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Apply core land-based engineering principles: material preparation, shaping and assembling

### **Overview**

This standard covers the application of core land-based engineering principles: material preparation, shaping and assembling. It includes the preparation and finishing of materials, the shaping and forming of materials by hand and power tools and the assembling of components using threaded, non threaded or chemical fasteners.

This standard is for those who work in land-based engineering and is appropriate for persons working under supervision.

Note: due to current regulations an approved electrician should be involved when working with mains electricity.



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## Performance criteria

## You must be able to:

- 1. interpret information in relation to engineering tasks from engineering drawings, sketches and instructions
- 2. prepare materials and mark out profiles to given specifications
- 3. apply core land-based engineering principles to produce profiles or components to given specifications and tolerances
- 4. assemble components or sub assemblies to given specifications
- 5. work to and within given specifications
- 6. verify that assemblies and components comply with specifications
- 7. process materials for a given application



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# Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- 1. how to interpret information from engineering drawings, sketches and instructions
- 2. techniques and tools used for marking out materials
- 3. material preparation processes and techniques
- 4. material shaping and forming techniques
- 5. material **finishing** processes and techniques
- 6. fasteners hardware types, their characteristics and applications
- 7. methods of **securing** components against vibration and rotational movement, including mechanical and chemical/adhesive
- 8. material and compound gasket characteristics, function and applications
- 9. the reasons for and the methods of aligning components to one another
- 10. the reasons for quality control and methods of verifying compliance with specifications

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# **Glossary**

**assemble components** - e.g. retaining and locating components; routing of pipes and wiring harnesses; timing of components to one another; fitting and removal of gaskets, orientation and alignment of components

**fasteners** - e.g. bolts, nuts, washers, screws, keys, studs, rivets, pins, dowels, keys, circlips and snap rings, belt joiners

**finishing** - e.g. annealing, painting, plating, polishing, hardening, case hardening, tempering, hard-facing hardening

**marking out** techniques and tools - e.g. engineer's blue, templates, jigs, scribers

preparation - e.g. cleaning, degreasing and de-scaling

**securing** components - e.g. cab glass, spring washers, securing tabs, self-locking nuts

**shaping and forming** - e.g. grinding, filing, sawing, using applied heat, oxy-acetylene and plasma cutting and applied pressure.



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