

Remove and Inspect Disc Brake Pads

Meets NATEF Task: (A5-D-3) Remove, inspect, and replace pads and retaining hardware; determine necessary action. (P-1)

Name _____ Date _____ Time on Task _____

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

_____ 1. Check the service information for the specified procedure for removing and reinstalling disc brake pads. _____

_____ 2. The procedure usually includes the following steps.

- A. Hoist the vehicle safely to a good working height.
- B. Remove the wheels.
- C. Remove the caliper retaining bolts and slide the caliper assembly off of the rotor.

NOTE: The caliper piston may need to be pushed into the caliper to provide the necessary clearance to remove the caliper from the rotor. Most vehicle manufacturers recommend that the bleeder valve be opened before the caliper piston is pushed inward to prevent brake fluid from being forced backward into the ABS hydraulic unit or master cylinder.

_____ 3. Remove the pads from the caliper and inspect them for wear, cracks, and chips.

OK _____ **NOT OK** _____

_____ 4. Measure pad thickness and compare to the specification. Measured thickness of friction material = _____. Minimum allowable = _____.

_____ 5. Based on the inspection, what is the necessary action?

