

Entry Level Assessment Blueprint

HVACR Service and Repair



Specific Competencies and Skills Tested in this Assessment:

OSHA Guidelines and General Safety

- Apply personal and environmental safety procedures, including personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Demonstrate understanding of fire protection equipment and procedures
- Demonstrate knowledge of electrical safety procedures
- Demonstrate knowledge of HVAC-specific safety procedures

Related Math, Building Science, Blueprints, and Tools

- Demonstrate modes of heat transfer and British Thermal Unit (BTU)
- Measure with a ruler, correctly identify fractions
- Calculate GPM, CFM, and CFM per ton
- Understand the properties of air
- Accurately interpret blueprints and electrical diagrams
- Identify, use, and maintain hand and power tools

Electricity

- Demonstrate understanding of basic electrical theory and codes
- Exhibit knowledge of series and parallel circuits
- Troubleshoot, service, and repair various electrical circuits and components (thermostats, transformers, fuses, relays, etc.)
- Troubleshoot, service, and repair various motors and motor controls, including circuit protectors



Pipe Fitting, Soldering, and Brazing

- Solder and/or braze, and leak test tubings and fittings
- Set up and operate torch and equipment
- Properly use various pipe and tubing types and fittings

Specific Competencies and Skills continued:

Airflow and Ductwork

- Maintain appropriate indoor air quality equipment (air cleaners, humidification, etc.)
- Measure temperature change, calculate CFM, and perform other system operation measurements

Warm Air Systems

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sequence of operation
- Properly set up and adjust warm air equipment
- Install and size flues properly, adhering to appropriate gas codes
- Perform preventive maintenance procedures, including combustion analysis and efficiency calculating

Hydronic Systems

- Service and repair hydronic systems and components, including zone valves
- Troubleshoot hydronic operating pressures, water flow, and temperatures

Air Conditioning - Residential

- Identify refrigerants by pressure/temperature relationship and select appropriate refrigerants and oils
- Troubleshoot system components and metering devices
- Understand how to recover, pressure-test, evacuate, and charge an air conditioning system, according to the EPA 608 Clean Air Act



Heat Pumps, Electric Heat

- Troubleshoot and test proper heat pump operation, including reversing valve, defrost controls, and various component functions
- Troubleshoot auxiliary/emergency heat, including outdoor thermostats
- Perform appropriate preventive maintenance procedures, including calculating system efficiency

Specific Competencies and Skills continued:**Refrigeration**

- Troubleshoot refrigerant components using appropriate testing procedures
- Describe various refrigeration system types and operations
- Service and repair defrost system controls and components

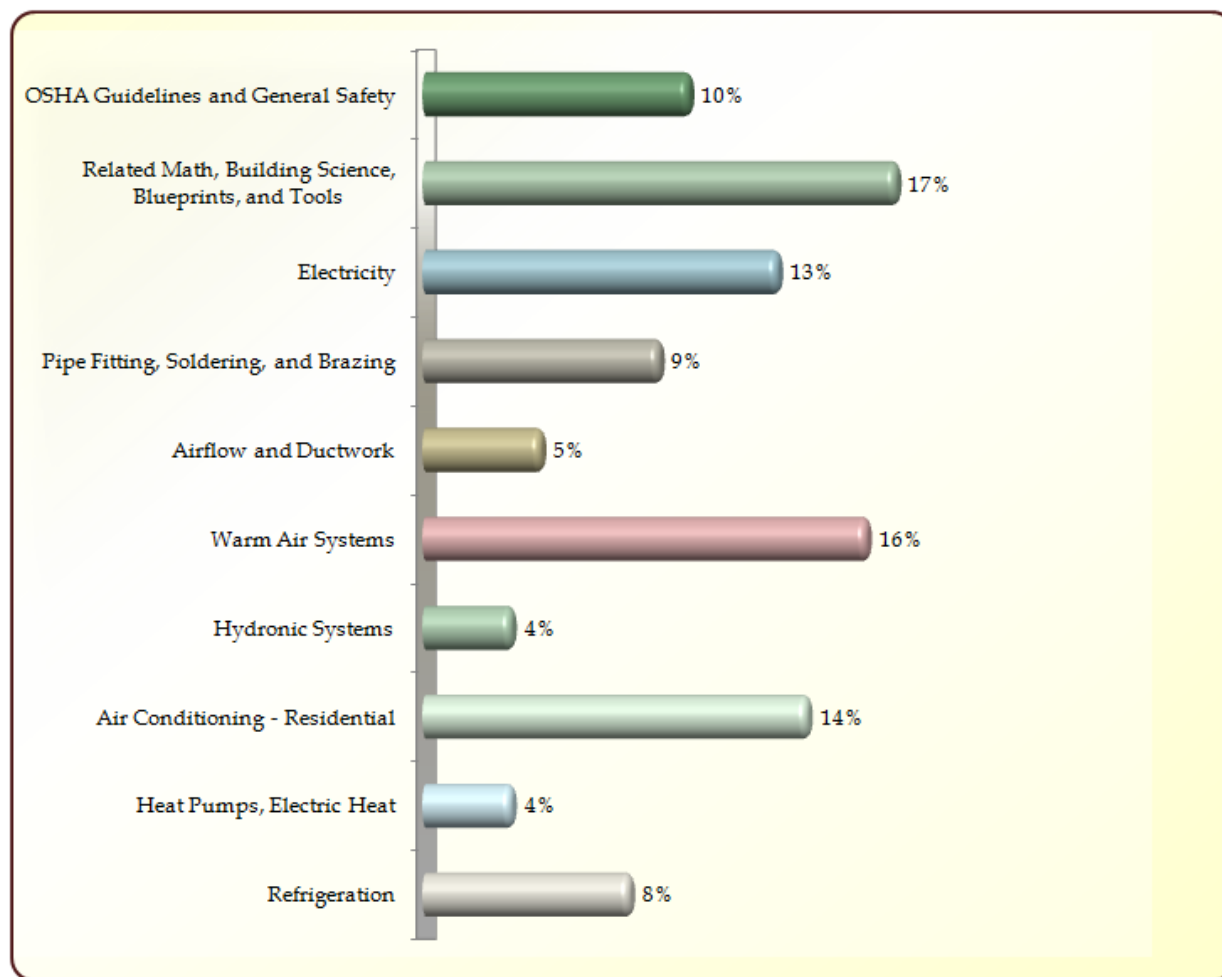


Written Assessment:

Administration Time: 3 hours

Number of Questions: 138

Areas Covered:



Sample Questions:

Natural gas has

- A. an odor added to it, to make it detectable
- B. a natural odor of its own
- C. no chance of leaking into a boiler room
- D. a sweet, pleasant odor

Measure relative humidity with a

- A. barometer
- B. hydrometer
- C. psychrometer
- D. relativometer

When referring to wire size, the larger the gauge number, the

- A. larger the diameter of wire
- B. smaller the diameter of wire
- C. larger the ampacity
- D. thicker the insulation

When using oxyacetylene equipment, the operator should

- A. transport uncapped tanks
- B. secure the tanks
- C. avoid flashback arrestors
- D. oil the regulator

Water velocities in hydronic systems are measured in

- A. feet per second
- B. rotations per minute
- C. gallons per hour
- D. foot pounds

Performance Assessment:

Administration Time: 3 hours

Number of Jobs: 3

Areas Covered:

34% **Troubleshoot and Repair Heat Pump**

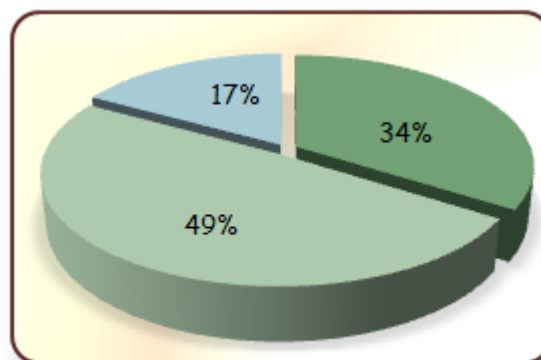
Adjust/install manifold gauges, check operation and pressure, start unit, record measurements, problem identification, explain correction procedure, problem correction, and time to complete Job 1.

49% **Pump Down Refrigeration System and Replace Liquid Line Filter Drier**

Install refrigeration gauge manifold set, start system and allow system to stabilize, front-seat liquid line (King) valve, monitor both suction and discharge pressures, stop compressor, relieve (purge) remaining low-side pressure, disconnect and remove liquid line filter/drier, replace liquid line filter/drier, evacuate isolated portion of system to atmosphere, return system to full operation, purge de minimis amount of refrigerant, restart system, record readings, clean-up, and time to complete Job 2.

17% **Locate an AC/R System Leak**

Attach gauges to system, locate leak, demonstrate refrigerant recovery method, record readings, and time to complete Job 3.



Sample Job:	Locate an AC/R System Leak
Maximum Time:	45 minutes
Participant Activity:	The participant will attach gauges to system using the De minimis Rule, locate leak using provided leak detector tool, and demonstrate proper refrigerant recovery method.

