



2025 South West Regional Skills Canada Competition

Contest Description

Lethbridge Polytechnic (3000 College Drive South, Lethbridge)

March 8, 2025

EVENT: Automobile Technology		LEVEL: Secondary
DURATION OF CONTEST: 6 HOURS		LOCATION: Western Tractor Room, Lethbridge Polytechnic
COMPETITION SCHEDULE:		REGIONALIZED: YES If YES, To compete at the Provincial Skills Canada Competition students must qualify at their Regional Skills Canada Competition.
CHECK IN (FOUNDER'S SQUARE)	7:45 A.M.	
INTRO/ORIENTATION /SAFETY	8:05 A.M.	
COMPETITION BEGINS	8:50 A.M.	
LUNCH	12:00 P.M. – 12:30 P.M.	
COMPETITION ENDS	2:50 P.M.	
AWARDS CEREMONY INFORMATION: The awards ceremony will be held at 4:00 pm in the Swing Space (AN1804). It is open to the public; parents are encouraged to attend.		

CONTEST INTRODUCTION

To identify and evaluate a competitor's knowledge of the Automobile Technology trade. The competitor will display his or her understanding of specific areas of the automobile by demonstrating their skills in maintaining and repairing components related to those areas.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE TESTED

Practical demonstrations – 100%

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The competitor is required to complete seven competition areas. The areas are as follows:

1. Measuring Tools and Fastener Exercise

Competitors may be required to:

- Use imperial and metric measuring tools (including micrometers, dial calipers, dial indicators, telescopic gauges, small hole gauges, feeler gauges.)
- Calculate dimensions based on the measurements taken from supplied project jig.
- Identify and classify fasteners that are provided.
- Using supplied information (directions, tap drill charts and torque chart) perform correct drilling, correct tapping and installation of fasteners to project piece.
- Correctly set and use a torque wrench.

2. Brakes and Stability Control Systems

Competitors may be required to:

- Dis-assemble and assemble disc and drum brake assemblies.
- Measure minimum rotor thickness, maximum rotor thickness variation, and rotor run-out.
- Measure brake drum diameter and brake drum out of round.
- Properly adjust brake shoe to drum clearance.
- Identify whether a part is suitable for service or what tasks may be necessary to repair the component.
- Flare and bend brake tubing.

3. Suspension and Steering Systems

Competitors may be required to:

- Identify the type of suspension and steering systems used in a vehicle.
- Interpret alignment angles in relation to manufacturer's specification and vehicle handling.
- Dismount and mount a tire on a rim.
- Balance a tire and rim assembly.

4. Driveline

Competitors may be required to:

- Remove and install universal joints in a driveshaft
- Measure differential pinion bearing preload.
- Measure backlash in a differential assembly.
- Identify whether a gear tooth pattern is acceptable.
- Identify paths of power in a manual transmission.
- Calculate gear ratios in a manual transmission.
- Identify components in a manual transmission.

5. Body Electrical

Competitors may be required to:

- Perform electrical measurements on a vehicle electrical circuit to verify operation. The measurements will be done with a Digital Volt Ohm Meter - DVOM and/or a test light.
- Assemble basic electrical systems on a circuit board.

6. Engine Mechanical

Competitors may be required to:

- Remove and install components on an engine.
- Measure engine components for flatness, out of round, taper, diameter, endplay, clearance and lift. The competitor may be required to use dial indicators, straight edges, feeler gauges, micrometers, telescopic gauges, plastigage or calipers.
- Perform a cylinder leak down test.
- Properly install a timing chain/belt on an engine.

7. Drivability

Competitors may be required to:

- Use a scan tool to identify Diagnostic Trouble Codes - DTCs in the engine management system.

Follow the manufacturer’s diagnostic procedures to identify the cause of the DTC and the repair required to remedy the condition. This may require the competitor to use a DVOM and/or a test light to verify electrical circuits for voltage, amperage and resistance as well as identifying opens, shorts to ground, shorts to voltage and excessive resistance.

- Use a scan tool to activate engine management outputs.

EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS

Equipment and Materials Competitors Must Supply:

CSA Approved Safety Glasses	HB Pencil	Shop Coat or Coveralls
CSA Approved Safety Footwear	Eraser	

Equipment and Materials Supplied by the Committee:

Hand Tools	Calculators as required	Material
Electrical Test Equipment Required to Perform the Tasks		Measuring Tools

JUDGING CRITERIA

The RTC member will explain the judging criteria for each area at the start of the competition. All seven components are equally weighted, and the total is comprised of an average of all components.

TIE BREAKING PROCESS

In the event of a tie each competitor will be given points based on their standing in each of the individual competition areas:

1st place 5 points

2nd place 4 points

3rd place 3 points

4th place 2 points

5th place 1 point

The competitor with the highest total points will be the winner.

RELATED CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY STUDIES COURSES

Descriptions of all modules are located at the following website:

https://education.alberta.ca/media/160539/mec_sum.pdf

Please reference the “Automobile Technology Event Preparation Manual” to further detail the module requirements, which can be found with the contest description on the Skills Canada Alberta website.

MEC 1040: Engine Fundamentals

MEC 1090: Electrical Fundamentals

MEC 2030: Lubrication & Cooling

MEC 2040: Fuel & Exhaust Systems

MEC 2060: Ignition Systems

MEC 2070: Emission Controls

MEC 2090: Electrical Components

MEC 2110: Braking Systems

MEC 2130: Drive Line

MEC 2140: Transmissions/Transaxle

MEC 2150: Suspension Systems

MEC 2160: Steering Systems

MEC 3030: Engine Diagnosis

MEC 3040: Engine Tune Up

MEC 3060: Engine Reconditioning – Head

MEC 3070: Engine Reconditioning – Block

MEC 3090: Computer Systems

MEC 3130: Automatic Transmissions

MEC: 3150: Wheel Alignment



CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

It is important that competitors present a professional image and appearance. Appropriate work clothing must be worn to compete. All clothing must be neat and clean and free of rips and tears. Casual wear such as shorts will not be permitted. No loose-fitting clothes or jewelry.

SAFETY

The health, safety and welfare of all individuals involved with Skills Canada Alberta are of vital importance. Safety is a condition of participation with Skills Canada Alberta and shall not be sacrificed for the sake of expediency. At the discretion of the judges and technical committees, any competitor can be denied the right to participate should they not have the required proper safety equipment and/or act in an unsafe manner that can cause harm to themselves or others.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Lunch will be provided for all competitors, teachers, judges and volunteers. Your lunch ticket will be in the back of your name tag. Unfortunately, all allergies may not be able to be accommodated for. Please connect with the local Regional Coordinator for more information.

PARKING INFORMATION & VENUE MAPS:

Please park in Lot V – there is no charge. Overflow will also be allowed in Lot P. A printable parking map of Lethbridge Polytechnic can be found at <https://lethpolytech.ca/document-centre/facilities-management/parking-map>

Regulations & Policies: A copy of the Skills Canada Alberta Regional Regulations & Policies can be found at the following link: <http://www.skillsalberta.com/policies-and-procedures>

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:45	Students' check-in at Founders' Square
8:05	Introduction, Orientation & Safety
8:50	Competition Begins
12:00	Lunch Break – 30 minutes
12:30	Competition resumes
2:50	Competition ends – Judging Begins
3:00	Competitors debrief in Western Tractor Room – teachers are welcome to join competitors for generic feedback from the judges. Once completed, competitors may proceed to the competitor lounge (Swing Space).
4:00	Awards Ceremony (Swing Space - AN1804) – open to the public

REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dave Cole	Lethbridge Polytechnic
Holly Lehbauer	Career Transitions
Judy Stolk-Ingram	Career Transitions

