

## **AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC I\***

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is skilled mechanical work of a journeyman (experienced) level, which involves maintenance and repair responsibility to ensure mechanical efficiency and safety of automotive equipment. General supervision is received from a supervisor or department head. Work direction may be exercised over a small number of employees. During periods of emergency work, employees in this class may be required to work at other than normal working hours. Does related work as required.

### **TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES:**

Repairs, maintains and overhauls gasoline and diesel motor equipment, including trucks, buses, tractors, graders, bulldozers, power shovels, etc.;

Repairs and maintains auxiliary equipment;

Repairs and overhauls transmissions, brake systems, differentials and front and rear axles;

Adjusts connecting rods, steering mechanisms and bearings;

Operates machine shop equipment, including lathes, grinders and other metal working machines;

Makes welding repairs;

Changes and repairs tires and tubes;

Cares for shop tools and equipment;

Performs motor equipment operator or bus driver duties as required;

Requisitions materials, automotive and other motorized and mechanical equipment;

Maintains supplies, tools, inventory of parts and shop area;

Maintains records and prepares reports (i.e., preventative maintenance and repairs);

May perform semi-skilled maintenance work in other craft fields.

### **FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

Thorough knowledge of automotive repair practices, methods, tools and terminology; working knowledge of the machinist trade and welding techniques; skill in the use of the tools of the trade; ability to repair heavy automotive equipment; ability to lay out and direct the work of assistants and helpers; ability to work from plans, rough draft and specifications; ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** Five (5) years of automotive mechanic experience. Time spent as a garage or station attendant pumping gas and checking fluids is not qualifying experience.

**NOTE:** Two (2) years of either vocational or technical training in automotive mechanics at the high school level may be substituted for equal years of the required experience.

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENT:** It is the responsibility of the appointing authority to ensure that when assigned to drive equipment on public ways, incumbent possesses a valid driver's license appropriate for the kind and size of the vehicle to be operated and if assigned to drive a bus meets any and all applicable regulations and requirements of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles and/or the Commissioner of Education.

When employed by the County of Rockland must possess a valid driver's license appropriate to the kind and size of vehicle to be operated which must be maintained throughout the course of employment in this title.

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**PROMOTION:** Three (3) years of experience as an Assistant Automotive Mechanic or an equivalent title.

\*This reflects a retitling of Automotive Mechanic for the County of Rockland.