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ASE Test Preparation - A8 Engine Performance (Delmar Learning's Ase Test Prep Series)





Synopsis

The fifth edition of Delmar's Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Test Preparation Manual for the A8 ENGINE PERFORMANCE certification exam contains an abundance of content designed to help you successfully pass your ASE exam. This manual will ensure that you not only understand the task list and therefore the content your actual certification exam will be based upon, but also provides descriptions of the various types of questions on a typical ASE exam, as well as presents valuable test taking strategies enabling you to be fully prepared and confident on test day.

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After taking the ASE Engine Performance ASE test, I failed it by four questions. I will have to retake it in a few months. Nevertheless this book gives you a great addition of knowledge to add on preexisting knowledge. If you are planning on getting this book without any prior understanding of Engine Performance and just passing the test, forget it. The fact is that most of these questions will not be on the ASE test. There are 300 practice questions in the book. A lot of them are good for info. And some of them are not even worth looking at. Common sense guestions that you will never see on the test such as " what is the first step in the diagnosis process ". Knowledge such as this is basic and there are a few questions like this in the book. But trust me, they will not be on the actual test. There are a few areas it falls short at. But again with such a large amount of questions and explanations, you learn quite a bit. So I would not give it a bad rating. One area it falls short in is scan tool diagnosis. Such as live data diagnosis. Even though I was already prepared for these kinds of questions, it was not thanks to this book(I studied various online practice and study test). In this book there are few scan tool diagnostic questions that involve interpreting live data. But on the test, you are bound to see at least 4 or 5 questions about interpreting live data. Another area it fell short in to me was Emission controls. There was not enough thorough symptom and diagnostic info on the EVAP system or questions. I was seeing questions such as " a customer complains they cannot fill the gas tank pass half full ". There is no info on this kind of symptom in the book. Of course I dont know if that counted towards my score, but there were two similar questions like this one. So I feel it should have been covered. The Engine Performance ASE test has a lot of diagram guestions. So I also feel that there should have been more of those in the book instead of putting those simple ones. Electrical diagnosis is one of my weak points. And there are a few questions on this, but I feel there should have been more. Last but not least there are some disputable questions and a couple of small errors. Im not going to go over the small errors I found. Regardless of the cons, for the money it's well worth it to increase knowledge and understanding of this subject. I would definitely recommend it to anyone planning to take the ASE test. And I will buy the other versions as well. In fact I bought the Engine Repair version and I passed that test. But of course Engine Performance is a bit more advanced.

I have done a tremendous amount of studying and this book doesn't go in enough detail in my opinion. It goes over the basics but doesn't go into depth on scope testing and other tests you need to know. In order to pass the ASE test you need to know The different wave form readings on ignition systems in kilovolts, normal spark lines etc. I did like how many practice exams this book had and how it gave you a starting point for learning tune up and engine performance. How I finally passed was understanding Fuel trims, (vacuum testing such as what vacuum readings should be at Idle, when exhaust is restricted, burnt valve, bad timing etc. I suggest you read sections of this book and then go on google and youtube and search for more information so you fully understand every aspect of ignitions systems, fuel diagnosis(whats causes rich and lean problems. Also get familiar with Pvc, evap, and egr, overadvanced timing and retarded timing causes and symptoms.

Ordered these to get a little in depth coverage of this particular ASE test. I am pleased with the coverage of material and the presentation. The only draw back to these would be if you aren't already very familiar with the work, and if you are a "grammar nazi" because there a few typo's and it may sound silly, but they distract me the first read through. Not a big deal, just saying.

Delmar all the way!!! My boyfriend use it as a study guide and now he is a Master Mechanic and is now heading to an Advance Master!!!

This is a very good guide with lots of good information. I would suggest a good understanding of voltage drops and parallel/series circuits before attempting this ASE test in general. The one thing I noticed while taking my test the other day is the current ASE focuses much more on coil over plug systems then this book goes into. COP is basically the same as distributorless, but I felt this book could have done away with the TBI questions and focused on COP. The ASE test sure did.Besides that one complaint this is a fantastic study guide. When I took the pretest I think I scored a 10/30. By the time I took the last practice test in this book I had it down cold. And the test ASE A8 was conquered.

Great price and alot of questions. I passed the test. Most of the questions were relevent for the ASE test but there was new information on the ASE test that the book didnt cover. Such as VVT variable valve timing. The book also talks a lot about spark plug wires and single coil ignition, thats been out of use for 20 years. I bought the book used and I feel like it was worth it.

Ok study guide for ASE. Needs to be updated. This is about 15 years out of date. Too many ignition coil question. When was the last time you saw an ignition coil? Most car have been using COP now for 20 years.

Arrived undamaged and exactly as described.

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