

*** A/C-HEATER SYSTEM UNIFORM INSPECTION GUIDELINES ***

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ARTICLE BEGINNING

GENERAL INFORMATION

A/C-Heater System Motorist Assurance Program
Standards For Automotive Repair

All Makes and Models

INTRODUCTION TO MOTORIST ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAP)

The Motorist Assurance Program was formed in 1992 by forty (40) companies who were concerned about the image of automotive service establishments. Today, MAP is an industry-wide association dedicated to strengthening consumer satisfaction with the automotive repair industry. MAP's participants represent the majority of the nation's multi-bay retail automotive outlets, their parts and equipment suppliers, independent repair shops, industry associations, car companies, manufacturers representatives, and the trade press. MAP is developing standards of service, uniform inspection procedures and other programs to assure consumers of the industry's professionalism and the commitment to excellence shared by MAP's sponsoring companies.

MAP's achievements to date include production and distribution (over 280,000) of the consumer brochure "How to Find Your Way Under the Hood and Around Your Car", development of a Pledge of Satisfaction to Consumers and Standards of Service and establishment of relationships with regulatory agencies.

As auto repair becomes an issue for federal and state regulators, MAP is working to educate government leaders on the dynamics of automotive service and the self-monitoring efforts MAP has undertaken on the industry's behalf. MAP's sponsoring companies are becoming well-known to government representatives as exemplary businesses working to improve the industry. Media sources also look to MAP to provide information and advice to consumers and on working with automotive technicians and repair establishments.

In the next few months, MAP plans to assist member repair facilities in implementing the MAP Pledge to Customers, establishing an alternate dispute resolution system to help resolve customer complaints within the industry, and developing a shop accreditation program to encourage policies in concert with the MAP Standards of Service and Inspection Guidelines.

MAP has united the aftermarket behind its consumer-oriented goals and has established itself both within and outside of the industry. We welcome you to join us as MAP continues its outreach. With your support, both the automotive repair industry and your customers will reap the benefits. Please contact MAP at:

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MAP UNIFORM INSPECTION GENERAL GUIDELINES

OVERVIEW OF SERVICE REQUIREMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

It is MAP policy that all exhaust, brake, ABS, steering and suspension, wheel alignment, tires and wheels, driveline, engine performance and maintenance and heating, ventilation and air conditioning services be offered and performed under the guidelines and procedures specified in these sections.

Before any service is performed on a vehicle, an inspection of the appropriate system must be performed. The results of this inspection must be explained to the customer and documented on an inspection form. The condition of the vehicle and its components will indicate what services/part replacements may be required or suggested. In addition, suggestions may be made to satisfy the needs expressed by the customer.

This section lists the various parts and conditions that indicate required or suggested service or part replacement. Although this list is extensive, it is not inclusive. In addition to this list, a technician may make a suggestion. This suggestion must be based on substantial and informed experience or the vehicle manufacturer's recommended service interval.

Some conditions indicate that service or part replacement is required because the part in question is no longer providing the function for which it is intended, does not meet a vehicle manufacturer's design specification or is missing.

- * Example: An exhaust pipe has corroded severely and has a hole in it through which exhaust gases are leaking. Replacement of the exhaust pipe in this case is required due to functional failure.
- * Example: A brake rotor has been worn to the point where it measures less than the vehicle manufacturer's specifications. Replacement of the rotor is required because it does not meet design specifications.

Some conditions indicate that a service or part replacement is suggested because the part is close to the end of its useful life or to address a customer's need, convenience or request. If a customer's vehicle has one of these conditions, the procedure may only be to suggest service.

- * Example: An exhaust pipe is rusted, corroded or weak, but no leaks are present. In this case, the exhaust pipe has not failed. However, there is evidence that the pipe may need replacement in the near future. Replacement of the pipe may be suggested for the customer's convenience in avoiding a future problem.
- * Example: The customer desires improved ride and/or handling, but the vehicle's shocks or struts have not failed. In this case, replacement may be suggested to satisfy the customer's wishes. In this case, replacement of the shocks or struts may

Condition	3	Procedure	3	Note
Seized	3	Requires replacement	3	
Inoperative	3	Further inspection	3	Check/service state of
	3	required.	3	charge following the
	3		3	manufacturer's recommended
	3		3	service procedures. If the
	3		3	compressor is still
	3		3	inoperative, require
	3		3	repair or replacement.
Noisy	3	Further inspection	3	Check/service oil level and

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EVAPORATOR

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Condition	3	Procedure	3 Note
AA			
Leaking	3	Require repair or	3
	3	replacement.	3
AA			
Internal	3	Require replacement.	3
restriction	3		3
AA			
Air flow	3	Further inspection	3 If fins cannot be cleaned
obstruction	3	required.	3 or straightened, require
	3		3 replacement.
AA			
Damaged	3	Require replacement.	3
connections or	3		3
fittings	3		3
AA			

ACCUMULATOR/DRIER

ACCUMULATOR/DRIER

AA			
Condition	3	Procedure	3 Note
AA			
Leaking	3	Require replacement.	3
AA			
Restricted	3	Require replacement.	3
AA			
Desiccant bag	3	Require replacement.	3
deterioration	3		3
AA			
Moisture in system	3	Require replacement.	3
AA			
System has been	3	Suggest replacement.	3
exposed to air	3		3
AA			
Missing, damaged	3	Require repair or	3
mounting hardware	3	replacement of	3
or brackets	3	hardware or brackets	3
AA			

HOSES/LINES/FITTINGS

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Condition	3	Procedure	
AA			
Blistered hose	3	Suggest repair or replacement.	
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EVAPORATOR FILTER (IF APPLICABLE)

EVAPORATOR FILTER (IF APPLICABLE)				
Condition	3	Procedure	3	Note
Air flow	3	Further inspection	3	If filter cannot be cleaned,
obstruction	3	required.	3	require replacement.
Missing	3	Require replacement.	3	

EXPANSION VALVE/ORIFICE TUBE

EXPANSION VALVE/ORIFICE TUBE				
Condition	3	Procedure	3	Note
Leaking	3	Require replacement.	3	
Restricted	3	Require repair or replacement.	3	
Filter screen torn	3	Require replacement.	3	
Inoperative expansion valve	3	Further inspection required.	3	Inspect capillary tube and ensure proper positioning. Re-check system performance. If still inoperative require replacement of expansion valve.

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PRESSURE CONTROL VALVES

NOTE: Includes Evaporator Pressure Regulator (EPR), Pilot Operated Absolute (POA), Suction Throttling Valve (STV), Valves In Receiver (VIR).

PRESSURE CONTROL VALVES

AA		
Condition	3	Procedure
AA		
Leaking	3	Require repair or replacement.
AA		
Restriction	3	Require repair or replacement.
AA		
Stuck open or closed	3	Require repair or replacement.
AA		
Damaged connections or fittings	3	Require repair or replacement.
AA		

SERVICE PORTS

SERVICE PORTS

AA		
Condition	3	Procedure
AA		
Leaking	3	Require repair or replacement.
AA		
Sticking valve core	3	Require repair or replacement
AA		
Missing valve cap	3	Require replacement of valve cap.
AA		
Damaged threads	3	Require repair or replacement.
AA		

DRIVE BELTS

DRIVE BELTS

AA			
Condition	3	Procedure	3 Note
AA			
Missing	3	Require replacement.	3
AA			
Improper tension	3	Require adjustment.	3
AA			
Improper alignment	3	Further inspection	3 Check alignment of pulleys
	3	required.	3 and proper belt
	3		3 installation. Suggest
	3		3 repair or replacement.
AA			
Damaged	3	Require replacement.	3 Damaged conditions may
	3		3 include but are not
	3		3 limited to: teeth missing,

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3	3 chunking or excessive
3	3 cracking, missing rib,
3	3 broken or cut, ply
3	3 separation.

AA

Noisy 3 Suggest replacement. 3

AA

Worn	3 Suggest replacement.	3 Worn conditions may
3		3 include: belt worn
3		3 narrower than original
3		3 width, bottom and side-
3		3 wall cracks, protruding
3		3 edge cords.

AA

DRIVE PULLEYS

DRIVE PULLEYS

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Condition	3	Procedure
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AA

Damaged	3 Require replacement.
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AA

Improper alignment	3 Require repair.
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AA

Missing, damaged mounting hardware	3 Require repair or replacement of
	3 bracket of hardware or bracket.

AA

TENSIONERS

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Condition	3	Procedure
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AA

Missing	3 Require replacement.
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AA

Noisy	3 Suggest replacement.
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AA

Damaged	3 Suggest replacement.
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AA

Improper adjustment	3 Require adjustment or repair.
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CONDENSER

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Condition	3	Procedure	3	Note
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Leaking	3 Require repair or	3	
	3 replacement.	3	

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3 components as necessary.
3 Discoloration of oil does not
3 necessarily indicate a system
3 problem.

REFRIGERANT

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Condition	3	Procedure
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[illegible]

Overcharge/undercharge 3 Require service to manufacturer's
3 specifications.

[illegible]

Cross-contamination 3

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA- Require service following

Different types of refrigerants 3 manufacturer's procedures and
in the same system 3 specifications.

[illegible]

Incompatible refrigerants mixed 3

together 3

[illegible]

AIR DISTRIBUTION

PLENUM/EVAPORATOR CASE/HEATER CASE

[illegible]

Condition	3	Procedure	3	Note
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[illegible]

Cracked	3 Suggest repair or	3
	3 replacement.	3

[illegible]

Air leaks	3	Require repair or	3
	3	replacement	3

[illegible]

Restricted 3 Suggest cleaning, 3
 3 repair or replacement. 3

[illegible]

Odor	3 Further inspection	3 Identify source. Suggest
	3 required.	3 cleaning or repair.

[illegible]

Noisy	3 Further inspection	3 Identify source. Suggest
	3 required.	3 cleaning or repair.

[illegible]

Cold water leak in 3 Further inspection required. 3 Determine source of leak. Leak may be caused due to restricted

passenger 3 3 drain tube, cracked evaporator
compartment 3 3 case, leaking seal or gasket.

3 Require repair or replacement.

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Condition	3	Procedure
Missing	3	Require replacement.
Damaged	3	Suggest repair or replacement.
Leaking/restricted	3	Require repair or replacement.
Routed incorrectly	3	Suggest re-routing.

EVAPORATOR DRAIN TUBE

EVAPORATOR DRAIN TUBE		
Condition	3	Procedure
Disconnected	3	Require repair.
Missing	3	Require replacement.
Damaged/leaking	3	Require replacement.
Restricted	3	Require repair or replacement.

CONTROLS

FUNCTION SELECTORS		
Condition	3	Procedure
Inoperative	3	Require repair or replacement.
Malfunctioning	3	Suggest repair or replacement.
Damaged	3	Suggest replacement.
Missing	3	Require replacement.
Missing, damaged mounting hardware	3	Require repair of mounting hardware or bracket.
Corroded, loose terminals	3	Require repair or replacement.

BLOWER SWITCH		
Condition	3	Procedure
Inoperative	3	Require replacement.

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Malfunctioning	3 Suggest repair or replacement.
AA	
Damaged	3 Suggest replacement.
AA	
Missing	3 Require replacement.
AA	
Missing, damaged mounting hardware	3 Require repair of mounting
	3 hardware or bracket.
AA	
Corroded, loose terminals	3 Require repair or replacement.
AA	

BLOWER MOTOR

BLOWER MOTOR	
AA	
Condition	3 Procedure
AA	
Inoperative	3 Require replacement.
AA	
Noisy	3 Suggest replacement.
AA	
Damaged	3 Suggest replacement.
AA	
Missing	3 Require replacement.
AA	
Missing, damaged mounting hardware	3 Require repair of mounting
	3 hardware or bracket.
AA	
Corroded, loose terminals	3 Require repair or replacement.
AA	

BLOWER FAN

BLOWER FAN	
AA	
Condition	3 Procedure
AA	
Damaged	3 Require replacement.
AA	
Noisy	3 Suggest replacement.
AA	

BLOWER RESISTOR

BLOWER RESISTOR	
AA	
Condition	3 Procedure
AA	
Inoperative	3 Require replacement.
AA	
Malfunctioning	3 Suggest replacement.

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Damaged ³ Suggest replacement.

[illegible]

Missing ³ Require replacement.

[illegible]

Missing, damaged mounting hardware ³ Require repair of mounting

³ hardware or bracket.

[illegible]

Corroded, loose terminals ³ Require repair or replacement.

[illegible]

SWITCHES

NOTE: Includes, but not limited to: High Pressure Cut-Off, Low Pressure Cut-Off, Thermostatic Fan Control, Ambient, Pressure Cycling, etc.

SWITCHES

[illegible]

Condition	3	Procedure
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[illegible]

Inoperative/intermittent ³ Require replacement.

[illegible]

Malfunctioning ³ Suggest replacement.

[illegible]

Leaking ³ Require repair or replacement.

[illegible]

Damaged ³ Suggest replacement.

[illegible]

Missing ³ Require replacement.

[illegible]

Missing, damaged mounting hardware ³ Require repair of mounting

³ hardware or bracket.

[illegible]

Corroded, loose terminals ³ Require repair or replacement.

[illegible]

THERMISTOR/SENSORS

NOTE: Includes, but not limited to: In-car Temperature, Ambient Air Temperature, Sun Load Sensor, etc.

THERMISTOR/SENSORS

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Condition	3	Procedure
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[illegible]

Inoperative ³ Require replacement.

[illegible]

Malfunctioning ³ Suggest replacement.

$\overline{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 A_5 A_6 A_7 A_8 A_9 A_{10} A_{11} A_{12} A_{13} A_{14} A_{15} A_{16} A_{17} A_{18} A_{19} A_{20} A_{21} A_{22} A_{23} A_{24} A_{25} A_{26} A_{27} A_{28} A_{29} A_{30} A_{31} A_{32} A_{33} A_{34} A_{35} A_{36} A_{37} A_{38} A_{39} A_{40} A_{41} A_{42} A_{43} A_{44} A_{45} A_{46} A_{47} A_{48} A_{49} A_{50} A_{51} A_{52} A_{53} A_{54} A_{55} A_{56} A_{57} A_{58} A_{59} A_{60} A_{61} A_{62} A_{63} A_{64} A_{65} A_{66} A_{67} A_{68} A_{69} A_{70} A_{71} A_{72} A_{73} A_{74} A_{75} A_{76} A_{77} A_{78} A_{79} A_{80} A_{81} A_{82} A_{83} A_{84} A_{85} A_{86} A_{87} A_{88} A_{89} A_{90} A_{91} A_{92} A_{93} A_{94} A_{95} A_{96} A_{97} A_{98} A_{99} A_{100}$

Damaged ³ Suggest replacement.

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Missing 3 Require replacement.
Missing, damaged mounting hardware 3 Require repair of mounting
3 hardware or bracket.
Corroded, loose terminals 3 Require repair or replacement.

RELAYS

RELAYS
Condition 3 Procedure
Inoperative 3 Require replacement.
Malfunctioning 3 Suggest replacement.
Damaged 3 Suggest replacement.
Missing 3 Require replacement.
Missing, damaged mounting hardware 3 Require repair or replacement of
3 hardware.
Corroded, loose terminals 3 Require repair or replacement.

FUSE/FUSIBLE LINK/CIRCUIT BREAKER

FUSE/FUSIBLE LINK/CIRCUIT BREAKER
Condition 3 Procedure 3 Note
Inoperative/intermittent 3 Require replacement. 3 Determine cause of
3 Further inspection 3 condition & correct
3 required. 3 prior to replacement.
Damaged 3 Suggest repair or 3
3 replacement. 3
Open 3 Require replacement. 3
Missing 3 Require replacement. 3 Refer to OEM owner's
3 manual for proper
3 amperage & location.

WIRING HARNESS/CONNECTORS

WIRING HARNESS/CONNECTORS
Condition 3 Procedure 3 Note
Damaged 3 Suggest repair or 3

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	3	replacement.	3
AAAAAA			
Routed incorrectly	3	Suggest rerouting of	3
	3	of wiring.	3
AAAAAA			
Open fusible link	3	Require replacement	3
	3	of fusible link.	3
	3	prior to replacement.	3
AAAAAA			
Shorted/open	3	Require repair or	3
	3	replacement.	3
AAAAAA			
Connector terminal bent,	3	Require repair or	3
broken, corroded or	3	replacement	3
loose	3		3
AAAAAA			
Excessive resistance	3	Require repair or	3
	3	replacement	3
AAAAAA			
Poor ground	3	Require repair.	3
AAAAAA			

CONTROL MODULE

NOTE: Includes, but not limited to: BOM (Body), ECM (Electronic), PCM (Power), etc.

CONTROL MODULE

AAAAAA			
Condition	3	Procedure	3
			Note
AAAAAA			
Inoperative	3	Require replacement.	3
AAAAAA			
Malfunctioning	3	Suggest replacement.	3
AAAAAA			
Code set	3	Further inspection	3
	3	required.	3
	3		3
	3		3
	3		3
AAAAAA			
Damaged/cracked	3	Suggest replacement.	3
housing	3		3
	3		3
	3		3
AAAAAA			
Damaged	3	Suggest replacement.	3
Missing	3	Require replacement.	3
Missing, damaged	3	Require repair of	3
mounting hardware	3	mounting hardware or	3
	3	bracket.	3
AAAAAA			

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Corroded, loose terminals 3 Require repair or replacement. 3

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CONTROLLERS

NOTE: Includes, but not limited to: IRCM, Coolant Fan Control Module (CFCM), AC Controller, Amplifier, Programmers, Control Heads, Power Modules, etc.

CONTROLLERS

AA

Condition 3 Procedure 3 Note

AA

Inoperative 3 Require replacement. 3

AA

Malfunctioning 3 Suggest replacement. 3

AA

Damaged/cracked housing 3 Suggest replacement. 3 If moisture enters the controller it can reduce life expectancy or impair function.

AA

Damaged 3 Suggest replacement. 3

AA

Missing 3 Require replacement. 3

AA

Missing, damaged mounting hardware 3 Require repair of mounting hardware or bracket. 3

AA

Corroded, loose terminals 3 Require repair or replacement. 3

AA

HEATER CORE

HEATER CORE

AA

Condition 3 Procedure 3 Note

AA

Leaking 3 Require repair or replacement. 3

AA

Damaged fins, tubes, fittings 3 Suggest repair or replacement. 3

AA

Internal restrictions 3 Require repair or replacement. 3

AA

Missing/by-passed 3 Suggest repair or replacement. 3

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