

# Brake Fluid

**Meet NATEF Task:** (A5-B-4) Select, handle, store, and fill brake fluids to proper level. (P-1)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time on Task \_\_\_\_\_

Make/Model/Year \_\_\_\_\_ VIN \_\_\_\_\_ Evaluation: 4 3 2 1

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. Consult the vehicle manufacturer’s service information and determine the specified type of brake fluid.

\_\_\_\_\_ DOT 3    \_\_\_\_\_ DOT 4    \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. All brake fluid should be stored in a sealed container. Specify what type and size container of container is being used.

\_\_\_\_\_ Metal (preferred because air containing moisture cannot penetrate metal)

\_\_\_\_\_ Plastic (makes shelf life shorter because air containing moisture can penetrate most plastic)

\_\_\_\_\_ Size (number of ounces or ml) \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ 3. Brake fluid can remove paint so protective covers should be used whenever handling brake fluid. Check all that should be done when handling brake fluid.

\_\_\_\_\_ Use fender covers

\_\_\_\_\_ Wear protective gloves

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. Fill brake fluid to the “MAX” line on the master cylinder reservoir.

**CAUTION:** If the brake fluid level is too high, the brakes may self-apply when the normal operation of the wheel brakes warms the brake fluid, which expands in volume. If the brake fluid is unable to expand in the master cylinder reservoir, the pressure increases and the brakes can be applied even though the driver did not depress the brake pedal.