pipe?
8. A vehicle stalled while driving what specialty areas would be needed to diagnose this concern?
9. What specialty area would be needed to diagnose an intermittent issue with an audio system?
10. A customer states his vehicle pulls right. Identify two specialty areas that could address this issue.

Solutions:

1. A1, A8, A9  
2. A2, A3  
3. A4  
4. A7  
5. 5A5  
6. A3  
7. A1, A8, A9  
8. A8, A9  
9. A6  
10. A4, A5

SOLUTIONS TO POST-TEST

1. C  
2. C  
3. B  
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8. C  
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10. C  
11. A  
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13. B  
14. D  
15. B  
16. B  
17. D  
18. A  
19. Why do you need to get the ASE Master certifications?

- You need to pass all eight certification tests.
- The certifications give you a basic knowledge of the whole automobile.
- Gives you a better opportunity for employment.
20. What do you need for the A9 Light Vehicle Diesel Engine certification and why?

- You need to have two years of documented experience in the area.
- You need to pass the test.
- The experience is necessary because the test is heavy rationalization and the experience is necessary for the rationalization.

TRANSCRIPTS TO VIDEOS

VIDEO 1 TRANSCRIPT – INTRODUCTION

Hi, I'm Jonathon, your Automotive Instructor.

In this module you will learn what the eight areas are in the ASE Master Certification. You will also review the up and coming area of A9 Light Vehicle Diesel Engines. This module will expose you to the topics in the certifications, but will not prepare you for the certification tests. Pay close attention to the name of the area and its code such as A1 is Engine Repair. This module will help you prepare for courses in automotive technology. Let's begin!

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ASE Master Certified Technicians the best of the best when you bring your vehicle in for repair or even for a tune up you want to be assured that only the best and most capable hands work on it.

ASE the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence allows you to do just that. ASE certified technicians are among the best master technicians in the business from general car maintenance to specialty repair they have their bases covered they prove this simply by achieving ASE certification but titles are nice what exactly is an ASE technician hands-on ASE tests to receive certification in any field you have to meet certain requirements for ASE technicians these requirements goal by field there are a number of different ways for a technician to become ASE certified most commonly certification goes by a group of tests specific to the type vehicles that that technician will be working on known as a series for instance a technician looking to become certified for working on school buses at the master level needs to pass six series of tests as well as tests on general car maintenance they have to know how to service the transmission change tires and replace brakes among other things each type a vehicle has its own set of qualification tests and all are designed to challenge even the most competent have technicians according to a SE's criteria listings they also require a minimum of two years a relevant hands-on experience in order to take the certification test this assures that the technician has the on-the-job experience which can differ greatly from school experience due to the uncontrolled stay to the environment written ASE tests and continued Master Technicians certification all ASE technicians are required to take a written proficiency test this is to ensure that they have not only the required technical skills but the required knowledge as well written tests cover a variety of subjects all related to the vehicle the technician is testing for questions very from potential solutions have problems too proper treatment of specific damages and can be multiple choices or written answers ASE technicians also have to renew their master certifications every five years to prevent them from expiring
this is to ensure that the technician is keeping up with the latest in repair work it also allows ASE to check if the technician is still competent and regular intervals tests are updated frequently to keep up with the current mechanical standards and practices so all technicians looking to receive Master Technician Certification are required to keep up with all updates in the automotive world finding an ASE technician if a Master Technicians certification is expired and you have a newer vehicle the technician may not have the knowledge to properly diagnose or fix it check online at a SEC's website before choosing a technician once you found one that you believe will do a good job look at consumer reports this will allow you to see whether or not the technician is renowned for good work that they're not don't bring your vehicle to their shop certification is great but it doesn't necessarily qualify the technician has the best for you.

VIDEO 3 – A1 REQUIREMENTS - TRANSCRIPT

Successful in the ASE A1 Engine Repair certification requires that students successfully complete the following tasks:

- Identify engines and components
- Properly use precision measuring tools
- Properly diagnose engine concerns
- Properly perform engine repairs
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs

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Successful completion in the ASE A2 Automatic Transmission/Transaxle certification requires that students successfully complete the following tasks:

- Identify transmission/transaxles and their components
- Properly use precision measuring tools
- Properly measure electricity and pressure
- Properly diagnose transmission/transaxle concerns
- Properly perform transmission/transaxle repairs
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs
For successful completion in the ASE – A3 Certification in Manual Drivetrain and Axles students are required to successfully complete the following tasks:

- Identify manual transmission/transaxles and components.
- Identify drive axles and components.
- Properly use precision measuring tools.
- Properly diagnose transmission/transaxle and drive axle concerns.
- Properly perform transmission/transaxle and drive axle repairs.
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs.
Successful completion in the ASE A4 certification in Suspension and Steering require students to successfully complete the following tasks:

- Identify suspension systems and components.
- Identify steering systems and components.
- Properly use vehicle alignment equipment.
- Properly diagnose suspension and steering concerns.
- Properly perform suspension and steering repairs.
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs.
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION IN THE ASE - A5 CERTIFICATION IN BRAKES, REQUIRE STUDENTS TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

- Identify braking systems and components.
- Properly use brake tools and equipment.
- Properly diagnose braking system concerns.
- Properly perform braking system repair.
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION IN THE ASE - A6 CERTIFICATION IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, REQUIRE STUDENTS TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASKS:
• Identify electrical and electronic systems and components.
• Properly measure electricity.
• Properly use electrical tools and equipment.
• Properly diagnose electrical and electronic system concerns.
• Properly perform electrical and electronic system repair.
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
• Properly estimate the cost of repairs.

VIDEO 8 – A6 REQUIREMENTS – EMBED CODE


VIDEO 9 – A7 REQUIREMENTS – TRANSCRIPT

Successful completion in the ASE – A7 Heating and air conditioning certification, require students to successfully complete the following tasks:

• Identify air conditioning systems and components.
• Identify heating systems and components.
• Properly measure electricity and pressure.
• Properly use air conditioning tools and equipment.
• Properly diagnose air conditioning and heating system concerns.
• Properly perform air conditioning and heating system repair.
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
• Properly estimate the cost of repairs.

VIDEO 9 A7 REQUIREMENTS – EMBED CODE


VIDEO 10 – A8 REQUIREMENTS – TRANSCRIPT

Successful completion in the ASE – A8, engine performance certification, requires students to successfully complete the following tasks:

• Identify engine performance systems and components.
• Properly measure pressure and electricity.
• Properly use diagnostic tools and equipment.
• Properly diagnose engine performance concerns.
• Properly perform engine performance repairs.
• Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs.

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**VIDEO 11 – A9 REQUIREMENTS - TRANSCRIPT**

Successful completion in the ASE – A9, light vehicle diesel engines certification, require students to successfully complete the following tasks:

- Identify diesel engine systems and components.
- Properly measure pressure and electricity.
- Properly use diagnostic tools and equipment.
- Properly diagnose diesel engine performance concerns.
- Properly perform diesel engine and engine performance repairs.
- Properly advise customers of general maintenance.
- Properly estimate the cost of repairs.

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