

# Master Cylinder Service

Meets ASE Task: A5 – B-3 – P-1

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

Make/Model/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ VIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation (Enter number from 4, 3, 2, 1) : \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 1. Check visually for signs of external brake fluid leaks.  
☐ OK ☐ NOT OK Describe location \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ 2. Check for internal leakage by observing the level of brake fluid in the front compared to the rear.
- A. Is the level higher in the front than the rear? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- B. Is the brake pedal lower than normal? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes to both A and B above, then the master cylinder is leaking internally and must be replaced.

- ☐ 3. Have an assistant depress the brake pedal while watching the brake fluid in the master cylinder reservoir. The brake fluid should be seen to move as the brake pedal is being depressed if the sealing caps are OK and positioned correctly.
- Movement observed? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If brake fluid does not move and there is a braking system problem, the master cylinder or linkage adjustment is faulty.

- ☐ 4. Based on the test results, what is the needed action?

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