



Engine Oil Dipstick Test

Meets NATEF Task: None Specified

Name _____ Date _____ Time on Task _____

Make/Model/Year _____ VIN _____ Evaluation: 4 3 2 1

_____ 1. Check the level of the oil on the oil level indicator (dipstick).

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| _____ Overfilled | _____ To the full mark |
| _____ Between full mark and add mark | _____ At the add mark |
| _____ Below the add mark | _____ No oil is visible |

_____ 2. Describe the color of the oil.

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| _____ Amber (like new) | _____ Black |
| _____ Dark brown | _____ Other (describe) _____ |

_____ 3. Ignite the oil on the dipstick.

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| _____ Does not burn | _____ Does burn |
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NOTE: If the oil on the dipstick burns, there is gasoline in the oil. This will cause the engine to run rich by drawing the fuel through the PCV system. Gasoline in the oil can also damage the engine due to the diluted oil not properly lubricating the engine.

_____ 2. Drip oil onto the hot exhaust manifold.

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| _____ Does not bubble | _____ Does bubble |
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NOTE: If the oil bubbles on the exhaust manifold, coolant (water) is in the oil.

_____ 3. Rub the oil from the dipstick between your fingers:

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| _____ Does not feel gritty | _____ Does feel gritty |
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