

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO



COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: Truck Coach Chassis & Suspension Systems

CODE NO. : MPF129 **SEMESTER:** TWO

PROGRAM: Motive Power Technician – Advanced Repair
Motive Power Fundamentals
– Heavy Equipment and Truck Repair

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APPROVED: *“Corey Meunier”*
CHAIR **DATE**

TOTAL CREDITS: ONE

PREREQUISITE(S): MPF 103

HOURS/WEEK: 2 hrs per week theory
2 hrs per week shop

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I. COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will learn about the types of chassis, frames the suspension systems and tire and wheel assemblies used for On Road Truck, Tractor, and Tractor Trailer Systems. The Students will be able to identify and describe the various types of the above systems and there purpose. Students will perform visual inspections and routine service and maintenance checks for lose and worn components of frames and chassis, suspensions, tires and wheel assemblies. Students will be required to outline the proper safety procedures for performing the above tasks according to the both Sault College Motive Power Department as well as any vehicle Manufacturers safety regulations and specifications.

II. LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ELEMENTS OF THE PERFORMANCE:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will demonstrate the ability to

1. ***Properly identify the chassis styles, frame types used, suspension components, and the tire and wheel assembly type used on a specific type of truck, tractor and tractor trailer unit.***
 - Identify the figuration style of cab and chassis (eg) Truck or Tractor or Tractor Trailer
 - Identify frame style of vehicle (eg) C-channel, box, X-style, steel frame, aluminum frame, double frame or single frame construction
 - Note the type of suspension system used (eg) Air Ride, Multiple Leaf, Rubber Block, Independent
 - List the type and size of the tire and rim assemblies
2. ***Perform inspection of the frame and suspension for:***
 - Cracks in the frame rails and cross member
 - Loose fasteners holding the cross members to frame.
 - Loose or damaged shocks
 - Broken leaf spring, loose U-bolts, worn bushings
 - Shifted axel assemblies
3. ***Perform a proper circle check and inspection.***
 - Check tire pressures and valve stem location.
 - Check wheel assemblies visually for loose fasteners.
 - Check drive wheel ends for lubrication leaks.
 - Check tires for tread wear and unusual wear patterns
 - Check dual wheel configurations for proper size tires and tread design

4. ***Perform service checks on front axles.***
 - Inspect front wheels hubs for lube level and seal leaks
 - Inspect tie rod ends for excessive wear and looseness
 - Inspect king pins and king pin bushings turning ease and excessive wear

5. ***Perform visual inspection and normal serving of fifth wheel assemblies***
 - Check for loose mounting hardware
 - Check mounting bushings for excessive wear
 - Check sliding fifth wheel for proper operation
 - Visually check jaws for loose or broken components
 - Check fifth wheel plate for gouges and cracks.

III. TOPICS:

1. Chassis styles, frame types used, suspension components, and the tire and wheel assembly types.
2. Perform inspection of the frame and suspension.
3. Perform a proper circle check and inspection.
4. Perform service checks on front axles.
5. Perform visual inspection and normal serving of fifth wheel assemblies.

IV. REQUIRED RESOURCES/TEXTS/MATERIALS:

Hand outs provided by instructor as well as text books requested by department as per booklist.

Text Book: Heavy Duty Truck Systems

Edition: 5th ed., 12959#

Author: Bennett

Publisher: Thomson Nelson Learning Canada

Pens, Pencils, Calculator and 3 Ring Binder

*Shop Coat or Coveralls

*CSA Approved Work boots

*CSA Approved Safety Glasses

(*These Items are Mandatory For The Shop)

V. EVALUATION PROCESS/GRADING SYSTEM:

Students will be tested on the material covered per apprenticeship curriculum by multiple choice questions, assignments, and practical tests. The weigh factor for each area of testing will be as follows:

Theory Tests	50 %
Practical Tests and Worksheets	30 %
Assignments	20 %

All assignments MUST be typed and will be graded as follows

a) One day after the original due date – 70% maximum.

b) Two or more days after the original due date – 50% maximum.

This evaluation can change depending on the emphasis placed on each of the above testing procedures.

The following semester grades will be assigned to students:

Grade	<u>Definition</u>	<i>Grade Point Equivalent</i>
A+	90 – 100%	4.00
A	80 – 89%	3.00
B	70 - 79%	2.00
C	60 - 69%	1.00
D	50 – 59%	0.00
F (Fail)	49% and below	
CR (Credit)	Credit for diploma requirements has been awarded.	
S	Satisfactory achievement in field /clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
U	Unsatisfactory achievement in field/clinical placement or non-graded subject area.	
X	A temporary grade limited to situations with extenuating circumstances giving a student additional time to complete the requirements for a course.	
NR	Grade not reported to Registrar's office.	
W	Student has withdrawn from the course without academic penalty.	

VI. SPECIAL NOTES:Attendance:

Sault College is committed to student success. There is a direct correlation between academic performance and class attendance; therefore, for the benefit of all its constituents, all students are encouraged to attend all of their scheduled learning and evaluation sessions. This implies arriving on time and remaining for the duration of the scheduled session.

It is the departmental policy that once the classroom door has been closed, the learning process has begun. Late arrivers will only be granted admission to the room at the Instructors discretion.

VII. COURSE OUTLINE ADDENDUM:

The provisions contained in the addendum located on the portal form part of this course outline.



**Professor Parsons
Student Assessment Procedure
For
Motive Power**

THEORY ASSIGNMENTS and REPORTS

Theory assessment is based on regularly scheduled tests and assignments and final exam. Attendance and home work checks are recorded and used as an aid for counseling.

The following grades will be assigned for **Theory Assignments and Reports:**

A+	90 to 100
A	85
A-	80
B +	79
B	75
B-	70
C +	69
C	65
C-	60
D	50
F (Fail)	49 or less

Assignments will be graded as follows:

- a) One day after the original due date – 70% maximum.
- b) Two or more days after the original due date – 50% maximum.



Professor Parsons' Motive Power Program Policies and Procedures

- 1.** During your program, you are considered to be a member of the Motive Power Department. As such, your actions and behavior, both in the college and the community reflect on this Department. We trust that your influence will be positive.
- 2.** College policy prohibits the consumption of food and drink in the classrooms and shop. Smoking is allowed only outside of the building in designated smoking areas. **No smokeless tobacco is allowed in theory class or shop class.**
- 3.** CSA approved Safety Glasses and Safety Boots must be worn in the Shop at all times. This means going to and from all of the classrooms located in the shop. It is the responsibility of the **STUDENT** to wear them. You will be marked absent if the aforementioned policy is not adhered to.

Note; All safety glasses and boots must meet Sault College CSA approval rating.

NO GLASSES-NO BOOTS-NO ENTRY!!

4. SAFETY

- 4.1** Students must not enter the shop area or commence work before their scheduled time.
- 4.2** Students must not work alone or in an unsupervised area.
- 4.3** Students must have lift truck training prior to operating those units.
- 4.4** Students must have equipment training and Technologist/Professor approval before operating any equipment.
- 4.5** Students must not use or operate equipment that is found to be unsafe or damaged. All such equipment must be reported to the Professor or Technologist who will replace and/or repair the said equipment.

- 4.6 Where damaged or unsafe equipment cannot be repaired or replaced, the Professor/Technologist will provide students alternate shop activity.
- 4.7 Students must follow instructions and safe work practices in order to use or operate any shop equipment.
5. Repairs to your private vehicles in our facilities can be educational to you. We will accommodate you if the work is part of our program and schedules in. **No car should be parked in the shop compound or outside a shop door without staff permission and a temporary parking pass clearly displayed.**
6. **Attendance** – if late, don't bother coming until the next class (period), you will be marked absent. The student is to be continuously present and actively participating during all scheduled theory and shop classes (scheduled breaks accepted).
- 6.1 A terminal objective of the Motive Power Department is the demonstration of satisfactory attendance and punctuality performance that the Motive Power Industry, itself, relies on, for efficiency, productivity and profitability.
- 6.2 If you are marked absent, and no reasonable excuse is given your absence will be termed unexcused. There should **NOT** be a reason to **NOT** let us know nor related subject Professors, in writing or by telephone why you're absent.
- 6.3 Students will lose marks from their theory and shop mark grade for unexcused absences. Poor attendance can mean a repeat of both theory and shop courses if your employment skills are poor. This is based on what is considered: Employability Skills.
- 6.4 At 10% of accumulated hours of unexcused absence you will be asked to a scheduled meeting with your Professor and will be asked to sign a contract enabling you to continue the course.
- 6.5 If you are absent from class, the lesson material is your responsibility.
7. **BEHAVIOR/ATTITUDE**
- 7.1 Students are required to:
- Properly care for and maintain all shop and classroom equipment.
 - Properly clean the shop/classroom facility and equipment at the end of each class.

- c) Remain in the class during clean-up and assist in the cleaning and shutting down of their shop/classroom.

- 7.2 Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that does not interfere with or obstruct the overall learning environment.
- 7.3 The following activities are not allowed in the shop/classrooms:
 - a) Horseplay.
 - b) Making unnecessary noise.
 - c) Swearing.
 - d) Abusive behavior.
 - e) Smoking, chewing smokeless tobacco, beverages and eating.

8. ASSIGNMENTS AND THEORY TESTS

- 8.1 Students are required to hand in assignments or write theory tests on the day and at the time specified/scheduled. See item #18 in the aforementioned document.
- 8.2 **Assignments will be graded as follows:**
 - a) **One day after the original due date – 70% maximum.**
 - b) **Two or more days after the original due date – 50%**

maximum.

NOTE: The only exception of Policy # 8 shall be those arising from personal emergencies (i.e. car accident, family death, serious illness, employment reasons) and the student supplies a written statement to that effect. See item #18.

- 9. Please, coffee breaks only 10 to 12 minutes **MAXIMUM. NOTE: Individual Professors will address each class with their expectations. Some may only allow 10 minutes.**
- 10. Please refrain from loitering in “C” wing hallways, around shop hallway entry doors and outside entrance doorways/walkways.
- 11. Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during any shop or theory class will not be tolerated and the student will be excused from class at the Professor’s discretion.
- 12. Please remember that you must attend all related subject areas and pass successfully to obtain a Certificate or Diploma.
- 13. If you miss a test with an **“unexcused absence”** (as deemed legitimate by your professor) you will **NOT** be allowed to write that test. Only if; a doctors note, airline ticket, etc., or circumstances

arising from a family emergency; and legitimate written proof can be presented to the professor. See item number 18 below for clarification.

- 14.** If a class is missed or going to be missed it is your responsibility to notify in writing (see item #18 below) your Professor and make arrangements for handouts and notes taken while you are away.
- 15.** **The use of Lap Tops, cell phones/PDA's, electronic information/image capturing, recording device for any form of communication or recording (voice, text, recording, image, etc...) during theory class or shop is strictly prohibited. Cell phones/PDA's must be silenced during regular class and shop times and must be turned off and kept out of sight during all classes and test sittings. Failure to follow the latter requirement during a test sitting will result in a grade of 0 (zero) being assigned and if not out of sight or being used during class, the unit WILL be confiscated for the duration of the class.**

NO EXCEPTIONS

- 16.** Students may not wear earphones/headphones of any kind (i.e. for playback of recorded music/voice) during theory classes, shop classes and test sittings. This does not include hearing aids as required by hearing impaired students.
- 17.** **NO Lap Top Computers** will be allowed in any class unless proper documentation is provided that the computer is required for learning assistance.
- 18.** **Any request to deviate from the aforementioned course outline requirements must be made to the Professor in writing or via Sault College email. If permission is granted it must also be granted in writing or via Sault College email. Verbal requests/permissions are not acceptable. It is the student's responsibility to maintain a copy of all such requests and associated permissions.**

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Students refusing to sign this form will not be allowed to register or continue in their course.