

Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

407.05B – Vetter Bag Inspection / Operational Check

Discipline: Vehicle Extrication
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I. Objective

The firefighter shall demonstrate how to properly inspect and complete a thorough operational check of a Vetter Bag System.

II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective

Given the appropriate rescue tools, you will demonstrate the following evolutions which may be required to extricate an entrapped victim of a motor vehicle accident:

- Perform a Vetter Bag Equipment Inspection
- Perform a Vetter Bag Operational Check

You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

III. Examiner's Note

The firefighter shall accomplish the skill wearing “FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTERS” as required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to include: helmet, gloves, coat, trousers, and boots. The firefighter is not required to wear an SCBA or hood.

The firefighter will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

IV. Preparation & Equipment

- A. Vetter Bag Equipment
- B. High Pressure SCBA Bottle

V. Reference Sources

- A. NFPA 1001 6.4.1, Section 102.
- B. IFSTA, Essential of Fire Fighting, 4th Edition, pages 188 through 206.
- C. IFSTA, Principles of Vehicle Extrication, second edition.

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Name:	Officer #:
Evaluator:	Officer #:
Date:	Location:

If the Responder:

(No partial points given)

Inspection

- a) Ensures that all equipment is present..... 2.0 _____
- b) Ensures cleanliness of all equipment2.0 _____
- c) Inspects hoses for nicks, cuts, cracks, coupling debris and operation..... **P/F** _____
- d) Inspects bags for nicks, cuts, cracks, coupling debris and operation..... **P/F** _____
- e) Inspects and verbalizes manufacturer date.....2.0 _____
- f) States that Vetter Bag System needs replacement every 20 Years.....2.0 _____
- g) States that Vetter Bag Systems needs to be tested every 5 years..... 2.0 _____
- h) Inspects control head for damage.....2.0 _____
- i) Inspects gauges for cracked lenses, broken needles and condensation.....2.0 _____
- j) Inspects all airline connections for dirt ,debris, and proper operations.....2.0 _____

Operational Check

- a) Connects high pressure SCBA Bottle to Vetter Regulator.....2.0 _____
- b) Connects hoses to Control Head.....2.0 _____
- c) Connects hoses to Vetter Bags..... 2.0 _____
- d) Inflates bags slowly.....2.0 _____
- e) Adjusts Regulator to proper inflation pressure..... 2.0 _____
- f) States proper inflation pressure is 116 PSI..... **P/F** _____
- g) Checks for Vetter Bag System leaks..... **P/F** _____
- h) Slowly deflates Vetter Bags.....2.0 _____
- i) Verbally states all Vetter Bag Equipment working properly.....2.0 _____
- j) Properly stows all Vetter Bag Equipment on Apparatus.....2.0 _____

Points Possible	Passing Score	Attempt	Performance Rating (Points)	PASS	FAIL
32	28	First			
		Second			