

AUTOMOTIVE BODY MECHANIC

DEFINITION

Performs skilled body and fender repair, replacement, and painting on automotive equipment.

TYPICAL DUTIES

Removes, replaces, repairs, and paints fenders, body panels, and related accessories on automobiles, trucks, truck tractors, trailers, buses, or other motorized equipment.
Fabricates special equipment and makes various modifications to vehicles.
Aligns and straightens frames, bodies, cabs, doors, and other damaged parts.
Fills and welds metal portions constructed of steel, stainless steel, and aluminum.
Cleans and prepares surfaces for painting; mixes and matches paint; applies primer and sprays coats; and rubs, polishes, and waxes finished coats.
Removes and replaces interior trim and patches upholstery.
Replaces and repairs vehicle windows and window-elevator mechanisms.
Performs complete paint jobs on buses, trucks, and automobiles.
Cleans tools, equipment, and the work area.
Performs related duties as assigned.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS AMONG RELATED CLASSES

An Automotive Body Mechanic performs skilled work in repairing, replacing, and painting body parts on automotive equipment.

The Supervising Automotive Body Mechanic plans, schedules, and supervises automotive body repair, painting, and accessory installation work on automotive equipment.

An Automotive Mechanic (Bus-Truck) repairs and maintains heavy-duty buses and trucks, passenger automobiles, and other automotive equipment.

SUPERVISION

General supervision is received from the Supervising Automotive Body Mechanic. No supervision is exercised.

CLASS QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

Techniques, methods, and procedures used in body and fender repairing and painting
Care and use of power and hand tools of the trade
Color and paint mixing and matching

Safety procedures in the use of tools and equipment of the trade

Ability to:

- Use power and hand tools of the trade
- Perform acetylene and electric arc welding, soldering, and brazing
- Perform spray painting
- Work under pressure to complete emergency repair work

Special Physical Requirements:

- Safely lift and carry automotive parts and equipment weighing at least 50 pounds
- Ability to stand, walk, bend, crawl, crouch, and kneel
- Crawl under vehicles and stretch to reach components requiring repair or replacement
- Manual dexterity to operate automotive repair tools and equipment

ENTRANCE QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Graduation from high school or evidence of equivalent educational proficiency.

Experience:

Two years of journey-level experience in automotive body repair and painting work.

Special:

A valid driver's license to legally operate a motor vehicle in the State of California. A Class A or B license is preferable

SPECIAL NOTE

Prior to employment all successful candidates must be required to pass a medical examination to determine the ability to wear a respirator in compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 5144(b).

This class description is not a complete statement of essential functions, responsibilities, or requirements. Entrance requirements are representative of the minimum level of knowledge, skill, and/or abilities. To the extent permitted by law, management retains the discretion to add or change typical duties of a position at any time, as long as such addition or change is reasonably related to existing duties.

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