

Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

**PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS**

407.05D – Vetter Bag Operations

Discipline: Vehicle Extrication  
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I. Objective

The firefighter shall demonstrate how to properly utilize the Vetter Bag System as part of a team given stabilization and extrication tools, so that the vehicle is stabilized, the victim is disentangled without further injury, and the hazards are managed.

II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective

You and designated team members, given a vehicle and appropriate rescue tools, will demonstrate the following evolutions which may be required to extricate an entrapped victim of a motor vehicle accident:

- Demonstrate the proper lifting procedures utilizing the Vetter Bag System.

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. Cribbing and shoring materials
- B. Vetter Bag System
- C. High Pressure SCBA Bottle
- D. Vehicle for extraction evolution

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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<b>Name:</b>	<b>Officer #:</b>
<b>Evaluator:</b>	<b>Officer #:</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Location:</b>

**If the Responder:**

**(No partial points given)**

- a) Selects appropriate tool(s)..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Ensures all equipment is present and in good working order..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Prepares vehicle component for Vetter Bag Operations..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Utilizes appropriate tool(s) safely and effectively..... **P/F** \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Provides protection to the victim during rescue operation..... **P/F** \_\_\_\_\_
- f) Performs Vetter Bag operational check..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Prepares base and area around scene for lifting procedures..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- h) Determines amount of weight and height needed to be displaced..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- i) Selects proper Vetter Bag(s) for scene displacement..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- j) Safely positions Vetter Bags on base..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- k) Ensures Vetter Bag(s) are centered on lift support..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- l) Ensures cribbing material on hand before operations..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- m) Slowly inflates Vetter Bags ..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- n) Stabilizes operation with cribbing material..... **P/F** \_\_\_\_\_
- o) Lifts Vetter Bag System height needed to preform operation..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- p) Ensures tools and equipment thoroughly inspected after operation..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_
- q) Stows tools and equipment properly on apparatus..... 2.0 \_\_\_\_\_

Points Possible	Passing Score	Attempt	Performance Rating (Points)	PASS	FAIL
30	26	First			
		Second			